

hereafter upon the minds of those who are now assembled, of a feeling of the power thus vouchsafed, & of the concern which thus prevailed & was manifested, it was concluded to name several Friends in conjunction with the Clerk, to prepare & produce to a future sitting, a Minute of Advice, or an Epistle to that end. To this service Richard H. Thomas, Hugh Balderson, Joseph King & Samuel Worthington are appointed.

1<sup>st</sup> Answer - All our Meetings for worship & discipline have been held. On first day mornings the meetings are in a general way duly attended. Many appear to be remiss in respect to other meetings. The hour for assembling nearly observed, & unbecoming behaviour generally avoided.

2<sup>nd</sup> Answer - Friends generally maintain love toward each other becoming our Christian profession. Slandering & detraction are discouraged, & when differences arise endeavours are used to remove them.

3<sup>rd</sup> Answer - Most Friends endeavor by example & precept to educate their children in plainness; to guard them against reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the world & encourage their reading the Holy Scriptures. One report states that a more general concern on the part of our members thus to educate their children is desirable.

4<sup>th</sup> Answer - Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors appears to be maintained. Frequenting taverns & places of diversion are mostly avoided - Moderation & temperance generally observed.

5<sup>th</sup> Answer - The necessities of the poor are attended to when occasion requires.

6<sup>th</sup> Answer - Our testimony against wars, Military services, clandestine trade, prize goods, & lotteries appears to be maintained. In general that respecting a hireling Ministry is also maintained but on this head deficiencies are acknowledged.

7<sup>th</sup> Answer - Friends generally live within the bounds of their circumstances, & avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, & are generally careful in other points noted in this query.

8<sup>th</sup> Answer - Friends appear careful to bear a testimony against Slavery. Those of the African race in their families are suitably provided for & some care taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9<sup>th</sup> Answer - Endeavors are mostly used to deal with offenders in the manner <sup>in the Query</sup> expressed.

10<sup>th</sup> Answer - None

11<sup>th</sup> Answer - None

12<sup>th</sup> Answer - Most Friends are careful as far as practicable to place their children for tuition under the charge of Teachers who are members of our religious Society. They adjourn to 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

1<sup>st</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup> Month & 1<sup>st</sup> of the week.

The Meeting again assembled.

The following report from our committee appointed last year to attend Virginia Yearly Meeting, as likewise the subjoined Minute from that body being now produced & read; The subject was referred to the following Friends, who are to unite with a corresponding committee of the Northern Meeting, & with such of the Virginia Committee as are in attendance, in reviewing the whole question & report to a future sitting, viz: Hugh Balderson, Bond Valentine, Richard H. Thomas, Isaac Smith, Joseph King & Jonah Sands, Samuel Worthington, Wm. A. Thomas, John H. Balderson, John Scott & Thomas Worthington.

To the Yearly Meeting;

The Committee set apart last year to attend Virginia Yearly Meeting, at the request of that body, report; that a part of their number complied with the duty of their appointment. Similar Committees to ours were present there on the same occasion from North Carolina & Philadelphia Yearly Meetings. The especial subject which led Friends of Virginia Yearly Meeting to ask the appointment of these Committees, viz: that of their "continuance as a body," was taken up & a considerable number of their members was constituted a Committee to unite with those from other Yearly Meetings in deliberating upon it. It was a season of much exercise & trial. Friends felt deeply the importance of the question. A free expression of sentiment was allowed & the conclusion arrived at with decided harmony, that the time was come when it would be best for the Virginia Yearly Meeting to be suspended, & its members to be attached to some other. On viewing this part of the subject it was deemed the most suitable for them to be formed into a Half Years Meeting, & in that character to be joined to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. A report to effect was drawn up & signed by every member of the Virginia Committee. This report was approved by the general body, & they appointed a committee of their men & women friends to attend our present Yearly Meeting for the purpose of promoting this arrangement to the satisfaction of the parties concerned. All of which is submitted.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

John Scott Anna Worthington

Jonah Sands Margaret Cheston

Virginia Yearly Meeting held at Cedar Creek in Hanover County Virginia, from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> of the 5<sup>mo</sup> inclusive, 1843.