

The too generally prevailing practice of the Younger Members in the families of Friends, often absenting themselves from our Religious Meetings, particularly on those days usually devoted to Secular Employments, was also cause of deep and earnest exercise. This deficiency was believed to be, in most cases, justly chargeable to a neglect, on the part of Parents, who, for trivial causes, permit their Children to be absent on those occasions; and thus, in many instances, become themselves the authors of the habitual neglect and indifference on the part of their Children, in the attendance of Religious Meetings. Many and grievous have been the evils, which this departure from a right concern has brought in upon us, not only as respects its effects upon our own Children and Families, but in regard to its desolating consequences upon Society. A fervent desire was expressed that the attention of our members may become more drawn to this deeply important subject, assuredly believing that blessings would flow to ourselves, to our families, and to Society, were we all sufficiently engaged to discharge our duty in this respect.

A renewed concern was likewise felt; that we might, as a religious community, be preserved in that near feeling of brotherly affection, which so eminently prevailed amongst our predecessors, and which indeed has, in every age, been the distinguishing characteristic of the truly devoted followers of the Blessed Redeemer. This alone can preserve us from all strife, rendings and divisions; whilst the indulgence of

of a contrary disposition must, as it always has done, lead in the first instance, to the loss of our own individual peace and happiness, and end in the sore injury and distress of The Body.

Finally, may we, according to the recommendation of an eminent Apostle, by giving all diligence, add to our faith virtue, and to our virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in us and abound, they make us that we shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Then adjourned to 8 o'clock this Afternoon.

According to Adjournment, Friends again assembled.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to take into consideration the proposal brought up from Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, relative to an alteration in our Discipline, produced the following Report, which was concurred with to wit:-

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

"The Committee appointed to consider the proposition contained in the Report from Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, relative to an alteration of our Discipline as regards the mode of appointing Elders, and Members of the Meeting for Sufferings, being all present, Report, that we have, after a time of very weighty and serious deliberation, agreed to propose that the subject be referred, for further consideration, to our next Yearly Meeting.

"Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,
Waltham 10th mo. 30, 1827. Thomas P. Stabler."

An Address from the Yearly Meeting of North Carolina, on the subject of the removal of the Free People of Colour, who have heretofore been under the care of Friends in that State, being read, it appears that there is a deficiency of the necessary Funds to effect the object which they desire to accomplish.