

1872 Twenty-ninth of the month and third of the week.

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment, and entered upon the consideration of the State of Society, as brought into view by the reading of the answers to the First and Second Queries. Deep feeling solemnized the Assembly, and fervent exhortations went forth, encouraging us to faithful-ness in the attendance of all our meetings; in greater love to our Heavenly Father, and to one another; in nearer feeling and sympathy together; and in obedience to duty, as manifested in the individual soul.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to Friends assembled, and resumed the consideration of the State of Society, and progressed through the Seventh Query, under a comforting evidence of Divine favor. Much instruction and profitable counsel was presented to us, in connection with the important subjects embraced in these Queries.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Thirtieth of the month and fourth of the week.

Near the time adjourned to the meeting gathered, and proceeded through the remaining Queries. The following Summary was comprised from the answers received from our Quarterly Meetings, as nearly representing the State of Society throughout the Yearly Meeting, viz:

First

All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, except a few at York, within the limits of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting. Two within the limits of Warrington Quarterly Meeting. One within the limits of Fairfax Quarterly Meeting. One within the limits of Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, and the Mid-Week Meetings at Little Elk in the same Quarterly Meeting. Our First Days they have been attended by Friends generally. Mid-Week Meetings and those held for Discipline continue to be much neglected. Unbecoming behavior when assembled has been generally avoided, and the hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends.

Second

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other, in a good degree becoming our Christian profession. Tale-bearing and detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise and become known, care is taken to end them.

Third

Many 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 pernicious reading and corrupt conversation, and to encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures, though most of the Reports acknowledge that more care in these important particulars would be profitable.

Fourth

Our testimony against distilled Spirituous Liquors appears to be generally maintained, agreeably to our Discipline. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns is mostly avoided, but not so clear as to attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance generally observed.

Fifth

The necessities of the poor are inspected and relief afforded; they are aided and assisted in such employment as they are capable of, and care is taken to provide for the school education of their children.

Sixth

Friends are ^{generally} careful, as far as appears, to bear a testimony against a hiring ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods and lotteries. One Report excepts the payment of a military tax, assessed by the State.

Seventh

Friends generally are 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. One Report says - where any have given ground for fear in these respects, care has been extended.

Eighth

Our testimony against slavery is maintained. Those of the African race in Friends' families are provided for, and care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

Ninth

Care is mostly taken to deal with known offenders reasonably and impartially, and to convince those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love before they are disowned. One of the Reports admits that more care might be profitable.

Tenth

Reziah Gillingham, and Elder and Member of Wood Haven Particular and Abolitionist Monthly Meeting, departed this life the 13th day of the 3rd month, 1872, in the 65th year of her age.