

those now received from the Quarterly Meetings.

Whilst engaged in reviewing the State of Society within our limits, much solicitude was felt and expressed for greater dedication and faithfulness on the part of our members in the performance of the important duty of duly attending all our meetings for divine worship - for an increase of that love to God and one unto another which becomes our Christian profession - for the private and family reading of the Holy Scriptures - for the education of the youth in plainness of dress and simplicity of manners consistent with our religious principles, also for the encouragement of friends in the due exercise of the discipline towards those who have joined in the Separation and are not yet disowned, and with a view of imparting to our absent members a knowledge of the exercise and concern felt on this occasion on these subjects. Richard St Thomas, Saml Carey, John Balderson and Saml Waddington, were appointed to prepare an essay of Epistle to our Subordinate meetings & prepare thereof and produce it to a future sitting.

First Answer. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held (except one meeting said to be in some instances dropped for which a satisfactory reason was given) most of our meetings are generally well attended, but some others are frequently neglected by many; unbecoming behavior therein is mostly avoided. One report states that there are some instances of drowsiness. The hour of Meeting nearly observed by most friends.

Second Answer. Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession, calumniating and detraction are discouraged and when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

Third Answer. Most friends endeavour by example and precept to educate their children and those under their care in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world and to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures. Departures are however apparent amongst us from the plainness and simplicity of our religious profession.

Fourth Answer. Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors

appears to be maintained (with the exception of two instances under care) frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion mostly avoided and moderation and temperance are generally observed.

5th Answer. The necessities of the poor are inspected and when occasion requires relief is afforded.

6th Answer. Our testimony against a hiring ministry, Caths, Military services, clandestine trade, prize Goods and Lotteries, appears to be generally maintained.

7th Answer. As far as appears Friends live within the bounds of their circumstances and avoid involving themselves in business beyond their abilities to manage, they are just in their dealings and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

8th Answer. Friends are careful to bear a testimony against slavery (except in one instance which is under care) those of the African Race under their direction we believe are in good degree suitably provided for & some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9th Answer. Endeavours are used to deal with offenders in the manner recommended - with an exception in one report in reference to those who have gone off in the Separation to whom it appears but little care has been extended.

10th Answer. Thomas Brown departed this life the 28th of the 1st month 1839. He was an Elder in good esteem & member of Cummings Creek Monthly Meeting.

Elizabeth Cook an Elder and member of Deer Creek monthly Meeting, departed this life the 2nd of 1st month 1839 in the 59th year of her age.

11th Answer. None.

12th Answer. Friends generally are careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the charge of teachers who are members of our Religious Society.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.
30th of the month and 14th of the Week.

Near the time adjourned to friends met.

The Committee appointed last year relative to the establishment of a Quarterly Meeting, to be composed of Cummings Creek and Centre Monthly Meetings, produced