

347 Meeting, Maine, Companion to Samuel Taylor jr.

William A. Thomas

Hugh Balderston, John Griffith and Jonah Tandy, are appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to prepare, if way should open for it, an essay of endorsement, to be placed upon the Certificate & Minutes as above read, and produce to a future sitting. — Epistles of Correspondence were produced from the Yearly Meetings of London, New England, New York, Ohio and Indiana — which were read, and the valuable and affectionate Counsel contained in the same, together with the evidence contained therein, of the Unity of our faith and their love to the precious doctrines and testimonies, which, as a people, we are called upon to uphold in their fulness and spiritualty, have been comforting and encouraging to us, and we earnestly desire that this Correspondence may be continued and carried on in that life which will make it truly valuable and cementing, and Richard H. Thomas, John Scott, Bond Valentine, Joseph King jr, William A. Thomas, Hugh Balderston, Aaron H. Griffith, Nathaniel C. Crenshaw, John Griffith, Francis J. King, Isaac Moore, Thomas R. Matthews, Ely B. Hayward, James Carey, George P. Cook and Richard M. Jarney are appointed to prepare Epistles of reply to those now read; also to the Yearly Meeting of Dublin, and North Carolina; from which no Epistles have as yet been presented.

No Epistle has been received at this time from Philadelphia, and the situation of that Meeting in relation to the Separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting having been brought into view, Hugh Balderston, Nathaniel C. Crenshaw, Isaac Brooks, Bond Valentine, William A. Thomas, John Griffith, Joseph King jr, John Scott, Richard H. Thomas, Aaron H. Griffith, and Ely B. Hayward, were appointed in conjunction with a Committee of Women Friends to take the whole subject into consideration, and prepare if way should open for it a Communication to that meeting.

The printed General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting held at London, was now read to our edification and comfort, and with a view to the circulation of its valuable and instructive contents among our members and others, five hundred copies were directed to be reprinted: Miss White and Thomas R. Matthews, are appointed to attend to the printing and call on the Treasurers of the Yearly Meeting for the expense.

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Then adjourned to half past 3 O'clock this afternoon. About the time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

Hugh Balderston, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing the name of Richard H. Thomas, for Clerk; and Francis J. King for Assistant Clerk, which being separately considered was acceptable to the Meeting, and they appointed to the service. They also reported the names of Bond Valentine and Aaron H. Griffith, as Messengers to Women's Meeting, which was united with, and they appointed accordingly.

Ely B. Hayward, on behalf of the Committee appointed last year, to review and record the Minutes of last Yearly Meeting, reported that the service has been completed with; — and Ely B. Hayward, Jesse Tyson and Francis J. King, are appointed to record the Minutes of the present year, and report to the next Yearly Meeting.

A Minute was now read for our Friend Peter Chittenden a member of Sandwick Monthly Meeting, Massachusetts, Companion of our Friend Elizabeth Dufford.

James Carey, Aaron H. Griffith, Nicholas Hopson and George P. Cook, John M. Hopkins, Isaac Moore, Bond Valentine, Wm A. Thomas, and N. C. Crenshaw are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account report the State of the Stock and the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and to fix the relative Quotas of the several Quarterly Meetings, and the Half Yearly Meeting of Virginia, to a future sitting. Accompanying the Epistle from London Yearly Meeting is a Statement of the course pursued by that body, in relation to the Separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting, in 1854 which was now acceptably read, and in order that our members generally may have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with it, the Clerk is directed to have it reprinted in connection with our Minutes.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.