

The minutes of the last Yearly Meeting were read.

The following Friends were appointed to propose to a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to serve the ensuing year as a Meeting for sufferings: viz. Isaac N. Dixon, Geo. Harris, Saml. Townsend, Edward Thomas, Nathan Haines of Wm, Israel Garretson, Geo. W. Cook, Nathan Smith, Tho. Nicholls, Joel Lupton, Tho. Wright, Jno. Smith, Joseph Thomas, Tho. Bradway, Wm Hopkins, David G. M. Cooy, John Way, Nathan Hammond, John Russell, & Saml. Downing. Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

First of the 11th Mo: and 3rd of the Week.

Pursuant to adjournment Friends Assembled.

The meeting having entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, and proceeded, under a covering of precious solemnity, during which much salutary & strengthening counsel was offered, through the 3rd Query inclusive, adjourned to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The meeting having resumed the consideration of the State of Society, and proceeded, under a comforting evidence of Divine favor, through the remainder of the Queries, the following summary was agreed upon as nearly representing the state of Society amongst us since last year, viz:-

Answers to the Queries

First: All our meetings for worship and Discipline have been held, except some at Elk Ridge & three at Indian Spring within the verge of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, and one within the limits of Warrington Quarterly Meeting; meetings for worship on first day mornings have generally been attended by most of our members: Those on other days of the week and for Discipline have been much neglected. Unbecoming behavior, when assembled, is mostly avoided, and the hour of meeting is nearly observed by most Friends.

Second, Most Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Talebearing and detraction are generally discouraged and care is taken to end apparent differences.

Ans. Third. Some Friends endeavor by example and precept, to educate their children, and 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 encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures, but a more general observance of these important duties, it is believed would be conducive to the best interests of Society.

Ans. Fourth. Our testimony against the unnecessary use of distilled spirituous liquors, appears to be generally maintained. Friends are careful to avoid frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion, and careful to observe moderation and temperance on most occasions.

Ans. Fifth. The necessities of the poor appear to be generally inspected, and relief afforded, and some care is extended to the school education of their children.

Ans. Sixth. Friends generally appear to maintain our testimony against a hireling ministry, Oaths, Military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries.

Ans. Seventh. Friends are generally careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage: They are mostly just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements, though one report acknowledges some deficiency in this latter particular. Where reasonable grounds for fear in these respects have been given, care has been extended.

Ans. Eighth

Our testimony against Slavery, appears to be generally maintained. Those of the African Race in Friends' families are suitably provided for, and some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ans. Ninth. Endeavors are used to deal with known offenders, nearly as queried, but one report acknowledges that delays occasionally occur.