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Discipline, and report to this Meeting next year the result of the labors viz:

Wm Wood, Samuel Townsend, Gerard H Reese, Benj. Hallows, Benj. Rush Roberts, Edward Thomas, Josiah Rice, Thos. H. Matthews, John S. Matthews, Darlington Storpes, Isaac F. Dixie, Abel A. Hunt, Job Hebbard, Joshua Russell, Nathan Smith, Jesse Cook, Cyrus Grist, Jesse W. Geist, Daniel Walker, Joseph Branson, Nathan Walker, Chalkley Gillingham, Robert F. Roberts, David Hatten, Wm. Lewis, John Marshall, Thomas Bonsall, Wm. May, Alban Cutler, Levi Brown, David Nyle, Philip Warner, Daniel G. McCoy, Ovariah Blackburn, Jesse Blackburn, Hiram Blackburn, Isaac Underwood, Jesse Wood, Henry Iddings, Joseph M. Spencer, Jonah Lupton, Samuel M. Farmer, Wm. Holmes, Jesse Hoge, James M. Walker, Wm. J. Stearns, Nathan Moore, Reuben Hall, Eli M. Rice, Mahlon Schooley, John Rice, Jesse Holmes.

A Memorial of Deer Creek Monthly Meeting, approved by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting for our deceased Friend Deborah McDonald, was received from the Meeting for Sufferings, and read and approved. The Clerks were directed to have it appended to our printed extracts.

Then Adjourned until 10 o'clock the next morning.

Twenty-ninth of the Month, and third of the Week.

The Meeting entered upon the Consideration of the State of Society and proceeded therein through this sitting, that in the afternoon and part of the sitting on the afternoon of the 30th. Under the solemnizing influence of the Great Head of the Church during which many living testimonies were borne, tending to encourage all in a firm trust in the reality and efficiency of the great promise and testimony held by our religious Society. When the following Summary was adopted, as nearly representing the State of our Society throughout our Yearly Meeting since last year.

First

All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline, have been held, except one, within the limits of Battemon Quarterly Meeting: three within the limits of Warrington Quarter, and four within the limits of Nottingham Quarter, and all the Mid Week Meetings at Little in the same Quarterly Meeting, and one at Centre. Those

held on First day Mornings are attended by most of our members, those in the afternoon of that day, near the middle of the week and for Discipline continue to be neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior when assembled is generally avoided, and the hour of Meeting is nearly observed by most Friends, though our Report states, not so well observed as is desirable.

Second

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are discouraged by most Friends, 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 to read the Holy Scriptures. But more care and watchfulness in these important particulars, it is believed, would conduce to our preservation and growth as a religious body.

Fifth

The necessities of the poor are inspected, and relief afforded: they are advised and assisted in such employments as they appear to be capable of: and care is taken to provide for the school education of their children.

Sixth

Friends generally appear to bear a testimony against a hireling Ministry, oaths, Military Services, clandestine trade, prize goods, and lotteries. Some abatement is made in some of the reports, in regard to Military Services, hireling Ministry, and oaths.

Fourth

Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be generally maintained agreeably to our Discipline: frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion is mostly avoided, and moderation and temperance are in a good degree observed. The reports make an abatement in respect to attending places of diversion.

Seventh

Friends generally appear to be careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances: to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage: to be just in their dealings, and punctual in complying with their engagements: and where any have given reasonable grounds for fear in these respects, care has been extended.