

to unite in prospect that the said establishment would promote the best interests of Society.

York, 5<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>: 25<sup>th</sup> 1818. Signed on behalf of the committee by—

Jonathan Wright, William Brown, John Lee, Hugh Walderston, Aaron Hibbard, Jesse Wickersham, George Wilson, Roger Beech, Israel Howell, Deborah Stabler, Jane Hibbard, Ellen Thomas, Martha Carey, 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 committee to be taken under its consideration and report to a future sitting what further steps in their judgment may be safely taken. The following Friends were appointed viz. Joshua Hensbarger, George Ellicott, Samuel Thomas, William Riley, David Preston, Joel Gametson, Israel Howell, Jesse Wickersham, Henry Bushing, Joseph Lyne, William Jolliffe, William Yeates Jr. Richard H. Little, Mathew Taylor, Jacob Altonkattz.

Adjourned to the 10<sup>th</sup> hour tomorrow morning.

13<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline (except the shifts from whence no account has been received) have been held and attended by proper friends on first day Mornings, those on other days and afternoon meetings frequently small; unbecoming behaviour therein mostly guarded against and the hour of meeting nearly observed.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Most of our members appear to be concerned to maintain love towards each other becoming our profession. Tale bearing and detraction generally discouraged and when differences have appeared care has been taken.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Many Friends endeavour to bring up their children and those under their care in plainness of speech, 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.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Friends appear to be clear of importing and wearing of wending, 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.

5<sup>th</sup> The necessities of the poor and infected 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 5<sup>th</sup> Query inclusive.

Adjourned to the third hour this afternoon.

When Friends collected.

6<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends appear to maintain our testimony against an Rascally Ministry, Balth. Military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries.

7<sup>th</sup> 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.

8<sup>th</sup> 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.

9<sup>th</sup> Endeavours are used to deal with offenders in the manner recommended.

Summary answers to the Annual Queries.

1<sup>st</sup> Isaiah Balderston, a Minister, and member of the Monthly Meeting of Baltimore for the Eastern District departed this life on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>: 1817.

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

Mannah Little, a Minister, and member of Alexandria Monthly meeting departed this life on the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>: last in the 60<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

2<sup>nd</sup> None.

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

4<sup>th</sup> The queries appear to be read and answered as directed.

(Under the exercise into which the meeting was introduced by the various deficiencies apparent on reading the answers to the queries; new ones seem 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, this being one of the most important obligations we are under, an ardent desire was expressed, that when