

3. Epistles were read from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada. These messages of love and sympathy from our Brethren of the several Yearly Meetings are always a strength and comfort, bringing them near to us in the fellowship of church unity and gospel love. We appoint Richard M. Sauney, John Scott, Aaron H. Griffith, Francis J. King, James C. Thomas, Jonathan Denny, Jr., Jesse Tyson, James Cary, John C. Thomas, Walter Recks, John B. Crenshaw, George L. Scott, Caleb Minstow, Nathaniel B. Crenshaw, Thomas McCoy, Isaac Miller, John Brettow, M. Thompson Milliken, Zachariah McNaul, Joseph R. Solleff and Joseph Pleasant, to prepare replies, and produce them to a future sitting.

4. The following Committee was appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's accounts, report the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, make a new apportionment for the several meetings and report to a future sitting, viz: Jesse Tyson, Aaron H. Griffith, Joseph Edge, Thomas McCoy, M. Thompson Milliken, Zachariah McNaul, John Brettow, John B. Crenshaw and Richard Recks.

5. The Meeting being informed that a vacancy had occurred in its representation in the Meeting for Sufferings occasioned by the death of Isaac Kure, - James Cary, John Scott, John B. Crenshaw, Francis J. King, and Thomas McCoy were appointed to confer together and report to a future sitting the name of a suitable person to fill the vacancy, if way opens for it.

6. 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.

7. The following Friends were appointed to consider the subject of Endorsements of Certificates and Minutes of Friends travelling within our limits, and report to a future sitting, viz:

Aaron H. Griffith, John Scott, James Cary, Richard M. Sauney, M. Thompson Milliken, Thomas McCoy, Isaac Miller, Jeremiah Miller, John B. Crenshaw and John Brettow.

8. The same Committee was directed to consider and report upon the propriety of publishing a second edition of our Book of Discipline.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock to morrow morning.

20th of the month and 3d of the week.

Friends met near the time adjourned to.

9. John Scott, on behalf of the Representatives, reported that they had conferred together, and were united in proposing Francis J. King, for Clerk and James Cary, for Assistant Clerk, which was united with by the Meeting, and they were accordingly appointed.

10. The Queries and Answers were read and carefully considered, and the following Summary was adopted to represent our condition:

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

1st Answer. All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, those on First-days are attended by most of our members; those in the middle of the week are neglected by many. Unbecoming behavior is avoided, and the hour nearly observed.

2d Answer. Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our Christian profession. Tale bearing and detraction are discouraged. No differences apparent amongst us.

3d Answer. Friends mostly endeavor by example and precept to bring up their children and those under their care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and in the plainness of Speech, deportment and apparel which the Gospel enjoins; to guard them against reading pernicious books and from the corrupt conversation of the world, and they encourage them to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th Answer. We believe that our testimony to a Free Gospel Ministry is maintained with some few exceptions.

5th Answer. Our testimony against distilled Spirits and liquors is maintained with a few exceptions mentioned in our report. Frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, we believe are avoided, and moderation and temperance are generally observed.

6th Answer. The necessities of the poor are inspected, and when necessary, relief is afforded.

7th Answer. Friends maintain a faithful testimony against oaths, military service, clandestine trade, prize goods, lotteries and Slavery. Those of the African race under our care are suitably provided for, and they are generally instructed in useful learning.

8th Answer. Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, and to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage, or engaging in hazardous or speculative trade, or defrauding the public revenue. They appear just in their dealings and punctual in complying with their engagements.

9th Answer. Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders sensibly and impartially, and to win to those who will not be reclaimed, the spirit of meekness and love, before judgement is placed upon them.

10th Answer. Samuel W. Miller, an Elder of Dunning's Creek Monthly Meeting, deceased 1st month, 16 1868 in the 75th year of his age.

11th Answer. None.

12th Answer. Care is taken as far as practicable to place children for tuition under the care of suitable teachers in Membership with us.