

Twenty-ninth of the Month and third of the week.

All the opening of the Meeting, the Committee appointed at the morning session yesterday to prepare Essays of Epistles, were requested to endeavor to embody the exercises of the Meeting while engaged in the consideration of the state of Society in a suitable Minute and produce it to a future sitting to be inserted in our Extracts.

The Meeting then entered upon the consideration of the state of Society, as exhibited by the Answers to the Queries and proceeded therein as far as the Fourth Query, inclusive during which much salutary practical counsel was lovingly handed forth, calculated for our instruction strengthening and encouragement and increased watchfulness in our walkings through life.

Adjourned to 3 O'clk. in the afternoon.

In the afternoon the Meeting resumed the consideration of the State of Society, and proceeded therein through the remainder of the Queries, with the answers thereto. The following summary was agreed upon as nearly representing the State of Society throughout our borders since last year, viz:

Summary answers to the Queries

First

All our meetings, both for worship and discipline, have been held, except thirteen within the verge of Baltimore Quarter, one within the verge of Fairfax Quarter, three that of Centre, and generally well attended on First day mornings. Those in the afternoon of that day, and also mid-week meetings continue to be much neglected by some. Unbecoming behavior when assembled generally avoided, and the hour of meeting is nearly observed by most Friends.

Second

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are mostly discouraged, and where differences have appeared endeavors have been used to end them.

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 corrupt conversation and to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures. But it is believed that an increased concern and care in regard to these important subjects would be attended with profit.

Fourth

Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained agreeably to our Discipline. Friends mostly avoid frequenting taverns, and are generally clear of attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance appear to be generally observed.

Fifth

The necessities of the poor appear to have been inspected, and relief afforded.

Sixth

Friends appear to be mostly careful to maintain our testimony against a hireling ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries. Yet some deficiency is acknowledged by several of the reports to exist, in the support of our important Christian testimony against war and military services, some cases of which are under care.

Seventh

Most Friends appear to be 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. Where reasonable grounds for fear in these respects have been given, some care has been extended.