

1865 Meeting at a Public School House; but this being occupied during the week, they were compelled to hold their Week-week Meetings at private houses, leaving the Meeting to circulate among them. The Committee believed, and the Friends there united with them in this opinion, that while such arrangements might answer temporarily, the Meeting could not be regarded as properly established, in conformity with our order, without having a place of their own, at which to hold all their Meetings regularly. A Committee was accordingly appointed by the Monthly Meeting to unite with the Quarterly Meeting Committee in selecting a site, making an estimate of the cost of a suitable House, and in endeavoring to devise any and means to have such a structure. With a liberality and creditable to the Friends of the Settlement, and showing the great interest they felt in the subject, each owner of property expressed a willingness to give them one of his lands for a Meeting House and burial ground, so that the joint Committee had an opportunity, which they embraced, of selecting their own in most eligible location, part of the property of two different owners.

"It was estimated, that the cost of such a building as was aimed, would be \$1200 (Dollars) of which some Friends of Fairview have thought they would be able to pay one half, and the Committee and united in recommending to the Quarterly Meeting that it decide the other half, say \$600 (Dollars), and apply it to these Friends to be applied to this interesting object.

"In showing this report, the Committee takes occasion to add, that although they had to travel a great distance, in the fulfillment of the duties placed upon them by the Quarterly Meeting, and at an innumerable times of the year, they still have no cause to regret having submitted to the appointment, but have rather been made to rejoice, in believing, that they have been messengers of comfort from the Quarterly Meeting to those sister members, and strengthening in the feeling of trust in the goodness, and protecting care of the Great Father of us all."

This report was fully united with by the Quarterly Meeting, and the different Monthly Meetings were directed to forward their proportion of the sum of \$600 (Dollars), which was named, to Nathan Walker, who was appointed to receive and forward the same to the Friends of Iowa; which sum was duly received and forwarded, and the Meeting House built, according to the plan agreed upon when the Committee were there.

1865 At the Quarterly Meeting in the 3^d Month 1865 at the request of Fairview Friends, the time of holding the Monthly Meeting was changed from the first to the last week day in each month. The Preparative Meeting is held on the first day of the preceding week, that being the day of their Week-week Meetings. No Week-week Meeting the week of the Monthly Meeting. The Monthly Meeting and the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders send the answers to the queries, and their reports to their respective Quarterly Meetings, by mail, and the Quarterly Meeting replies through the same channel, sending a transcript of its proceedings, and of all matters of interest that claim its attention to be read in their meetings.

As part of the History, and absolutely essential to a full and clear understanding of the case it is proper to state, that when Fairview Friends Monthly Meeting was established, as a branch of Fairfax Quarterly Meeting it was regarded as only a temporary arrangement. The confident expectation and hope was entertained that in a little time, say would be made for these Friends to be attached to the Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, which is the one nearest them, and to which they were necessarily bound to be joined if they were separated from Fairfax. Under a concern upon this subject, the two nearest Friends - who had been sent to Iowa, by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting to aid in the establishment of Meetings at Fairview have obtained permission of their respective Monthly Meetings to attend the Fairfax Quarterly Meeting in the 3^d Month 1860, and to visit the Quarterly Meeting and Friends in Iowa, having the subject of Fairview Friends Monthly Meeting being attached to the Fairfax Quarterly Meeting, might be in discussion. Soon after obtaining their Minutes, they, by letter, informed Friends of Henry Creek, near Terre Haute, Indiana, where the Quarterly Meeting was at that time to be held, of their prospect of being with them on the interesting occasion of their ensuing Quarterly Meeting. On going to that Meeting, they found that the whole Quarterly Meeting of Friends - men and Elders, then in attendance, besides themselves, consisted of one man, Friends and two women Friends, and members of that Fairview Meeting. One report was received, from another Preparative Meeting by which, the Representatives expressing a wish, that they did not expect any would be open for them to attend. The fourth Meeting of the Quarterly Meeting, the next day, beside themselves, consisted of nine men and ten women, five of whom were children, all members of this and particular Meeting. The business Meeting was composed of the same Friends. Only one report was received from the other Monthly