

The following Friends were appointed a committee to unite with a similar one from the Women's Meeting, to propose an Essay of an endorsement to be placed upon the certificates of Ministers and others in attendance, and produce it at a future sitting, viz Samuel Northampton, Hugh Batten-
Shaw, Wm. A. Thomas, Joel Cook, and Robert S. Pethers.

The printed General Epistle from London was now read to our comfort and edification, and to the end that our members and others may enjoy the opportunity of perusing the interesting and valuable contents thereof, it was concluded to have 500 copies thereof reprinted for distribution, and Francis J. King, and Thomas R. Matthews, were appointed to attend to the same and call upon the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the expense incurred.

The following named Friends were appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Treasurer, report the state of the stock, and the amount necessary to be raised the ensuing year; viz Miles White, Abner S. Valentine, Samuel May, Jr., Robert Bumpus, and Robert White.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

22^d of the month and 3^d of the week.

Next the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

The Queries were read with the answers thereto in the reports from our subordinate Meetings. During the consideration of the state of Society, as thus brought before our view, it was solemnly apparent that many deficiencies exist among us. Under the exercise which prevailed for their removal, much earnest and affectionate counsel was extended. The important duty of duly assembling ourselves for the solemn purpose of religious worship, was feelingly dwelt upon. We were reminded of the promise, "where three or two are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them;" and that though our Meetings may be small, or frequently held in silence, we are not to be discouraged - but to look with hope and confidence to Him, who useth his people himself, and who is very near to all who call upon Him in truth. We were exhorted, under a sense of the serious nature of the engagement, where we are met together, to manifest by our solid and unfeigned deportment and countenances, that we are indeed engaged in solemn waiting upon the Lord.

If we rightfully valued our own privileges and were the recipients of that love to the brethren, which becomes our Christian profession, we should be constrained, whatever might be our situation in the Church, to encourage and invite our friends to come up with us to the house of the Lord, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. It was seen that of ourselves we were unable to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; but as we were engaged to wait for it, ability would be afforded, and our humble efforts would be blessed. We were encouraged to assemble them often, for the purpose of reading the Holy Scriptures and waiting upon the Lord, that we might imbue their minds with a love for the truth and our principles. Friends were exhorted to be faithful to their convictions, in relation to the maintenance of our testimonies in regard to plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to be willing to come up in all the requirements of truth, and to confess Him before men, who will in the end, if they are faithful, confess ~~them~~ ^{them} before His father and the holy angels.

Then adjourned.

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