

23^d of the month and 3^d of the week

At the hour adjourned to, Friends assembled.

The Epistle from North Carolina Yearly Meeting was now produced and read to our satisfaction. It is referred to the Committee on Epistles.

The Meeting having been engaged in the consideration of the State of Society, as brought up in the answers to the Queries from the Quarterly Meetings, and the Half Year's Meeting of Virginia, was introduced into a living exercise for the removal of the deficiencies which were apparent in the answers to the Queries. Friends were exhorted not to be satisfied with attending regularly their Meetings on First days, but however it might sometimes appear to involve a sacrifice, to be faithful in presenting themselves regularly at all their Meetings. That a blessing was believed to rest upon such as were livingly concerned to embrace every opportunity of publicly making an acknowledgment of their allegiance to, and dependence upon their Heavenly Father. It was believed that if love to God prevailed in our hearts we should not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Parents and heads of families were exhorted to a more earnest concern in the proper training of their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. And though under a view of the weightiness of the engagement, the Query might be raised: "and who is sufficient for these things?" it was believed that if faithfulness in the little strength that was vouchsafed were abode in, more would be added. They were exhorted to collect their families together daily, to wait upon the Lord, and to read a portion of the Holy Scriptures to them, and to take their children regularly to all their Meetings; above all to manifest by their conversation and example, that their chief concern for themselves and for their children, was more to secure a heavenly inheritance than the possession of earthly riches and honor. They were encouraged to endeavor to imbue the tender minds of their children in early life, with the principles of Divine Truth, and the testimonies of our Society - to direct them to the Heavenly teacher within them, and to encourage them in their desires to walk in the right way; not to fear that these subjects are too sacred or too high for them, but to strive under the Divine blessing to bring their children to Jesus even in their early years.

The young were exhorted no longer to peel off that great work of their souls' salvation, but now to yield their hearts to Him whose right it is to rule and to reign over them. "To day, to day, if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts." Now is the accepted time, now is the day of salvation.

The great blessing of a free gospel ministry was feelingly brought to view, and Friends encouraged to faithfulness in the maintenance of this very important testimony, and not to violate it by giving countenance or public support to any other.

The Subject of Slavery was also felt to be a very interesting one, and it is our earnest desire that our testimony against it may be faithfully maintained, and not be in any degree balked or compromised.

The Subject of Select Schools was seen to be of great importance, and Friends were exhorted and encouraged to do all in their power to provide such schools for their children as would most conduce to their best interests. - That parents might be willing to make the sacrifices and exertions necessary to accomplish so desirable an end.

Trusting in the exercises which have been ours, at this time that we have been favored with the overshadowings of heavenly love and best help, and desiring that our dear Friends not now assembled with us, may be made partakers of the benefit we have directed the above minutes to be sent down in the minutes, to our subordinate Meetings.

Summary answers were collected and are as follows

1st Answer. All our Meetings for worship and discipline, have been held, with some exception implied in the report from Virginia & Half Year's Meeting. Those on First day morning are attended by most of our members but in the afternoon and middle of the week, they are neglected by many. No unbecoming behavior to remark, and the hour of meeting generally observed.

2^d Answer.

All our Meetings for worship and discipline have been held. Friends appear careful to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing, and detraction, are discouraged and when different