

1876. A committee was appointed to nominate to a future sitting the name of Friends to constitute, in conjunction with those appointed by Women's Meeting, the Representative Committee for the ensuing year.
Edward Stapler, Jr., on behalf of the Standing Committee to record the minutes of this Meeting, reported the service performed.

Then adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third Day Morning.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

The meeting entered upon the consideration of the State of Society as brought before us by the reading of the reports from the several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the second Query inclusive.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Third Day Afternoon.

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Having proceeded as far as the Fifth Query inclusive, and read the Epistle from Illinois Yearly Meeting, conveying to us the evidence of the continued regard of our fellow laborers in that part of the heritage, the meeting adjourned to Fourth day afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Fourth Day Afternoon.

Eleventh month first.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

The remaining Queries with their answers were read and the following Summary was approved and adopted, as nearly comprising the substance of those received from our Quarterly Meetings, viz:

First.

Our meetings for Worship and Discipline have all been attended except three within the limits of Warrington Quarters, one within the limits of Towson Quarter, and one preparatory and five meetings for Worship, within the limits of Nottingham Quarter.

They have been attended on First Days by most of our members. Those near the middle of the week, and for Discipline continue to be much neglected.

Unbecoming behaviour has been generally avoided, and the hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends.

Second

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are generally discouraged. Care has been taken to end differences when they become known.

Third

Some Friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel. We endeavor to guard them against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation. They are encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures. But three of the reports acknowledge that more care in these respects is desirable.

Fourth.

Our testimony against the use of intoxicating liquors appear to be generally maintained agreeably to our Discipline. The unnecessary frequenting of Taverns is mostly avoided, not entirely clear of attending places of diversion. Moderation and temperance are observed on most occasions.

Fifth.

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