

According to adjournment friends met

Thomas Scott on behalf of the representatives reported that they had conferred to gether & had agreed to propose Hugh Calderston to serve the meeting as Clerk & Joseph King jr as assistant Clerk which was approved and they were appointed to the service

The printed General Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of London was received & read and in order that the excellent & salutary matter contained therein may be generally diffused amongst our Members for further usefulness it was concluded to have five hundred copies thereof printed for distribution Joseph Townsend & Daniel Cobb were appointed to agree with the printer inspect the press and call on the donors for the amount of expense and this meeting having also received through their correspondents a copy of an Epistle issued from the last Yearly Meeting held in Boston and addressed to its quarterly & monthly meetings which being also read & this meeting putting unity with the General Conference therein directed the Committee to have printed a similar number thereof and the contents of these Epistles are extremely recommended to the particular observation of our Members.

The following names friends are appointed to adjust & settle the Treasurer's account, report the state of the stock & the sum necessary to be raised the coming year viz Elizabeth H. Brown Mount Tabor Church (late Joseph & Daniel jr Thomas Worthington and Thomas Scott

The Committee continue last year to receive & receive the minutes of the Meeting report that Anderson has been complied with they were continued to receive & receive the minutes of the present year & report to next Yearly Meeting

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning 27th of the month & 3rd of the week found again spent

The Meeting having been engaged in the consideration of the state of Society within its limits as exhibited in the answers to the queries brought up in the reports from the quarterly meetings much concern was felt on account of the deficiencies

still apparent amongst us especially in relation to the neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings the defection from the true ground of Christianity from the departure of many from the plainness & simplicity of our holy profession and the impatience & necessity of an increase of right qualification in our members to administer the discipline in its purity & excellence and having proceeded through the queries & answers some many answers were adopted viz

1st All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held (except one) generally attended by most of our members, our account mentions that after a noon Black Day Meetings continue to be neglected by some which is under our unbecoming behaviour when greatly advised and the hour of meeting nearly observed

2nd Friends appear careful to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession to be bearing & detraction are generally discouraged and when differences appear endeavours are used to end them.

3rd All believe friends are mostly careful by example & precept to endeavour to educate their children & those under their care in plainness of speech & deportment to guard them against reading pernicious books & from the frequent conversation of the world & they are encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures & proficiency in relation to plainness of speech, deportment & apparel are however acknowledged also that an increase of care in these respects is needed.

4th Our testimony against distilled spirits & liquors (with the exception of some deficiency noted in one of the reports) appears to be generally maintained, frequenting Taverns & attending places of diversion mostly avoided, & moderation & temperance appear to be generally observed.

5th The necessities of the poor & the circumstances of those likely to require aid are inspected & relief afforded when needed and the further requisitions of this query are attended to as occasion requires.

6th Our Testimonies against a Hurling Ministry Oaths Military service & other trade & other goods & Hurling appears to be generally maintained

7th All believe friends generally are careful to live within the bounds