

ring, and with many rather gaining ground, proving itself, as we believe, to be from the printings of Truth, and will abide with us, unless we turn our backs upon the Light.

We would not wish to stamp the concern too high, but after years of deliberation, we do believe that it was opened to us in the light of Truth, that it would contribute to our strength and encouragement in maintaining the righteous testimonies of our society among ourselves and our children; and in holding them up, both by precept and example to those by whom we are surrounded - many of whom are becoming prepared to see and to hear, for these meetings to be united in one, and no other form of union presents itself with clearness, but that of a Yearly Meeting. Now we to unite in a Quarterly or half year meeting, this would be going backward instead of forward, for these we now have separately, and in that way wish to retain them.

Though these are our views, we desire patiently to wait until way opens clearly to move further. We have no other desire than the unity of the body, or in other words of our respective yearly meetings. But the subject has so impressed our minds that we do earnestly desire that the Yearly Meeting may duly weigh the subject, for many of us are apprehensive that if the concern is put by, that the effect upon Society in these parts would not be salutary. Come among us, feel with and for us, give us your counsel freely, for if we are in error, we wish to be convinced thereof.

Thus we have spoken in freedom as becomes brethren, but we have also spoken in love - showing that a concern for Friends

to unite in some form amongst these detached meetings, began with our fathers, that it has been impressed upon our minds, most of whom were ignorant at the time of that fact, that it is in our estimation, a religious concern, having for its object, the promotion of the cause of Truth and Righteousness in the earth."

Which now claiming the attention of friends, it was concluded to appoint the following friends to give the subject such attention as in their judgment may appear proper, and when way opens to do so, to report to the yearly meeting: viz: Roger Brooke, Jacob Lafeta, Philip E. Thomas, Benjamin Peiris, Richard Hummer, Samuel Register, Cyrus Griest, Mahlon Gannetson, Abel Russell, Jacob B. Hewitt, Abner M. Hummer, Elias Hilbert, William Tate, Isaac E. Steer, Jonathan Laver, Thomas Wright, William B. Steer, Joseph Branson, Eli Amuday, Asa Jones, James Coale, Joseph Thomas, Jesse Pugh, Thomas Bradway, Asaph Kirk, William Underwood, Nathan Smith, Benjamin Wacker, Jesse May, & William Cleaver.

The minutes of the meetings for sufferings were read and were satisfactory; and the Memorial therein referred to, concerning our deceased friend William Fisher, after being deliberately considered was approved and directed to be returned to the meeting for sufferings to be recorded, and the books were directed to have it printed in connection with the extracts that it may be generally circulated amongst our members.

The following named friends were directed to propose to a future sitting the names of suitable friends to constitute a meeting