

which time the average number of scholars was 30; of these children, fifteen were young female boarders in the family of the farmer, and receiving instruction in the various employments deemed necessary to render them good housekeepers.

Arrangements were in train to open the school again as early as a suitable teacher could be engaged, which, it is believed, will be very soon, when there is no doubt, as many children will be offered as can, with the present accommodations, be conveniently received. "

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

10th mo. 17. 1845. P. E. Thomas Clerk.

The subject referred to in the report from Centre Quarterly Meeting in relation to the establishment of a new Yearly Meeting, to wit:—

"Being informed that our request for a Yearly Meeting last year was again put by, but that Philadelphia Yearly Meeting had appointed a committee on the subject, which being met, information was asked for by some, concerning our object in making the application, which was directed to be furnished by the joint committee of this meeting and Fishing Creek half-year meeting, as due to them. We have also thought it right that our Yearly Meeting should have a similar explanation of our views and feelings on the subject. We therefore submit the following.

It may seem unnecessary, but perhaps it may not be uninteresting to you to be informed, that many years ago in the days of Friends, most of whom are now cut off from amongst us by death, or otherwise, that a proposition was made for a union in the capacity of a Quarterly Meeting of, perhaps, the Monthly

meetings of Centre and Muncy, but it was denied. After that there was a time in which Friends of these meetings so far lost sight of each other, that it was not known but what the meetings had gone down, and the members thereof swept away. But, within the last few years, two friends of Centre being apprised of the existence of the half-year meeting of Fishing Creek, and attending to the workings of Truth in their own minds, went forth to search it out. By them, the members of that meeting were informed that a Quarterly Meeting was held at Centre and other places composed of three monthly meetings. Finding that there was a Quarterly Meeting so near (comparatively speaking) and so similarly circumstanced with themselves, was very unexpected to the members of the half-year meeting.

Now the present movement seemed to have originated thus.

It was opened to the view of the minds of several different friends, that it would be right at some time for these two meetings to unite in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting. Each one thought that he or she was the first that had had an intimation of this kind; but on mentioning it, found that the same thing had occurred to the minds of others. This was before we had mingled together further than the attendance of the half-year meeting, and some of the meetings composing it by the two friends above mentioned.

The subject or concern soon spread so far that it was opened in our meetings, and we think we can safely say, was united with in a remarkable manner; and notwithstanding our respective yearly meetings could not see with us, yet the concern still lives in our minds, is still new and fresh as in the begin-