

close of this sitting and agreed upon two friends to serve the meeting as Clerk and assistant to be proposed at the opening of next sitting.

Then adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon.

From the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

Edward Stables on behalf of the representatives, reported, that they had agreed to propose John Janner to serve the meeting as Clerk and Ezekiel Proctor to assist him, which was concurred with and they accordingly appointed to the service.

Minutes and Certificates were produced by several brethren & sisters attending from neighbouring Yearly Meetings, which were read, James Gillingham, Hugh Calderston, & Jonathan Elliveth were appointed to unite with a Committee of women friends in order to prepare essays of endorsements thereon, to be produced to a future sitting.

The following friends were appointed to settle the Treasurers account ascertain the state of the stock, and what sum it may be necessary to raise for the ensuing year, they were directed to report to a future sitting, viz. Andrew Ellicott, Samuel Coale, Caleb Bentley, John Talbot, Eli Elliveth, Jesse Kirkersham, John Williams, Edward Walker & George S. Hough.

Then adjourned to the tenth hour, tomorrow morning.

15th of the Month and third of the Week, near the time adjourned to Friends met.

The following answers to the Queries were adopted, containing nearly the substance of those brought up in the several reports from our Quarterly Meetings, viz. —

1st All our meetings for Worship and Discipline have been attended, those held on first day mornings are attended by most of our members, but too many continue to neglect the attendance of those held on First day afternoons, and on other days of the week — unbecoming behaviour in Meetings

mostly avoided, the hours of meetings nearly observed.

2nd A good degree of love appears to be maintained by most Friends, as become our Christian profession. Talebearing and detraction are generally discouraged and when differences have appeared, endeavours have been mostly used to end them.

3rd Many of our members endeavour (by example) and precept to educate those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and to encourage their reading the Holy Scriptures, yet there is cause to apprehend that some are too deficient in attending to these important duties.

4th Clear of importing and distilling spirituous liquors, and only a few instances of vending them, which were under care. — Mostly clear of the unnecessary use of them, and of frequenting taverns and places of diversion. Moderation and temperance generally observed.

5th The necessities of the poor appear to have been attended to, nearly answerable to this Query.

6th Most friends appear to have been careful to maintain our Testimony, against an hireling ministry, Baths, Military Services, clandestine Trade, Prize goods, and Lotteries.

Having been engaged on the state of Society and proceeded as far as the 6th Query, the meeting adjourned to the third hour this afternoon. — When Friends again assembled. —

7th Answer. Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, to be just in their dealings & punctual in fulfilling their engagements, yet deficiencies in regard to extending business too far, and want of punctuality are noted, on which account some care appears to have been taken.

8th Friends are generally careful to bear a Testimony against Slavery, and to provide suitably for those under their care, who have had their freedom secured, and some attention is paid to instructing them in useful learning.