

A Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held the 20th of the 1st Month 1849

By reports received from the quarterly Meetings & the Spaff Years Meeting of Virginia it appears the following names & friends and the representatives viz -

From Baltimore - John Griffith, John Scott, Sarah Sands, Dorothy Leitch, Sarah Sands & Eliza Robertson.

From Nottingham - Samuel Nottingham, Joseph Ballance, Anna Nottingham & Mary Harlan.

From Dunsmuir's Creek - William A. Thomas, Eliza M. Boy, James Magrath & Ruth M. Boy.

Virginia Spaff Years Meeting - Nathaniel C. Greenlaw & Eliza Cook who were present except four, for the absence of three of whom reasons were rendered.

Certificates & Minutes were produced by brethren & sisters attending this meeting from within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, as follows - One for Abigail F. Cornell a Minister from Butternuts Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Butternuts quarterly Meeting State of New York - One for Sarah M. White a Minister from Spiceland Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Spiceland quarterly Meeting, Indiana - One for Rice Rice an Elder from Duck Creek Monthly Meeting, Indiana - One for William Sarman an Elder from Hector Monthly Meeting State of New York & One for Rachael Taber an Elder from Butternuts Monthly Meeting same State which were read & with their company, is acceptable to the meeting. The Clerk is directed to present them to the notice of the Yearly Meeting -

The Queries were read in this meeting & the answers received from the Subordinate Meetings from which the following summary answers were collected as nearly representing the present state of the meeting -

1st Answer - Ministers & Elders when of ability are generally diligent in the attendance of Meetings for worship & Discipline and we believe they encourage their families to that religious duty -

2nd Answer - Ministers in the exercise of their gifts appear careful to wait for divine ability -

3rd Answer - Ministers & Elders appear to be preserved in a good degree of unity, one with another & with the Meetings to which they belong generally manifesting a religious concern for the advancement of truth & the support of our discipline -

4th Answer - We believe that Ministers & Elders are exemplary in uprightness temperance & moderation (some exceptions are noted in one report) and that they are concerned to endeavour to educate their families in plainness of dress & simplicity of manners becoming our religious profession -

Having been favoured to transact the Business which lay before us at this time, under the prevalence of feelings of sympathy one with another the meeting concluded - to meet at the usual time next year if the Lord permit -