

reported through one of their number that they had agreed to propose John P. Balderson for Clerk & Bond Valentines for a sistant clerk to this Yearly Meeting, which was united with & they were accordingly appointed. They also proposed Richard H. Thomas & Isaac Brooks for Messengers to Women's Meeting, which was satisfactory to the meeting.

The printed General Epistle issued by London Yearly Meeting being produced was read to the satisfaction & edification of the Meeting: and in order that the valuable matter therein contained, may be more generally diffused among our Members, it was concluded to have 500 Copies of it reprinted for distribution & William Froster & Francis J. King are appointed to attend to this service, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the expense.

We had at this time had brought to our notice a document issued by New England Yearly Meeting, sent to us under cover of an epistle addressed by that body to us touching its belief upon certain doctrines & testimonies held by the Society of Friends. This same was read to the satisfaction of the Meeting, and is directed to be placed in the hands of our Meeting for sufferings, with a copy of this Minute.

And then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

21st of the Month & 3^d of the week.

Friends assembled.

Having been engaged in the consideration of the State of Society, as brought into view by the answers to the Queries as far as the 8th Query inclusive the Meeting concluded to adjourn to the 14th hour this afternoon.

Friends again convened.

The reading of the Queries & answers was now resumed & completed, and the following Summary answers adopted as nearly representing the present condition of this Yearly Meeting.

1st Answer. — All our Meetings for Worship & Discipline have been held and generally attended on first day mornings — The afternoon & Week Day Meetings are neglected by many, Unbecoming behaviour generally avoided — the hour of assembling nearly observed.

2^d Answer. — We believe Friends generally maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing & detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3^d Answer. — Many Friends endeavour by example & precept to educate their children & those under their charge in plainness of speech, deportment & apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world. Evidences of deficiency are however, apparent in these respects. The reading of the Holy Scriptures is encouraged.

4th Answer. — Our Testimony against distilled spirituous Liquors is maintained. Frequenting Taverns or attending places of diversion are

generally avoided. Moderation & temperance observed. Some uneasiness however is felt from a fear that a deficiency exists in our Meeting in relation to the two last particulars.

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

6th Answer. — Our testimony against inhaling Ministry, Cattle Military services, clandestine trade, prize goods & lotteries appears to be maintained — One report however makes mention of a few cases of attending upon a hiring Ministry.

7th Answer. — We believe Friends generally endeavour to live within the bounds of their circumstances & to comply with the other requisitions of this Query, though there are some exceptions in which some care has been extended.

8th Answer. — Our testimony against Slavery is maintained with some exceptions noticed in the report from Virginia Half Yearly Meeting. Those of the African race in Friends families are provided for & some care taken to instruct them in useful learning.

9th Answer. — For the most part endeavours are used to deal with offenders as directed, In one of the reports a deficiency however is apparent and another states that nothing has been done in the cases of the separatists since last year.

10th Answer. — None.

11th Answer. — None.

12th Answer. — Much deficiency is manifest with regard to the placing of our children in schools taught by members of our religious Society, though a concern is felt by many Friends to adopt this course when circumstances will allow. In deliberating upon

the State of Society as thus exhibited, a renewed exertion & concern provided for the more faithful discharge of our religious duties & a more full observance of our Christian testimonies. Brotherly counsel was imparted, encouraging Friends to greater dedication & watchfulness, & to more earnest endeavours after a conformity in life & conversation with the requirements of ^{our} Christian profession. Pain was experienced on account of the deficiencies apparent amongst us, & desires were felt for their removal.

The Meeting having been brought into tender exercise on account of the State of Society as it exists among us, and a brotherly salutation arising in our hearts towards the members of Society within our limits with affectionate interest and concern for each others growth in the Truth