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Near the time adjourn'd to the meeting gathered

The state of society as reported from our Quarterly meetings was entered upon and proceeded in as far as the 10th July

Adjourn'd to meet at 10.0. clock tomorrow morning

20th of the month and 4th of the week pursuant to adjournment meeting gathered

The remaining Queries with their respective answers, were read and the subjoined summary answer, comprised from those received from the Quarterly meetings during this and the preceding sitting a fervent engagement was felt for the prosperity of Zion and the enlargement of her borders; under which the minds of many were introduced into an earnest and deep exercise on account of the many deviations manifest amongst us from that purity and simplicity which once so eminently distinguished us as a peculiar people; and a solicitude was experienced that friends might be engaged to enter into an examination, how far they

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are individually concerned to live in accordance with the requisitions of the several Queries

A lively interest was also awakened for the timely instruction of the youth of our society, that by early culture their hearts may be prepared to receive the heavenly seed; mothers were feelingly exhorted to a sense of their responsibility and to a performance of their duty in relation to their infant charge, believing that much depends on their assiduous labouring under Divine authority to form the tender minds of their precious offspring that a blessing will attend such pious endeavour and that in due season they shall reap if they pain't not; And the beloved youth were affectionately invited to yield implicit obedience to the convictions of truth and to the visitations of heavenly love; by which they will be enabled to manifest a consistancy in all things with the religious profession we are making.

A living concern also prevailed on account of the deficiencies