

Epistles of Correspondence from the Yearly Meetings of London & Dublin & from those on this continent were received & read amongst us to our satisfaction; & the following named Friends are appointed to prepare & produce to a future sitting Essays of Epistles in reply, Thomas & Bond Valentine, Sam^l Northington, Sam^l & Balderson, Nathaniel C. Greenham, Joel Cook, John P. Balderson, Wm. & Thomas, F. King, Thos Northington, Hugh Balderson, Thos Levering, Rich^d H. Thomas, Francis King, Wm. P. Balderson, George & Lenzell, Eliza Hayward & Wm. King.

The Representatives are directed to confer together at the close of this sitting & agree on two suitable Friends to serve the meeting as Clerk & Assistant Clerk the present year & report at the opening of next sitting.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

Richard H. Thomas on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had conferred together & had agreed to propose Hugh Balderson to serve the meeting as Clerk & Bond Valentine for Assistant Clerk, which was approved & they are appointed to the service.

The Printed General Epistle from our brethren of the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London the present year was read & read in this meeting to our comfort & edification & that the interesting & valuable matter contained therein may be spread amongst our members, it was concluded to have 500 Copies thereof reprinted for distribution & Thomas R. Matthews & Wm. Procter were appointed to attend to the service & call on the Treas^r for the expense incurred.

The following named Friends were appointed to adjust & settle the Treasurers account, report the state of the Stock & the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, viz: Eliza Cook, Joseph Dillip, Wm. & Thomas, Bond Valentine, George P. Cook, John Hare, John South, & Thos R. Matthews.

Francis J. King on behalf of the Com^{tee} continued last year to revise & record the minutes of the Meeting, reported that the service had been complied with. They were continued to revise & record those of the present year.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

according to adjournment Friends assembled.

The meeting having been engaged in the consideration of the state of Society as bro^u up in the answers to the Queries & having proceeded therein as far as the second Query inclusive, the meeting adjourned to half past 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment Friends met.

The Meeting resumed the consideration of the Queries & answers & having proceeded through them, the following summary answers were collected from those now received from our Subordinate Meetings, as nearly representing the present state of this meeting.

1st Ans^r. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended, generally by the greater portion of our members tho' there is great remissness in that respect in others; unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly avoided & the hour of meeting nearly observed by most of our members.

2nd Ans^r. Most Friends maintain love towards each other becoming our christian profession, tale bearing & detraction are discouraged & when differences arise endeavours are used to end them.

3rd Ans^r. Most Friends endeavour by example & precept to educate their children & those under their care in plainness of speech, deportment & apparel: to guard them against reading pernicious books & from the corrupt conversation of the world. Also to encourage them in reading the Holy Scriptures. There is believed to be a want of more care & consistency in a portion of our members as regards the general observance of this Query.

4th Ans^r. Our testimony against distilled spirituous Liquors is generally maintained. The frequenting of Taverns in some few instances, not so strictly guarded against as would be desirable. Attending places of diversion is avoided & moderation & temperance are generally observed.

5th Ans^r. The necessities of the poor are inspected & when occasion requires relief is afforded.

6th Ans^r. Our testimony against a hireling ministry, Catholic military services, clandestine trade, prize goods & lotteries appears to be maintained. Except the frequent attendance of a small portion of our members on the ministry of others.