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The proposition brought before the Yearly Meeting, by the reading of the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings to unite with Baltimore Monthly Meeting in adding to the buildings of Lombard Street Property, so as to add to the accommodation of Friends at the time of the Yearly Meeting was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, and if that Meeting shall think it best to accept the measure proposed, it is authorised to use such parts of the proceeds of the Eastern Lot, when effected, as may be necessary, and remains, after the other payments to which that fund may be subjected are satisfied.

The following named Friends were appointed to bring forward to a future sitting, the names of suitable Friends to constitute a Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year viz:

Elizabeth Paine, Darlington Hoopes, Richard Furness, James C. Jarney, Daniel Walker, Eliza Jarney, Rachel Harris, Nathaniel Smith, Joshua Rutledge, Thomas P. King, Maria Phillips, Wm. Cook, Caleb C. Wray, and Joseph M. Spencer.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock to-morrow morning.

Thirty first of the Month and 3 of the week.

The Meeting having entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, as represented by the answers to the Queries from all our Quarterly Meetings, except Centre, it proceeded therein as far as the Fourth Query, inclusive, under a coming of precious solemnity, in which much salutary counsel was handed forth by exercise, for our encouragement and strength, then adjourned to 3 O'clock in the afternoon.

The Meeting gathered about the time adjourned for, when the consideration of the State of Society was resumed, and the Meeting proceeded therein through the remainder of the Queries, and the answers thereto; and the following Summary was adopted, as representing the State of Society amongst us during the past year.

Answer to the Query

First—All our Meetings, as far as heard from, except one at Diamond, Ridge, within the scope of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting, are within the limits of Fairfax Quarter, and a

(1865) number (not specified) within the limits of Fairfax and Nottingham Quarters, and they have been attended on First day Morning by most of our Members.

Those held on the afternoon of that day, near the middle of the week and for discipline, are regulated by many, unbecoming behaviors, when assembled, is mostly aviait, and the hour of Meeting—nearly obscured by most Friends.

Second

Friends, generally, appear to maintain love towards each other, becoming our Christian profession. Self-love and attraction are mostly discouraged, and when differences appear, are drawn out generally and to end, them. One aspect states, that an increase of that pure Gospel Love, which becomes our Christian profession, is much wanting among 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 conversations, and to encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures; but a more general care, and concern in these important particulars would be profitable.

Fourth

Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors, appears to be generally maintained, equally to our Discipline. Most Friends avoid the unnecessary frequenting of Taverns, but attending places of diversion appears not to be sufficiently guarded against. Moderation, and temperance are mostly observed.

Fifth

The necessities of the poor, and the circumstances of those who may appear likely to require aid, inspection, and relief afforded.

Sixth

Friends generally appear to be careful to bear our testimony against a hireling Ministry, oaths, clandestine, prize goods and lotteries. But a sufficiency in the faithful maintenance of our precious testimony against war and military service is acknowledged in all our reports.

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 appear to be generally just in their dealings, and mostly punctual in complying with their