

Cruck Quarterly Meeting, and referred to John Scott, John Pethur, Allen C. Thomas and Joseph Edge, who were directed to report to a future sitting.

A proposition was introduced in this Meeting to change the time of holding our Quarterly Meetings in the future to the first second day of the 1st, 3rd, 6th and 9th months.

13. The Committee to propose a Friend to fill the vacancy in this Meeting's representation in the Meeting for sufferings, occasioned by the death of Charles White, reported the name of Francis White, which was united with and he was appointed to that service, and our clerks were directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this Minute.

Then adjourned to meet at 3 o'clock this afternoon in joint session with Women Friends.

Friends met in joint session, pursuant to adjournment.

14. The Meeting was engaged in the revision of the Book of Discipline as far as the article on Ministry and Oversight.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

3rd of the week and 24th of the month.

The Meeting convened at 10 o'clock.

15. The Minutes were read, with the answers from the Quarterly Meetings, and the following summary of answers was agreed upon to represent the present state of the Yearly Meeting:

1st Answer. All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, except two Meetings for Worship at Hopewell and two at Patuxent, omitted on account of inclement weather; and one Meeting for Worship in Virginia on account of sickness. The Meetings on first adjourning are attended by our members generally; those on the evening and middle of the week are neglected by many; unbecoming behavior is avoided, and the hour of meeting observed by most Friends.

2^d Answer. Friends appear to maintain love towards each other, renouncing our Christian profession. Slandering and detraction are discouraged, and when differences arise, endeavors are used to end them.

3^d Answer. We believe most Friends, by example and precept, endeavor to bring up their children and those under their care, in the virtues and admiration of the Lord, and in the plainness of speech, deportment and apparel which the Gospel enjoins; they endeavor 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 generally maintained.

5th Answer. Our testimony against distilled spirituous liquors is maintained, with a few exceptions. Frequenting taverns and places of dissipation is avoided, and moderation and temperance generally observed.

6th Answer. The necessities of the poor are inspected, and where aid is required, relief is afforded.

7th Answer. We believe that Friends maintain a faithful testimony against rather military service, clandestine trade, prize goods, lotteries and slavery. Those of the African race under their care are suitably provided for, and they are 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 to be just in their dealings, and generally punctual in complying with their engagements.

9th Answer. Care is generally taken to deal with offenders seasonably and impartially, and to revive in those who will not be reclaimed the spirit of meekness and love before judgment is placed upon them.

10th Answer. Lydia Arkin, an Elder of Patuxent Monthly Meeting, departed this life 10th month 10th 1876, aged 65 years. Wm. M. Kaul, an Elder of Centre Monthly Meeting, deceased 9th month 5th 1876, in the 83rd year of his age. Ruth M. Long, an Elder of Dunning's Creek Monthly Meeting, died 3rd month 14th 1876, in the 81st year of her age.

11th Answer. None.