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To Prepare

Minutes

in regard

to Fourth

Query

Following the reading of the Report, the subject as presented by the Committee and its relation to the work the Committee is engaged in,

claimed the attention of the meeting and the following minute adopted:

It is the judgment of the Yearly Meeting that the position so long held by this Society upon the vital question of the use and sale of intoxicating liquors be now reaffirmed, and it was decided to appoint a Special Committee of five members of this Branch, to unite with a similar number of Women's Branch—should they concur in our action—to prepare a suitable minute, setting forth our position as a Religious Society upon this great question of the day.

The following were named as the Committee upon the part of this Meeting: William Williams, T. Burling Hull, Harrington Hopes, and Levi H. Brown.

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Committee

to

Review

Philan-

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Committee

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The report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor, having been approved, the sum asked for by them, two hundred dollars, was ordered to be placed to their credit for use during the ensuing year.

The suggestion of the Committee that a revision of their membership be made, and to fill vacancies caused by death was concurred in and the following Committee was appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women's Meeting, to report to a future session a revised list of members for said Committee:

W. Edward Jannery,	William H. Matthews,	William Wood,
Pemberton Wood,	Samuel L. Pidgeon,	Hugh R. Holmes,
William H. Hay,	James H. Brown,	William T. Watson,
Cyrus L. Priest,	J. Edward Walker,	Edward Shoemaker,
Monteton Brown,	Uriah Blackburn,	Robert H. Hay.

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Appointment

of J. H. Miller

and J. Jannery

as members of

Indian

Committee

Women's Branch informed that they had united with our action in approving the Report of the Joint Standing Committee on Indian Affairs and concurring in the appointment of Benjamin H. Miller, of Sandy Spring, as a member of said Committee. They also propose to add the name of Anna T. Jannery, of Baltimore, as an additional member of the Committee. This meeting united in the proposition, and she was accordingly appointed to the service.

Then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

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Fourth day Afternoon, 3 o'clock.

The Meeting assembled at this hour.

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Consideration

of

State of

Society

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The consideration of the state of Society was resumed with the reading of the Fifth Query, followed by the remainder of them. The several important subjects brought up as the respective answers were read, claimed the earnest and thoughtful consideration of the Meeting, and much valuable and timely counsel was given forth by deeply exercised minds, all tending to excite in us a deeper and more significant interest in the well being of our Society and the efficient but judicious administration of our Discipline.

Answers to Queries.

First Answer.

All of our meetings have been held, as shown by the reports received, except five for worship at Bush Creek—Harrington Quarter; one at Back Creek, three mid week at Woodlawn—Fairfax Quarter; one for worship at Centre and one for discipline at West Branch, in Centre Quarter.

Answer

to

Queries

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Three of the reports state that the midweek meetings are not well attended.

Friends observe decorum when assembled, but are not in all cases punctual in the hour of assembling.

Second Answer.

Love, becoming our Christian profession, is in a good degree maintained amongst our members. Tale bearing and detraction are discouraged. No report is made of differences amongst us and care is taken to end any that appear.

Third Answer.

It appears from the reports that some Friends do not encourage their children by precept and example to conform to our testimony in favor of plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel, but generally guard against pernicious reading and corrupt conversation.