

extended, to protect and preserve from the many snares and temptations of a world that lieth in wickedness.

With the salutation of love we are your friends,
William Griscom. Clerk.

Having entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, the meeting proceeded, under a comfortable evidence of the sustaining power of the Great Head of the Church, as far as the Second Query inclusive.

Much concern was felt and expressed that so many meetings had failed to be held since last year, and Monthly and Quarterly Meetings were urged to faithfulness, in endeavoring to labour in love in order to strengthen the weak, and to build up the waste places throughout our borders.

The meeting then adjourned to three o'clock this afternoon. In the afternoon,

Having resumed the consideration of the State of Society, and proceeded through the Eighth Query under a precious covering of precious solemnity, during which much salutary counsel was given, the Meeting adjourned to three o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

1st of the 11th Month and 4th of the week
In the afternoon, The consideration of the State of Society being again resumed, the meeting proceeded through the remainder of the Queries, and the following summary was agreed upon as representing the State of Society, since last year.

Summary of the Answers To the Queries.

First.

All our meetings, both for worship and discipline, have been held, (except six within the verge of Baltimore Quarter, occasioned by inclement weather, and fourteen at Ureberry and one at Bald Eagle, for which no reasons are assigned) and attended, on first day mornings, by our members generally.

Those in the afternoon of that day, near the middle of the week, and for Discipline, have been much neglected by many friends. Unbecoming behavior therein has been generally avoided, and the hour of meeting nearly observed.

Second.

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other, becoming our Christian profession. Intemperance and detraction are mostly discouraged, and endeavors are used to end differences when they appear.

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 to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures: yet it is acknowledged that a more general attention to these important subjects would be profitable.

Fourth.

Our testimony against the unnecessary use of distilled spirituous liquors, appears to be generally maintained.

Friends mostly avoid frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance are, in a good degree, observed.

Fifth.

The necessities of the poor are inspected, and relief afforded, and some care is taken to provide for the school education of their children.

Sixth.

Friends appear to be generally careful to maintain our testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods and Lotteries.

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 makes an exception in this last particular, to which care has been extended.

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.