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The Committee to name Friends to represent this Meeting at the Conference to be held in this City in the 11th Month, 1866, proposed Francis J. King, James Casey, James C. Thomas, John Scott, William A. Thomas and John B. Greenshaw, who were acceptable to the Meeting and they were accordingly appointed, and directed to report to this Meeting the proceedings of the Conference.

A minute was received from the Half Year's Meeting of Virginia and upon consideration it is the judgment of this Meeting to conform the action of the Half Year's Meeting - releasing the Committee which has heretofore acted with the sanction of this Meeting, in defending the legal rights of the colored people, and authorizing that meeting to act hereafter through a Committee for the benefit of the colored people of that State in other respects. Our Clerk was directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this Minute.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

28th of the month and 4th of the week.

Friends met according to adjournment.

The Minutes of the Meetings for Sufferings for the past year were read, awakening much interest in the various and important subjects which have claimed its attention during that time, and we would encourage that Meeting to continued care and labor, believing this to be a day in which diligence and faithfulness are called for at our hands.

A Minute was received from the Meeting for Sufferings, transmitting a copy of the revised Discipline, and the Men's and Women's Meetings were engaged jointly during this session in considering and examining the revision, as far as the article in "Conduct and Conversation," inclusive.

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

Friends met according to adjournment.

The examination of our Discipline was resumed in a joint Meeting of Men and Women Friends, and proceeded in as far as the article of "Meeting-Houses," inclusive.

Then adjourned to 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

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

The Meeting assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Meeting was engaged jointly in a further examination of the Book of Discipline as far as the article in "Officers," inclusive.

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

Near the time adjourned to Friends met.

The record, with the sympathy and feeling of this Meeting, the absence of our dear friend W. A. Thomas, one of the Representatives from

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Dunsmuir's Creek, who was called home by the sudden death of his son.

The Meeting grants the request of John Peltow, a Representative from Virginia, to return home from unavoidable necessity. The further consideration of the Discipline was continued, in joint Meeting, to the "Adversus," inclusive.

Then adjourned to 9 O'clock tomorrow morning.

27th of the Month and 6th of the week.

About the hour adjourned to Friends met.

The revision of our Book of Discipline, as reported to this Meeting by the Meeting for Sufferings, engaged the serious and careful attention of Men's and Women's Yearly Meeting jointly, during the several sessions of the Meeting since 4th day morning, inclusive.

All verbal and other alterations, and the corresponding parts of the old Discipline, were carefully read, considered and compared, also the additions in connection with the articles to which they belong.

After a number of additions and alterations, the Yearly Meeting, in joint session, united with and adopted the Report of the Committee as the Discipline of this Yearly Meeting, and our Subordinate Meetings, and meetings were directed, hereafter, to conform thereto. Our Clerks were directed to furnish each of the Quarterly Meetings and the Half Year's Meeting with copies of this Minute, to be sent down by them to the subordinate Meetings.

The Discipline, as now revised, is referred back to the Meeting for Sufferings, with a copy of this Minute, to be printed for distribution, and our Treasurer is directed to pay the cost of publication.

During the consideration of this important subject, we have afresh realized our individual responsibility to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us and is dead over all things to his Church. We have been reminded that Christian testimony is but Christian principle acted out in practical life. Friends were exhorted to examine for themselves, and by taking upon them the yoke of Christ, and submitting themselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, be prepared to adorn the Doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

In our deliberations at this time, we have derived much comfort and assistance from the presence and participation in them of our dear friends from England, and from other Yearly Meetings on this Continent. The following Report was received from the Committee to visit Subordinate Meetings - read