

Preparative and Monthly Meetings have been changed, each one week earlier in the month than heretofore. So that the Preparative Meeting will in future be held the 5th day after the 1st 2nd day, and the Monthly Meeting the 5th day after the 2nd 2nd day in the month.

Acceptable Epistles were received from our brethren in Philadelphia, New York, and Tennessee. Yearly Meetings which were read to our edification and comfort, and Samuel Townsend, William Ellis, Samuel McSweeney, Edward Painter, George Reeder, Abner Hull, Philip E. Thomas, Darlington Hooper, William B. Steel, William Sawthrop, and Benjamin P. Moore were appointed to prepare essays of Epistles, as may may open to the several Yearly Meetings with which this corresponds, and Report to a future sitting.

The Committee on Indian Concerns presented the following Report, which was read, and was unusually interesting and satisfactory.

The Committee was continued, and encouraged to persevere in their benevolent efforts to be serviceable to this deeply injured and helpless people, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting, now sitting:

The Committee on Indian Concerns, having received an invitation from the general council of the Seneca Nation to make them a visit, it was after consultation with our friends in New York, with whom we are associated in this concern, to comply with their desire, and a delegation from the joint committee was appointed to the service, from whom the following Report was received, viz:

To the Joint Committee on Indian Concerns representing the Yearly Meeting of New York and Baltimore. The Committee appointed to visit the Seneca Indians in the State of New York. Report:— That they arrived at Cattaraugus, on the 22nd of the 9th month, last, where they were received by the Indians with kindness, several of whom, soon after

our arrival, called at our lodgings to express their satisfaction in again having an opportunity to see their old friends. They soon made arrangements to meet us, in a General Council, to be held in their Council-house on the 28th of the month. More than two hundred accordingly met us, among whom were several Indians from the Senewanda and Allegany Reservations.

The Council was opened by John Hudson, an Indian Chief, as follows:

Brothers:— You will now listen to the few words we have to say to you. It has been two days since all the people upon this Reservation at Cattaraugus, have been notified of this meeting, and according to appointment, you are now seated amongst us. At a recent Council held by the Councilors of the Seneca Nation, a resolution was introduced and passed by them, extending a friendly invitation to you of the Society of Friends, to come among the Senecas for the purpose of holding a friendly interview with them; for we were anxious to see you again. The few Councilors here present have appointed me to speak in their behalf. I further say, that we continue to have confidence in Friends; and we believe that it is by the providence of the Great Spirit that we have been brought together in this place, on this day—that by his will you have been permitted to comply with the request of the Seneca Nation, and that through his protection you have arrived among us in safety and in good health.

You now behold us as we are, from the oldest to the least and youngest.

Brothers:— Another reason why we desire your presence among us once more is, that it has now been several years since we last saw one another.

A long time ago we were told by our forefathers, that a covenant of friendship was established between them and the Quakers, and that it was they who protected us. This we have seen and realized.

This chain of friendship with the Indians was first extended to us by the venerable William Penn. We have been told that about one hundred and