

earlier than the usual time for holding such Meetings, or if more convenient, to meet at the usual time, but in some other place, and if their fine their numbers sufficient, hold said Preparative, Monthly or Quarterly Meeting, and Report to the Superior Meetings, according to the order of our Discipline. But if it shall appear, that their number is too small, to maintain the regular Meetings in Discipline, it is advised, that they may meet their number and general circumstances, to the Monthly or Quarterly Meeting, or to the Yearly Meetings Committee.

— And Monthly and Quarterly Meetings are advised, where such subordinate Meetings may appear to be too weak to be maintained, according to the good order of Society, and to the reputation of Truth, to attach the members of said Meetings to such other Meetings as may be most convenient.

— It is also advised, that Friends may make arrangements as early as possible, for holding their Meetings select from those, who have departed from our ancient Doctrines and Discipline, and where they cannot procure the use of their meeting Houses, that they provide other suitable places, where they can hold such Meetings, in quietness, and consistent with the solemn nature of Divine Worship.

— Gerrard T. Hopkins, Joseph King Jun^r and Samuel Cary, were appointed to assist the Clerk, in arranging and preparing in the form of an Epistle, to be addressed to Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and our Members, such Extracts from the minutes of this Meeting, and from the Epistle addressed by us to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, as may be suitably embraced in such address. They were also authorized to have 1000 copies thereof printed, for the use of our Meetings, and the Members thereunto belonging.

— This Meeting having received information through one of its Members, that the Committees appointed on behalf of the several Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent, to confer together on subjects of general interest to the Society, were expected to convene for that purpose at Philadelphia in the month next, and this meeting being united in believing, that such conference would be proper, concluded to appoint, Gerrard T. Hopkins, William Proctor, and Hugh Balderson to attend the proposed Meeting of said committee on behalf of this Yearly Meeting, and Report to the Meeting next Year. The clerk was directed to

forward the Committee, with a copy of this minute, signed on behalf of the Meeting.

— The following Friends were appointed to confer together, and to propose to the next sitting, the names of two suitable Friends, to serve as Clerk and assistant clerk on behalf of Woman's Friends viz. Rachel Hoag. Ann Procter and Hannah Talbot.

— Our subordinate Meetings, were desired to open Subscriptions, and to make a collection for a stock for the use of this Meeting, and forward the same to H. Balderson Treasurer.

— Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

— Pursuant to adjournment Friends again assembled.

— Hugh Balderson, Joseph King Jun^r and Daniel Cook were appointed correspondents on behalf of this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to attach a copy of this Minute, to the Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meetings, with which we correspond.

— Ann Procter on behalf of the committee appointed at last sitting Reported, that they had conferred together, and agreed to propose Elizabeth Gillingham for clerk, and Hannah Talbot for assistant clerk, which was united with, and they were accordingly appointed to that service.

— It was concluded to change the time for holding our next Yearly Meeting, to second day the 10th of the 11th Month, and the Meeting for Ministers and Elders on the 7th day five evening at the usual hour. The clerk was directed to attach a copy of this Minute to the several Epistles of Correspondence.

— It is concluded in order to prevent confusion, that to the names of all the Meetings of every description, within the compass of this Yearly Meeting, the following words be invariably added "In unity with the Ancient Yearly Meetings of Friends" and that to all certificates, minutes or other writings, issued by our respective meetings, whether addressed to this Yearly Meeting, or to Meetings abroad. The same distinguished phrase or words, may be carefully added by the clerks, and Isaac Brooks, James Gillingham and Nicholas Poppleton, residing in the city of Baltimore, were appointed a committee, to whom all minutes and certificates issued by Monthly or Quarterly Meetings, for any of our Ministers & Members, are to be forwarded, and in addition to the