

harmony, and preserve unbroken around us those ties which were the bond of union amongst our faithful predecessors in religious profession as well as the faithful in all ages. Then would our Zion arise and put on her beautiful garments, and we be brought ^{surely} to know that we had passed from death unto life because we loved the brethren.

It was believed that the practice of often withdrawing with our children and families into opportunities of retirement and stillness would be productive of benefit both to them and to ourselves, and parents were affectionately exhorted to labour for that ability which alone can rightly qualify to engage in this weighty service, that thus by the weight of their spirits, and the influence of a righteous example they may become instruments in the divine hand to draw their offspring into an early acquaintance with the gentle leadings of that blessed principle which if yielded to is sufficient for their preservation through the many conflicts and trials that await us in this probationary state. The want of an early and religious care towards our offspring when their minds are tender and susceptible is believed to be one of the principal causes of the discouraging prospects which in many parts of the society are so painfully manifest in regard to our youth. Placed as parents are, delegated shepherds of God over the tender Lambs of the flock, it is indeed a fearful thing to disregard the solemn obligations which rest upon them.

The meeting having been brought under an exercise on account of the oppressed situation of a large portion of the African descendants in our country and the barbarous and

inhuman traffic which is still extensively carried on in the persons of those people by which the most cruel and distressing separations of the tenderest connections in life are broken up: And the minds of friends being drawn into a feeling of much sympathy towards them it was concluded to appoint a committee to consider the subject and report their judgment on the propriety of this meeting taking some step in reference to it. The following friends were accordingly appointed and directed to report to a future sitting, to wit Gerard Hopkins, Thomas Ellicott, Roger Brooke, Isaac Tyson, Thomas McMillen, Eli Elliott, Joel Ganetson, Joseph Griest, David Smith, Bernard Taylor, Isaac Walker, Thomas Stetherald, Samuel Carter, John Jewett, John C Thomas & Jeremiah Brown.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

2^d of the month and 4th of the week.

Near the time adjourned to Friends again assembled.

After a season of much exercise the meeting concluded to adjourn to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

According to adjournment Friends again met.

The following report was received from the committee appointed at a former sitting to consider of the propriety of this meeting taking some step in behalf of the African race in our country. The report was concurred with and the subject was accordingly referred to the next Yearly Meeting, to wit.

To the Yearly meeting now sitting.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the subject of the oppressed situation of the African race Report.