

42³⁸ Epistles of Correspondence from London, Dublin, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Western Yearly Meetings of Friends, were read to our comfort and edification. We have afresh felt this Epistolary intercourse to be a precious means of binding us together as a Church and people in gospel unity and fellowship, and desire that this ancient and apostolic custom may be long continued among us under the promptings of the blessed Head of the Church, to our spiritual refreshment, and to the building of each other up in our most Holy Faith.

Richard H. Thomas, Joseph King Jr, John Scott, Bond Valentine, Anson H. Giffick, Wm A. Thomas, James Carey, Francis T. King, Nathaniel C. Crenshaw, John D. Crenshaw, Robert S. Dutton, Eliza B. Hayward, Rich^d M. Janney, Thomas A. Matthews, Saml May Jr and Abel J. Hopkins, were appointed to prepare replies to the Epistles now received, and one to Indiana, and produce them to a future sitting.

The Representatives were directed to confer together and propose to our next sitting two Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year.

Then adjourned to 3 1/2 O'clock this afternoon.

At time adjourned to, Friends assembled.

John Scott, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Francis T. King, as Clerk, and Eliza B. Hayward, as Assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year. The nominations were separately considered and united with, and the appointments were made accordingly.

The London General Epistle was read to our comfort and instruction, and that our absent members and others may partake of its valuable and affectionate counsel, the Meeting ordered eight hundred copies to be reprinted for distribution. Thomas A. Matthews and Miles White were appointed to attend to that service and draw upon the Treasurer for the expense.

Abel J. Hopkins, Miles White, Jonathan Lewis Jr, Wm A. Thomas, Samuel May Jr, Jeremiah Chubbuck and Robert S. Dutton, 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.

The Clerk informed, that he is in possession of a copy of the revised Discipline of New York Yearly Meeting, sent by order of that Meeting to ours. He is directed to place it with the books and papers of the Meeting for sufferings.

A vacancy having occurred in this Meeting's Representation in the Meeting for Sufferings, by the death of our late beloved friend Isaac Brooks,

424 — John Scott, Anson H. Giffick, Wm A. Thomas, John D. Crenshaw and Francis T. King, were appointed to propose to a future sitting the name of a suitable Friend to fill the vacancy, if way opens for it. Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

25th of the month and 3^d of the week

Adorable to adjournment the Meeting convened.

Having proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society within our limits as far as the fourth Query, inclusive, the Meeting adjourned to half past three o'clock this afternoon.

At hour adjourned to, Friends met.

The remaining Queries with the answers to them from the Subordinate Meetings, were read and the following summary adopted to represent the present state of the Yearly Meeting.

First Answer

All our Meetings for worship and Discipline have been held, except one for worship at Grove Creek on account of high water, and one small Meeting in Lower Virginia not regularly held, — and attended on First day mornings by most of our members, those in the afternoon and middle of the week are neglected by many. Unbecoming behaviour is mostly avoided, and the hour of meeting generally observed.

Second Answer

Friends generally appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. — We believe that tale-bearing and detraction are discouraged. — No known differences amongst us.

Third Answer

Some Friends endeavor by example and precept to educate their children and those under their care, in plainness of speech, deportment and apparel. — We believe that they endeavor to guard them against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and we believe they are generally encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.

Fourth Answer

Our testimony against distilled spiritous liquors appears to be maintained agreeably to our discipline, with a few exceptions, frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion generally avoided, and moderation and temperance generally observed.

Fifth Answer

The necessities of the poor are inspected and when occasion requires relief is afforded. Our testimony against a hireling Ministry, Oaths, Military Services, Slave-trade

Sixth Answer