

or whether it includes all who appear as ministers in our meetings for worship." And Abraham Merritt, Philip E. Thomas, Roger Brooke, John Jewett, George Rice, Caleb Ogden, William Hewes, Charles Kistowell, Abner M. Plummer, Thomas Wright, Benjamin Hallowell, Isaac Walker, Saml. M. Jaunay, David S. McCoy, Francis P. Smith, David Pary, Zephaniah Underwood, John Way, Nathan Hammond, & Samuel Downing, were appointed a committee to take the subject into their consideration & report their judgment thereon to a future sitting.

The following proposition was received from Centre Quarterly Meeting, and being read was united with by mens and womens meetings, viz:—

The subject of changing the time of holding two of our Quarterly Meetings and the place of one has been under contemplation and we have united in proposing the following

The Quarter held at Centre on the first second day in the third month, to be held at Bald Eagle on the third second day in the second month, and the one held at West Branch changed to the third second day in the 11th month, and the sixth and ninth to remain as they are at present, on the first second day in those months."

The representatives from Centre Quarterly Meeting were requested to inform that meeting of our judgment in this case.

The representatives were requested to confer together at the close of this sitting & propose to our next the names of suitable friends to serve the meeting as clerk & assistant clerk.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Near the time adjourned to friends assembled.

Benjamin P. Moore on behalf of the representatives reported that they had agreed to propose the name of William Stabler for clerk and Benjamin Hallowell for assistant clerk, with which the meeting concurred and they were appointed to the service.

The following report was received from the standing committee on Indian Concerns which was satisfactory to the meeting and the committee were continued requested to embrace

every suitable opportunity of rendering service to these people:

"To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:—

The Committee on Indian Concerns Report, that nothing has occurred since our last Yearly Meeting, which rendered a visit from us to the Senecas necessary, yet, in conjunction with our friends of New York and Genesee Yearly Meetings, an active communication has been maintained between us and these Indians, and they have on various occasions sought our advice and assistance when they deemed it necessary, which as far as requests has been rendered them. The administration of the laws under their new constitution, appears to have been regularly & prudently conducted, and to have afforded very general satisfaction. Some of the headchiefs, however, who by the change in their form of government, were divested of the power they formerly exercised, have continued to maintain an organized opposition to the existing authorities, in conjunction with the Agents of the land speculators, who for a series of years past, have grievously harassed these Indians. During the session of the late New York Legislature, another attempt was made to overthrow the Representative government adopted by the Seneca Nation, and which had been formally acknowledged, both by the Governments of the United States, and of the State of N. York. This attempt, however, although powerful influences and appliances were brought to sustain it, was, after a full and patient investigation of the whole case, defeated by an overwhelming vote of the New York Senate."

As an evidence of the continued friendly disposition on the part of the authorities of that State, toward these people, the Legislature at its last session, in extension of their general school system over the Indian children, have also made provision, for the admission of thirty of these children into their public Normal School, where they are to be educated in the higher branches of instruction, and supported at the public expense, until qualified to become school teachers.

By accounts from Cattaraugus, the Committee are informed, that the yield of the crops there the present year is very abundant, affording an ample supply of provisions for all the inhab-