

and an omission of that dedication (by whatever cause produced) which would qualify for the performance of it, is doubtless the cause why so many of our precious Offspring are so much neglected, - why their tender, inquiring, and susceptible minds are not more generally improved, and informed, concerning the Divine Voice and Power, in its Operations and Teachings; and hence also arises that unconcern in regard to taking them to religious Meetings, - which we are led to believe is often the cause of heaviness instead of animated Devotion in those Meetings. - To the same want of dedication is also attributable the various defects in the exercise of our Discipline, and friends were affectionately exhorted individually to labour, not only for right qualifications in themselves for the performance of their own special Duties, but also for true discernment in their appointments to the weighty Services of the Church; - remembering that those who are not measurably under the influence of Divine Wisdom and Love, cannot be suitable channels through which the healing virtue of the spirit of reconciliation can be dispensed to others. -

Then adjourned to the third hour this afternoon. -

• Near the time adjourned to, Friends again collected. -

A Memorial was produced to this Meeting, through the medium of the Meeting for Sufferings from Indian Spring. Monthly meeting for our deceased Friends Mary Brooke, which being read was satisfactory. It was directed to be returned to the Meeting for Sufferings to be recorded. -

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were produced and read, - with the proceedings whereof the satisfaction of the Meeting was expressed, and that Meeting continued. -

The standing Committee on the Pasture Lot brought in the following Report:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting."

"The Committee on the Pasture Lot have agreed to report that we have attended to our appointment, and laid out nearly all the Money we were last year authorized to call upon the Treasurer for, and are of the mind that two hundred and fifty Dollars will be necessary to meet the Expenses of next Year."

"11th Month 9th 1809." - Samuel Price, Samuel Coale, William Trimble, Benjamin Elliott

"James Brown, John Elliott, Thomas Moore."

Which was read and approved, and the Committee left at liberty to draw on the Treasurer to the amount mentioned, as the money shall become necessary. -

Then adjourned to the third hour to-morrow afternoon.

1809

Twelfth of the Month and fifth of the Week.

Friends again assembled pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee on Indian Concerns produced the following Report, which being read, the satisfaction of the Meeting with their Proceedings was expressed, and they encouraged to pursue the interesting Objects of their Appointment, as way may open:

"To the Yearly Meeting now sitting."

"The Committee on Indian Concerns report, that the young men who had been sent out to assist and instruct the Indians, returned about the first of the present Year and informed that they had gone out early in the Spring and remained at our Station on the Wabash until about the middle of the 11th month last, during which time they had raised a good crop of Corn of between five and six hundred bushels in the Ear which was carefully secured before they came away. They had also raised a variety of vegetables which were given to the Indians. - The Corn also has since been distributed amongst such of the Indian families as appeared most in need of it. - Our young men further informed that they had aided the Indians in building several Houses, after the crop was in a situation for their attention to be withdrawn from it, and that some of them appeared industrious and worked steadily; - but the corrupting and debasing influence of Spirituous Liquors upon them, which article they at that time continued to introduce in large quantities into their Villages, was found to be a great obstacle in the way of their general improvement, and it was the judgment of these Friends that if means could not be adopted to prevent their easy access to this bane of civilization and morality, there did not appear a very encouraging prospect of their progressing much in improvement, they however appeared generally thankful, and expressed their Obligations for the assistance they had received."

"The Committee also received a Communication from the Miami, Pottawatomie, Del. River and other nations of Indians north-west of the State of Ohio informing that an Address which we had some time before forwarded to them, on the subject of the admission of spirituous liquors into their country had been received, and interpreted to the different Tribes when assembled in their general Council in the ninth month 1808, and that they had on a full consideration of the subject unitedly agreed to petition the government of the United States to interdict the future transportation of that article into their country, which Petition they forwarded to us, and at the same time solicited the aid of Friends in promoting such measures as might hereafter relieve them from the dreadful consequences of this great destroyer amongst them."

"The Committee taking into consideration the destructive effects which, during their intercourse with the Indians they had observed to flow from their excessive use of spirituous Liquors, and which