

23rd of the month and 4th of the week.

Since the time adjourned to, Friends assembled in joint session with New Friends.

The London General Epistle was read, and was very acceptable to the meeting. Bearing with it the weight and authority of the Spirit; its teachings and counsels are applicable to the state of the Church and its members.

That the usefulness of this retracted document should be more widely spread, friends were encouraged to read it in their families, and a number of copies were ordered to be printed for distribution.

A memorial of our dear friend

John Guffee an Elder of Exeter Monthly Meeting, approved by his Monthly and Quarterly Meetings was presented to this Meeting by the Meeting for Sufferings. The reading of this Memorial has fairly brought to our remembrance the life and services of this aged servant of the Church. While we realize our great loss we can rejoice in his eternal gain — preserved during a long life in love and faithfulness to his Lord and Saviour, and coming to his grace in a full age, like as a shock of corn cometh in his season.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read

and were satisfactory and interesting, as showing the extent and variety of the work which has engaged the attention of that portion of our organization.

The report of the Committee on General Meetings was read and was satisfactory. The Committee was continued and encouraged to diligence and further effort.

Report of the Committee on General Meetings to the Yearly Meeting:

A General Meeting was held at Black Creek, Southampton County, Virginia, on the 19th and 20th of the 5th month, just previous to the Half Year's Meeting, which was opened by a meeting for worship, followed by meetings at which several friends were selected to explain the principles of our Religious Society, 1st, on the Ordinances, 2nd, on the Moral Mission of the Society, 3rd, on fundamental Christian Doctrines.

Each Meeting was a season of grace, especially was that the case on Seventh-day afternoon and Second-day morning, when a number for the first time openly declared on whose side they desired to stand.

We have since learned that several members have been added to the meeting at that place. We believe the interest of the Church will be promoted