

to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this minute. They also reported the name of Thos G Blackburn for Correspondent in the room of Thomas Bowen deceased, which was approved and he appointed to the Service.

Then adjourned to 3 O'clock to morrow afternoon.

31st of the month and 5th of the Week.

Pursuant to adjournment friends met.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare an Essay of Epistle to our subordinate meetings expressing of the exercise of the meeting during the consideration of the State of Society, produced the following which was read and approved and the clerk directed to sign it on behalf of the Meeting and transmit it accordingly.

To our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings and the members composing them.

Dear Friends

In the consideration of the State of Society at this time we have been engaged in a deep and fervent exercise of Spirit on account of our many deficiencies. It is cause of grief to us that many of our members continue to neglect the attendance of our meetings particularly those held in the middle of the Week. We desire that such may be made so sensible of the value of the privilege of uniting with their friends in the public worship of the Almighty, that they may no longer refuse to participate in the blessings which attend upon it, but gladly embrace every opportunity for its performance. Some of us are bound to acknowledge that such seasons of quiet and reverent waiting upon the Lord have been among the happiest of our lives.

We crave too for our members more of that love to God which is incompatible with lukewarmness and the love of the World, under the influence of which we should serve him with fear and rejoice with trembling. We should then maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. It would show itself an active and operative principle in our hearts. We should be qualified to travail for and with each other, and thus be enabled

to obey the apostolic injunction 'bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ'. The weakly would be warmed the feeble minded comforted and the weak supported: & when collected together we should know a being 'baptized by one Spirit into one body' under a living sense of His presence who has promised to be even with the two or the three who are assembled in his Name.

Our hearts being thus enlisted in the dear Redeemer's cause and for the Welfare of the Church, we should be made to see in the light of Truth, the necessity and importance of consistency in our outward appearance as well as in our walk and conversation. We have no doubt dear friends of the obligation resting upon our members to be good examples in these respects to their children, as well as to train them up in their observance. A hedge will thus be thrown around them and they will gradually be prepared for usefulness in the Church. Their guarded and religious education has also been brought very near to our hearts. We have earnestly desired that our friends may frequently and prayerfully consult the Holy Scriptures both in their closet and before their collected families. We believe, if we were more diligent in our private exercises of this kind, that ability would be given more profusely to unite together in this religious duty. We desire to exhort and to encourage our dear friends not to neglect the daily practice of assembling their household for this purpose, believing that a blessing would attend upon its faithful performance both Spiritually and temporally.

We desire too, that the hands of those upon whom the Support of our discipline devolves may be strengthened, that they may not neglect its due and seasonable exercise in regard to those who have separated from the Society and have not yet been disowned.

In conclusion, we beseech you to examine each one for himself how far he has been delinquent in any of those particulars, and if the unflattering witness for God in the soul, convict us of preferring the World and its transitory joys to the love of God and the fellowship of Saints, may the sense of our danger and need lead us