

"to unite in prospect that the said establishment would promote the best interests of Society."
 York, 5th M: 25th 1818. Signed on behalf of the committee by—

Jonathan Wright, William Brown, John Love, Hugh Calderston, Aaron
 Heibards, Jesse Wickersham, George Wilson, Roger Brooke, Israel Hewell,
 Deborah Stabler, Jane Heibards, Ellen Thomas, Martha Leary, Betty Kinney. —
 (Which was concurred with and the subject discontinued.)

Conformable to the direction of this meeting last year accounts were
 furnished in the reports from the several Quarters of their care in labouring with those
 who either make improper use of ardent spirits themselves or are active in promoting it in
 others— after deliberately considering the subject the meeting concluded to refer it to a com-
 -mitted to be taken under its consideration and report to us future sitting what further steps
 in their judgment may be safely taken. the following friends were appointed viz. Joshua
 Heibards, George Ellicott, Samuel Thomas, William Riley, David Preston,
 Joel Garrison, Israel Hewell, Jesse Wickersham, Henry Bushing, Joseph
 Lyist Jr., William Jelliffe, William Yeates Jr. Richard H. Little, Moaklen
 Taylor, Jacob Mendenhall. —

Adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.
 13th of the Month and third of the week.

Friends assembled.

Written answers to the queries were received in the reports from the Quarters
 from which the following were comprised and concurred with by the meeting: viz.

Ans¹ 1st All our meetings for worship and discipline (except the solists from whence no
 account has been received) have been held and attended by past friends on first day mornings;
 those on other days and afternoon meetings frequently small; unbecoming behaviour there in-
 -mosty guarded against and the hour of meeting nearly observed.

2nd Most of our members appear to be concerned to maintain love towards each other becom-
 -ing our sight, back biting and detraction generally discouraged and when differences
 have appeared care has been taken.

3rd Many friends endeavour to bring up their children and those under their care in
 plainness of dress, deportment and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious
 books from the corrupt conversation of the world and to encourage their reading the holy
 scriptures.

4th Friends appear to be clear of imbruing and pecuniary expending, or distilling spirituous
 liquors, and mostly clear of the unnecessary use of them, and of frequenting taverns & places
 of diversion; moderation and temperance generally observed.

5th The necessities of the poor are inspected and relieved, and some care taken to promote
 the school education of their children.

The meeting having been engaged on the State of Society and proceeded as
 far as the 5th Query inclusive.

Adjourned to the third hour this afternoon.

When friends collected.

6th Ans¹. Friends appear to maintain our testimony against an Rieling Ministry, Balths. Mili-
 -tary services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries.

7th Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances and to avoid
 involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage. — They appear to be just in
 their dealings and mostly punctual in complying with their engagements. when deficiencies
 have appeared care has been taken.

8th Our testimony against Slavery appears to be maintained except in two instances which
 are reported to be under care. Friends are concerned to provide for those of the African race
 under their care who have had their freedom secured and some attention is paid to their
 school learning.

9th Endeavours are used to deal with offenders in the manner recommended.

Summary answers to the Annual Queries.

1st Isaac Calderston, a Minister, and member of the Monthly Meeting of Baltimore
 for the Eastern District departed this life on the 5th of the 9th M: 1817. —

Mannah Janney, an Elder, and member of Goose Creek Monthly and
 particular meeting, departed this life the 23rd of the 2nd M: last in the 93rd year of her age.

Mannah Little, a Minister, and member of Alexandria Monthly meeting de-
 -parted this life on the 5th of the 11th M: last in the 60th year of her age. —

2nd None.

3rd Five Schools under the care of Monthly Meetings, & several others taught by members.

4th The queries appear to be read and answered as directed.

(Under the exercise just which the meeting was introduced by the vari-
 -ous deficiencies apparent on reading the answers to the queries; none was seen to have a
 more harmful tendency in preventing our religious advancement than that of neglecting to
 assemble ourselves at stated times in order to perform divine worship, insisting one of the
 most important obligations we are under, an ardent desire was expressed, that when