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was cause of exercise. The Separatists continue to meet with them in their meetings for worship, the unpleasant effect of which is sensibly felt to be subversive of good order, which our friends think it will be difficult to arrest until testimonies of disavowment are issued against them, which the Com^e recommended them to proceed with without further delay. In view of the further services of the Com^e being required, we are free to propose that the Pres^e & Mo Mgs of Deer Creek be changed so as to meet one week earlier than they now do, to allow the members of the Quarterly Mgs Com^e to attend their own Mo Mgs, which they cannot now do, being held on the same day. Which proposed change we submit to the consideration of the Quarterly Mgs.

Signed on behalf of the Com^e

Mary Wright } Joseph King Jr
10/17. 1856. Ann J Matthews } John Scott

All the Queries with the answers from the Mo Mgs were read & the following Summary adopted to represent the present state of this meeting to be forwarded in our report to the Yearly Mgs to attend which as our Rep^s we appoint

Hugh Balderston, Jos King Jr, John Scott, Aaron H Griffith, Geo J. Cook, Jonah Sand John Griffith & Isaac Moore.

who are directed to pay our Quotas of the yearly meeting stock & Indian fund & report to our next meeting.

1st An^d. All our meetings for worship & discipline have been held. Those on first day morning

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are well attended, in the afternoon & middle of the week they are generally small, one report excepts those who have joined in the separation. Unbecoming behaviour therein is mostly avoided & the hour of meeting nearly observed.

2nd An^d. Friends appear to maintain love towards each other becoming our christian profession. Talebearing & detraction are discouraged & there are no apparent differences among us.

3rd An^d. We trust most friends endeavor by example & precept to educate their children & those under their care in plainness of speech deportment & apparel, to guard them against reading pernicious books & from the corrupt conversation of the world & we believe they are generally encouraged frequently to read the Holy Scriptures.

4th An^d. Our testimony against distilled spirits & wine & liquors is maintained agreeably to our discipline with a few exceptions, which have claimed some care. Friends are careful to avoid frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as we know & also to observe moderation & temperance on all occasions.

5th An^d. The necessities of the poor are inspected & when occasion requires relief is afforded.

6th An^d. Our testimony against a hiring ministry, oaths, military services, clandestine trade prize goods & lotteries appears to be maintained. One report however mentions some attendance on a hiring ministry.

7th An^d. Friends appear careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances & to avoid involving themselves in business beyond their ability to manage to be just in their dealings & generally punctual in complying with their engagements.