

within the Limits of Sumner's Court Quarter —

Several of the Committee attended Sumner's Court Quarterly Meeting, & two of the Committee attended the Meeting at Courtinville, & appointed a meeting for the public at that place, several of the Committee attended Court Quarterly Meeting.

Within the Limits of Virginia half year's Meeting.

Two of the Committee attended the Half Year's Meeting at Black Creek in the 5th mo. when there was supposed to be present from 1200 to 1500 persons, a Meeting being held at a stand in the yard as well as in the Church; both in the fore & afternoon; notwithstanding, the great crowd remarkable good order prevailed. Two of the Committee at another time visited Black Creek Meeting most of the families there.

Three of the Committee attended the Half Year's Meeting at Richmond in the 10th mo. & had a Meeting appointed for the public.

Feeling that the labors of such a Committee are of value strengthening hands ready to hang down, we recommend to the Yearly Meeting the continuance of a Committee for such service another year.

Sig. on behalf of Committee.

Wm. J. Crumshaw
And H. Scholfield

14 The following Report of the Committee on General Meetings was read & approved, & the Committee was continued & encouraged to further service.

The Committee on General Meetings reports that a General Meeting was held in Baltimore on the 2^d of 6th mo. last commencing with an appointed Meeting in the Court House, on 5th day morning, which was largely attended. Two Meetings were held in Friends Meeting house on 6th day fore in the morning at the Court House; again, in Friends Meeting house on 7th day forenoon, an Appointed Meeting at Courtinville in the afternoon & evening at the Young Men's Christian Assoc. On first day, beside our regular Meeting for worship, there were three appointed Meetings held in the afternoon and evening at the Meeting House of other denominations, which were opposed the Committee. A Journal of these Meetings, Friends views were specially explained. Much interest & feeling were manifested amongst Friends & others, we believe the Lord's blessing attended the various Meetings.

Feeling that such General Meetings, when conducted in the fear of the Lord, are calculated to do much good, we unite in recommending the continuance of a Committee for holding such Meetings the

ensuing year, within our limits, as may may seem for it.

Sig. by direction on behalf of the Committee Wm. J. Crumshaw
And H. Scholfield

15 The such annual report of the "Peace Officers of Friends in America" was read to our satisfaction, your Treasr. was directed to pay to the Treasr. of that Assocn. our quota of expenses upon the same ratio as last year.

16 The remaining Queries & answers were read & seriously considered.

Summary of Answers to the Queries.

1st Ans. All our Meetings for worship & discipline have been held, with our recreation: those on First day morning have been attended by our members generally; those in the evening & in the middle of the week are frequented by some friends. Suborning behavior is generally avoided. The hour of Meeting mostly observed.

2^d Ans. Friends appear to maintain love towards one another becoming our Christian profession except that our reports state "most Friends". Tale bearing & detraction are discouraged & when differences arise endeavors are used to end them.

3^d Ans. Friends are generally careful to bring up their children & those under their charge, in the nurture & admonition of the Lord, & the plainness of speech & deportment & apparel which the Gospel requires: to guard them against reading pernicious books, & from the corrupt conversation of the world: to encourage their frequent reading of the Holy Scriptures: but in their own care in these particulars would be profitable.

4th Ans. We believe that our testimony to a free Gospel is maintained with some exceptions in our Meeting.

5th Ans. We believe that our testimony against distilled Spirits & liquors is generally maintained, frequenting taverns, & attending places of dissipation are avoided, moderation & temperance observed. Some exceptions, however, as regards places of dissipation which are under care.

6th Ans. The necessities of the Poor are inspected & when occasion requires relief is afforded.

7th Ans. We believe Friends maintain a faithful testimony against wars, military service, clandestine trade, foreign goods, lotteries, and slavery. Those of the African race under our care are suitably provided for, & they are instructed in useful learning.

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