

A proposition to this Yearly Meeting to make an appointment of a Committee conjointly with North Carolina, New York and Indiana Yearly Meeting, to visit Philadelphia Ohio and New England Yearly Meetings, to labor with them for the restoration of the correspondence and unity which formerly existed between them, being brought to our Consideration through an Epistle from North Carolina Meeting for Sufferings to ours, it was concluded that way did not open for us to make such an appointment at the present time, and the information was directed to be inserted in our Epistle to North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

The Circumstances of the withdrawal of the of the Representatives from our Quarterly Meeting and a few of our members from the sittings of this Meeting, being now brought into view it was referred to the Committee on Correspondence who are directed to take the subject into consideration, and report to a future sitting.

Then adjourned to 8 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

26th of the Month and 5th of the week.

Friends assembled

By the Report from the Half Yearly Meeting of Virginia now received, it appears that their Representatives (and Chas. Gresham, Joel Cook, and George F. Ferrell, - one of whom is present; one has attended all our sittings but this; for the absence of one a reason was rendered.

The Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the subject of the withdrawal of these Representatives to this Meeting and a few members from our sittings, made a report recommending a statement of the facts to be inserted in our Minutes, after the ^{insertion of the} reception of the Ohio Epistle, which was united with, and the Clerk is directed to make the addition of the Minutes now adopted.

The Committee set apart at a previous sitting, produced an essay of Endorsement, to be placed on the Certificates of brethren and sisters in attendance at this Meeting, except two, - which is approved, and the Clerks are directed to endorse them accordingly.

The Committee to have 500 Copies of the London General Epistle reprinted, reported that the Service had been completed, and the Representatives were directed to take Charge

of their respective proportions.

Essays of Epistles to our Brethren of other Yearly Meetings were now produced by the Committee. They were read and with some Corrections approved. The Clerk is directed to transcribe, sign and forward them.

Having as we reverently believe, been gathered together in the Name of the Lord, and being mercifully favored to trust in him as our helper and guide, we have been preserved in His fear, and enabled to transact our business in a measure of that authority which the Truth gives; while our hearts have been humbled and contrited under a sense of our unworthiness, and of His great goodness. And now desiring to render unto him the tribute of thanksgiving and praise, the Meeting concludes to meet at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

Richard H. Thomas

Clerk to the Meeting this Year.

Summary

Answers to the Queries

1st Ans: All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held and generally duly attended except those on First day afternoon and middle of the week, which are frequently neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior therein is mostly avoided and the hour of Meeting generally observed.

2^d Ans:

Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession; talebearing and detraction are mostly discouraged and when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

3^d Ans:

Most Friends endeavor by example & precept to educate their children and those under their care in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they are encouraged to read the Holy Scriptures. - There are however departures from our professions in dress and address, which are sorrowfully apparent in many of our members.

4th Ans: Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors we believe is maintained, except in a few