

the Committee with a copy of this minute, women Friends having appointed the following: Hannah Hoge, Ann Proctor, Dorothy Hopsties, Mary Kailan, Ruth McCoy, Grace Worthington, Margaret Cheston & Anna Worthington.

"The Quers being read, & the particular answers from the Quarterly Meetings, with summaries prepared by the Clerk, which brought the state of society in view, a renewed exercise of mind was experienced on account of the many deficiencies existing among us: & feeling sensible of our stripped & weak condition, & fearing there is danger of our not being able much longer to hold a Yearly Meeting to the honour & credit of society, & desiring to move with prudence in so weighty a matter, it is the conclusion of this Meeting to request the Yearly Meetings of North Carolina, Baltimore & Philadelphia to appoint Committees to unite with us at our next annual Meeting in considering this subject.

"The Clerk is directed to send an extract of this Minute to each of the said Yearly Meetings.

"Extracted from the Minutes by
Samuel Crow, Clerk this year.

The Meeting being informed of two vacancies in its Representation in the Meeting for Sufferings, occasioned by the decease of our Friends Joseph Townsend & Thomas Waring, the following were appointed to propose to a future sitting if may should open for it, two Friends to fill said vacancies, viz: Joseph King Jr., Richard H. Thomas, Hugh Balderson, Joseph Balaban, Wm Waring, Thomas Worthington, Bond Valentine, Wm A. Thomas & Hugh McCoy.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

1st of the 11th Month 1842 of the month

According to adjournment Friends again assembled.

The Quers being now read & the answers thereto as sent up from the Quarterly Meetings the following summary answers were adopted as representing the present state of our Yearly Meeting.

1st Answer - All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held: those on first-day mornings are generally attended by most of our members but afternoon & week-day meetings are neglected by some. Unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly avoided & the hour of meeting nearly observed by most Friends.

2nd Answer - Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our christian profession. Talebearing & detraction are discouraged & when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3rd Answer - Most Friends endeavor by example & precept to educate their

children & those under their care in plainness of speech deportment and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books & from the corrupt conversation of the world; & we believe a care is evinced to encourage the frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures. A deficiency is apparent however in some of these respects.

4th Answer - Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be maintained. Frequenting taverns & attending places of dissipation are avoided as far as appears, & moderation & temperance are generally observed.

5th Answer - The necessities of the poor are inspected & relieved when occasion requires.

6th Answer - Our testimony against an hiring ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade, prize goods & lotteries appears to be maintained; except that one report mentions countenance being given to a hiring ministry by some of our members attending in a few instances their meetings.

7th Answer - Friends generally appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances & to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage. As far as appears they are just in their dealing & to a good degree punctual in complying with their engagements.

8th Answer - Our testimony against Slavery appears to be maintained. Some of the African race in Friends families we believe are suitably provided for & some care is taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9th Answer - Ex deacons are mostly used to deal with offenders in the manner recommended.

10th Answer - Thomas Waring, an Elder & member of Nottingham particular meeting, departed this life the 26th of 1st Mo 1842 in the 85th year of his age -

11th Answer - None.

12th Answer - Friends are mostly careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the charge of teachers in membership with us.

In considering the state of society as thus brought into view, exhibiting various deficiencies, the Meeting was favored with quiet desires men felt for the improvement of our members in the things which belong to their peace & in things wherewith we may edify another; that we may not forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but be diligent in the attendance of all our Meetings - seeking them to be found as workers in the inner temple - in spirit & in truth & that we do not weaken our testimony to the free nature of Gospel Ministry & its dependence upon