

1865 The sum of Three Thousand Dollars, Charles Leavitt for-
the purpose of purchasing a site, and erecting thereon a suitable
building for a Meeting House in the town of Winchester Va.

They are of the opinion that this amount can be raised by
by voluntary subscriptions, among our members, and would
recommend this course to the Yearly Meeting.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee by
Richard T. Bentley *Chk.*

Which Report upon being read and considered, was received with and adopted by the General Meeting, so far as to direct that the subscription papers be opened for raising the \$2,000 up to be needed by voluntary subscriptions; and should any deficiency exist it will be made up by the General Meeting next year. Friends were encouraged to be liberal in their subscriptions to this interesting and object.

The sum that is collected, is to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting, subject to the order of the General Monthly Meeting for the purposes mentioned in the Report.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

First of the 11th March and 24th of the week.

Pursuant to adjournment Business again resumed

Portt H. Hamilton, Mosecatie Friend, Henry R. Russell
Nathan Smith, Maria W. Benson, Samuel S. Pidgeon
James Wood, Joseph H. Smith, Nathan Wood and Alth C. Mowry
was appointed a Com. to examine and settle the Treas^r
account. Proposed a fund to be raised to defray the ensuing-
year, and proposed the names of a Unitath Friend, & for Treasurer
to this Meeting.

The Committee appointed upon the subject last year, present the following Report, which upon being read and deliberately considered, was united with and adopted. viz:

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting 1865

The Committee, appointed by our last Yearly Meeting to prepare a history of the circumstances which led to the establishment of Meetings in the State of Iowa, as branches of Fairfax Quarterly Meetings, send the action of that Quarterly Meeting therein; submit the following Report.

In the year 1855, and in the early part of 1866, a number of

1868 Jamieson of Paisley, members of Hopwood, Fairfax, and Good Creek Monthly Meetings, and consequently of Fairfax Quarterly Meeting in the State of Virginia, removed and formed a settlement, which they called, Prairie Land in Wayne Township, Henry County Iowa. One of these friends was an approved Minister, and soon occupied the station of Elder in the Meetings from which they removed.

In their new settlement, among the first and greatest privations and wants they experienced, were those of the sweet religious communion and social worship, which they enjoyed in their meetings for worship and discipline, before they removed to the far West. Under this feeling they addressed a letter to each of Monthly Meetings of Hopewell and Hartford, signed by Sisters of their number, with private letters to their Friends, expressing in touching language, and great earnestness, their painful situation in being deprived of the opportunity of attending organized religious Meetings, and requesting that a Meeting for worship, and a Monthly Meeting, might be established among them, to be a branch of Fairfield Quarterly Meeting of which they were members.

Their Communications to the Monthly Meetings were forwarded by those Meetings, in their Reports, to the Quarterly Meeting in the Moth 18th, and the reading of them awakened a feeling of deep sympathy with those absent Brethren and Sisters in their remote and tried situations. After arightily considering the subject (there was a full and free expression of sentiment in favor of granting their request at a proper time); and a Committee was appointed to communicate further with Brethren of Prairie Grove in relation thereto.

The Committee thus appointed was deeply concerned to be directed by best Wisdom, in this important engagement. It was regarded as rather a minor case. The feature, that attracted attention, was that these Iowa Friends, would continue to be members of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which may not be the wisest to this settlement. But the establishment of a Meeting in that way, was not without precedent in our Society, a case having occurred in Canada formerly in the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, an account of which is given in the third volume of Friends Miscellaneous page 368, and another at Charleston, South Carolina. These Meetings were continued under the care of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, for many years, although there were Yearly Meetings near them, the settlements being far removed from any Yearly Meeting.

So it was with Iowa Indians. Their settlement was entirely beyond the