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of Children, the reading of which claimed our serious attention and interest. The Committee having charge of the reprinting of the London General Epistle were directed to have seven hundred copies of the Address reprinted for distribution among our members and others.

Aaron R. Giffith, Nicholas Kupperman, William A. Thomas, Miles White, W. M. Maul, Jeremiah Chappell, and Robert S. Peltow were 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 report to a future sitting.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

20th of the month and 3rd of the week
Near this time adjourned to, Friends met.

The state of Society within our limits having been proceeded in as far as the third Query inclusive, its further Consideration was deferred to our next sitting.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

At the hour adjourned to, Friends assembled.

The remaining Queries and the answers to them from the Quarterly Meetings, and the Half Year's Meeting of Virginia were read and the following summary answers adopted to represent the state of this Meeting.

While engaged in this important and interesting subject the meeting was introduced into a living exercise for the advancement of Truth and the support of our Christian testimonies.

The regular attendance of all our meetings was felt to be a testimony of great importance both to members and meetings. How can we expect to grow in grace if we suffer any worldly business to interfere with this solemn duty, and how discouraging it is to the rightly exercised mind to witness the number of those who are absenting themselves from our afternoon and week day meetings.

Would that there was more faithfulness in this respect, and that there might be a willingness to make a sacrifice, even at some cost. We believe that a blessing would rest upon it.

While we rejoice that love becoming our Christian profession prevails amongst us, we were cautioned still to keep closely on the watch, lest as we have had mournfully to experience in time past, any thing should creep in to destroy that harmony.

The guarded education of our youth was felt to be a subject of great importance, that their tender minds might be early imbued with the principles of Divine Truth.

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That we shall endeavor to train them in the fear and love of God, instructing them in the Holy Scriptures, directing them to the influence of the Holy Spirit in their own hearts, and by example and precept as well as by constraining love, training them up in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel, explaining to them as they advance to years of discretion the grounds upon which our testimonies are maintained.

We believe that if parents are livingly concerned to seek after qualifications for these solemn duties, they would be mercifully granted to their own comfort and to their children's happiness.

Overseers and other concerned Friends were encouraged to cultivate that social and affectionate intercourse with our members generally which it is believed will often open the way for religious instruction, draw us nearer together as a people, and prevent many hurtful associations with the world.

First Answer

All our meetings for worship and discipline have been held, except a few in Virginia, those on first day mornings are well attended, but in the afternoon and middle of the week they are much neglected; unbecoming behavior therein generally avoided and the hour of meeting nearly observed.

Second Answer

Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession, tale bearing and detraction are discouraged and we know of no differences amongst us.

Third Answer

We believe some friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, and to guard them from reading pernicious books, and from the corrupt conversation of the world: also to encourage them frequently to read the Holy Scriptures; more care herein however is desirable.

Fourth Answer

We believe our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors is maintained, except in one case under care; frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion are avoided, and moderation and temperance are generally observed.

Fifth Answer

The necessities of the poor are inspected, and when occasion requires relief is afforded.