

society: The duty of a faithful attendance of our Religious Meetings was presumed by propos it being seen that under a right concern for this ancient & Christian practice sacrifices would be made to the obligations due to social worship and often also would the religiously exercised mind seek retirement from the active & busy concerns of the world and desire the sustaining bread which nourishes the soul & which is graciously dispensed to those who ask in humility & faith. The same religious feeling & exercise would also lead us not only to love but often to read the Holy Scriptures. The truly humble, the dedicated and seeking soul would learn the worth of this invaluable treasure & thus as individuals bear testimony to their practical exertions answerably to the ancient & pious recommendations of our worthy forefathers.

The importance of the religious and guarded education of children and of being proper examples to them has also had a strong claim upon our feelings: Plainness of speech, deportment, and apparel has lost respect of its worth & importance but remains to be in connection with religious & moral duties. It has been found to be an external help of preservation to which the acknowledgment of testimony even of the youthful & the wandering have often been given.

The Meeting was exercised upon those precious testimonies in relation to Spirituous Liquors and Slavery which have done much not only for us as a people but have had their spread and influence upon the Community at large: The latter whilst it has subjected us to censure and reproach has also in the spreading of light met the favorable acknowledgment of the interested: The awful events and circumstances which have recently alarmed & threatened some sections of our Country cannot fail to awaken afresh our sympathies & our solicitude: The cause is in the hands of Him who hath his way in the clouds and in thick darkness & whose mysterious Providence makes as way, where to the human eye no way is seen: Very earnest was the desire expressed that our members in this time of excitement while they feel deeply the weight of our testimony against Slavery may be directed by that Wisdom & discretion which never fail to govern the considerate & reflecting mind.

The Representatives were desired to take charge of the distribution of the printed General Epistle from the Yearly meeting held in London

Epays of Epistles were now produced by the Committee to the Yearly Meetings of Friends on this Continent and to that held in London, which were severally read with some corrections proposed and directed to be transcribed, signed & forwarded.

The Committee having also prepared an Epistle addressed to the Yearly Meeting of Friends of Ireland held in Dublin the same was produced with the approbation of the meeting & being read was approved & the clerk

directed to sign and forward it to that meeting.

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Having been favored to transact the many interesting & important concerns which have come before us during the sittings of the meeting in much brotherly love under a feeling of renewed thankfulness for the degree of gracious help experienced the meeting concluded to meet at the usual time next year, if so favored.

(Signed) Hugh Cresswell

Clerk to the Meeting this year

At a Yearly meeting of Friends held in Baltimore for the Western Shore of Maryland & the adjacent parts of Pennsylvania & Virginia by adjournment from the 29th of the 10th month to the 1st of the 11th month inclusive 1832

By reports received from the quarterly meetings it appears the following named friends are representatives viz

From Baltimore: Nicholas Popplein Joseph Townsend Isaac Brooks Hugh Balchman Thomas Scott George Williamson Emory Williamson John Scott & John P. Balchman

From Nottingham Joseph Ballance Jr William Howle Eliza Cook & Samuel Washington who being called were all present.

The Epistle of Correspondence from the Yearly meeting of Friends held in London and from that held in Dublin for Ireland also Epistles of Correspondence from the Yearly Meetings of Friends New York Philadelphia North Carolina Ohio Iowa Iowa & Iowa; These Testimonials of Brotherly regard & Christian Fellowship were truly acceptable & satisfactory to the meeting.

The Printed General Epistle of the 3rd month last from the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London was produced & read The meeting being impressed with the valuable & interesting contents thereof concluded to have 750 copies reprinted for distribution amongst our members. George Williamson & Joseph Townsend were appointed to attend to the printing & call on the Treasurers for the amount of expense incurred.

The following named friends were appointed to prepare Epays of Epistles to the Yearly meetings of Friends held in London, Dublin, & to those on this Continent & produce them to a future sitting viz Samuel Carey, Joseph Townsend & George J. Hopkins