

1865 work in this and other things, and are willing it will be our
 blessed experience to receive the reward of "well done good and faithful
 servants, enter ye into the joy of your Lord."

During the reception of this communication from the
 Committee, the services of many of the Friends of Prairie
 Grove had become dissatisfied with the proposition they had
 forwarded to the Quarterly Meeting not to hold Mid-Week
Meetings, and they were now entirely prepared, and in ac-
 cordance to have such Meetings established among them. One
 objection that had existed to the holding Mid-Week Meetings, was
 that their Meetings were to be held in a Public School House
 in which they could hold Meetings for Worship on Sermon days and
Monthly Meetings on Sermon days, but they could not hold their
Mid-Week Meetings there, because the house would, at that time,
 be occupied by the school. To meet this difficulty, they had now de-
 cided to hold their Mid-Week Meetings at their private residences
 by rotation, until a more suitable place could be found for
 holding them.

The gratifying information that they were desired to have
Mid-Week Meetings also established, was communicated to
 the Quarterly Meeting in the 11th Month 1865, whereupon the Meeting
 acted in judgement, that it would be right to establish Meetings
 at Prairie Grove, in accordance with the request of Friends there,
 and appointed a Committee to proceed to Iowa, and aid them
 therein, and attend at the opening of the different Meetings.

Of this Committee, two men and three ^{women} Friends, went to Iowa, on
 this anxious but interesting mission in the early part of the 12th Mo.,
 1865, and reported the result of their labors to the Quarterly Meeting
 in the 2^d Mo. 1867, as follows:

"First of our number proceeded to Iowa, soon after our appoint-
 ment, for the performance of the duty entrusted to our charge.
 We, together with Friends of Prairie Grove, held a Meeting for Worship
 and a Preparative Meeting, on the 11th of 12th Mo. a Monthly Meet-
ing on the 7th and a Meeting for Worship Sermon day the 8th. These
 Meetings were all precious, favored seasons, the Friends becoming more
 -aged, and strengthened by the concourse and care of the Quarterly
 Meeting, in granting their request to have Meetings established
 amongst them and in sending out a Committee to aid them therein.
 In the Preparative Meeting, a Committee was appointed to prepare
 for the Monthly Meeting, a list of the names of Friends now

1865 residing at Prairie Grove, who were members of Prairie Quarterly
 Meeting, it being those Friends and these only who were to constitute Prairie
 Grove Monthly Meeting at this time. Other Friends who resided in the
 Settlement, would obtain Certificates to Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting, when
 they established, from the Monthly Meeting, to which they respectively belonged.

"It was found necessary to hold two sittings of the Monthly Meeting, in
 order that it should be properly organized. At the first sitting, Com-
 mittees were appointed in both men's and women's Meetings to bring
 forward to the next sitting, the names of suitable Friends to serve as Clerks,
 Overseers and Elders; and in the 2^d sitting a Friend for Treasurer, and one
 for Recorder. These several Committees reported to the next sitting, and the
 Friends named for the different offices were fully united and by the
 Meeting. It was very gratifying to the Committee to find that there
 were Friends already there, so well qualified as those named appeared
 to be, for the several offices they were called upon to fill. And when
 the other Friends in the Settlement shall produce their Certificates
 to the Monthly Meeting, which will be in a short time, considerable
 addition will be made to its strength, and to its number of active
 and useful members. It should be remembered, that these Friends,
 although not now to be members of the Monthly Meeting, all man-
 -ifested as much interest in every way, in its establishment at
 Prairie Grove, to be a branch of Prairie Quarterly Meeting as those
 who were already members of that Quarter. All appeared to
 be united in the end as one as a band of brothers and sisters.

"The Committee took out with them books suitably prepared
 in which to keep a record of their members, to record their minutes
 of the Monthly Meeting, and to record Certificates of removal, and
 Marriage Certificates. They also took out several copies of our
 Discipline, for the use of the members of that Meeting.

"The Committee and Friends there, then regarded Prairie -
 Grove Monthly Meeting, together with the Meetings for Worship
 and the Preparative Meetings, to be fully organized and established
 as a branch of Prairie Quarterly Meeting. And there was an open-
 -ness, familiarity, unity, and affection amongst the Friends of the
 Settlement, which it was encouraging and strengthening to the
 Committee to witness.

Although the Meetings were thus organized, as far as the Commit-
 tee was instructed and empowered to proceed, there was still a deficiency
 -ing. The Friends at Prairie Grove have no place at which to hold
 their Meetings regularly. By permission, they hold their Sermon -