1862 We feel bound gratefully to acknowledge that the sustaining arm of Almighty Goodness, has been our support in this arduous duty, the work we believe, was His, and the power His, and to Him be all the glory.

We regret that the Meetings in Iowa did not come within the scope of our labors. Some of our members had, at one time, a clear prospect of proceeding thither; but unexpected difficulties arose, which we think it right to state to the Yearly Meeting. At a Meeting of the Committee held in the 3d Mo. last, we learned that among some members of a Monthly Meeting dissatisfaction existed with regard to our proceedings, and had even gone so far as to induce the Preparative Meetings of Ministers and Elders held there, to make an abatement in their answer to the 3d Query under an apprehension that those of their members, who had acted under the appointment of the Yearly Meeting, had failed to manifest a religious concern for the support of our Discipline. The objection as represented to the Committee was, that the Yearly Meeting, in authorizing its Committee to appoint meetings, had violated its own discipline, and that those of us who had been concerned in this engagement were therefore not in order. Believing as we did, that this opinion was honestly held by some concerned minds, it produced on our part a feeling of discouragment and painful exercise, which induced us, for a time, to suspend the further prosecution of our concern. In the 6th Month last the Committee held another meeting at which nearly all its members were present, when we took into consideration the objections that had been raised to the exercise of the authority confered upon us by the Yearly meeting "to appoint meetings as truth might open the way in our minds therefor." After due deliberation and serious enquiry, we came to the conclusion that the Yearly Meeting, in conferring upon us this privilege, in order to facilitate our labors among the members of our own Society, had not transcended

its powers nor violated its discipline for these obvious reasons:

First. The Yearly Meeting is itself when acting under the authority of truth, the fountain of discipline for its own members and for all its subordinate Meetings. There is no appeal from its decisions; it can change the rules of discipline at any time it may see fit, and those rules intended to control the action of the subordinate Meetings do not necessarially apply to its proceedings.

Second. The rules in the book of discipline (articles 12, 13, and 14 pages 74 and 75) relating to the appointment of meetings by approved ministers under the authority and sanction of Monthly meetings, do not apply to the action of the Yearly Meeting, and were not intended to restrain it in the exercise of its legitimate functions as the supervisor of all all our meetings. As the Monthly Meetings have the power to appoint meetings, and can delegate their power to Committees; it cannot be supposed that Yearly meeting, the fountain of that power, has divested itself of this authority so needful for the exercise of its parental care over the subordinate Meetings.

For these reasons and others that might be stated the Committee came to the conclusion that the objections raised to our proceedings, and also to the action of the Yearly meeting, were without foundation, and should not be permitted to obstruct the prosecution of the service assigned us, which we have felt to be a labor of love. All of which is submitted to the Yearly meeting.

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