

1865 useful and salutary, as if one or two of these members attended as Representatives. Under the circumstances we would accom-
-modate no change for the present.

"In conclusion, we would say, the result of our action - under our appointment, has been, gratefully to encourage us in the belief, that the establishment of the Monthly Meeting at Prairie Grove, as a branch of Prairie Quarterly Meeting, was in accordance with Div. Wisdom; and in a full conviction, that if all continue, humble, watchful, and faithful, as it is our desire, and prayer is may be, the blessing of Heaven will crown our labors, to advance the cause of Truth and Righteousness."

This report was fully united with by the Quarterly Meeting.

On the application of Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting to the Quarterly Meeting, held in the 8th March 1860, a Preparative was established, called Wapsawmuck Preparative Meeting at the settlement of America allied to in the preceding - near West Liberty, on the border of Muscatine and Cedar Counties, as a branch of Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting; and the Monthly Meeting to be held there in the odd months, and at Prairie Grove in the even months. Friends have met a very large and convenient Meeting House at Wapsawmuck.

In 1860, a request came to the Quarterly Meeting, from Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting, asking that an independent Monthly Meeting be established, to be held at Wapsawmuck, to be called Wapsawmuck Monthly Meeting, also that a Quarterly Meeting be established to be composed of Prairie Grove, and Wapsawmuck Monthly Meetings, to be held alternately at the places of holding these Meetings.

The request respecting the Monthly Meeting was united with by the Quarterly Meeting, and Wapsawmuck Monthly Meeting has been established by the Quarterly Meeting to be held on the first of the day in each month, and it was opened on the first of the day in the 9th March 1864. The request concerning the establishment of a Quarterly Meeting in Iowa, was referred to the Yearly Meeting, for its consideration and is still before that body.

In concluding this Report, the Committee of the Yearly Meeting feel it right to add, that the great desire and aim of the Quarterly Meeting, in all its proceedings in the matter, appear to have been, to do what would most promote, the comfort and religious advancement of their distant Friends in Iowa, and the

1865 support of our religious principles and testimonies, by active concerns, and labors for the benefit of this widely removed portion of the Church. The Quarterly Meeting would have been willing, at any time, have such a branch the aid of Iowa Friends, that Prairie Grove Monthly Meeting, should have been attached to another Quarterly Meeting, nearer to them, with the consent of such Quarter. But Meetings are undoubtedly for the benefit and convenience of the individuals composing them, and what they unite to consider to be their interests and wants, should be carefully and rightly regarded by superior Meetings. Objections existed to their being separated from Prairie Quarterly Meeting, and attached to Blue River Quarter, some only of which have been mentioned, which impressed the minds of Friends of Prairie Grove, with great weight.

In a careful consideration of all the circumstances of the case the Quarterly Meeting solemnly judge, that arbitrarily ^{attaching} the Monthly Meeting to another Quarterly Meeting, against its wishes and consent, even if such Quarterly Meeting would be willing therefor, would not harmonize with Christian feeling, be favorable to the spiritual interests of those precious Friends or promote the harmony and welfare of the Quarterly Meeting, to which they would be thus attached.

Signed in behalf of the Committee

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The subject of granting a Quarterly Meeting, to be held in Iowa, to be composed of the Monthly Meetings of Prairie Grove and Wapsawmuck, which was referred to this Meeting from last year, was again taken up for consideration, and after a weighty deliberation, and a full and free expression of sentiment, it was the judgment of the Yearly Meeting, that permission be granted to our Friends in Iowa to hold a Quarterly Meeting as proposed by them in their report to Prairie Quarterly Meeting, and forwarded to this Meeting in 1863 to be composed of Prairie Grove, and Wapsawmuck Monthly Meetings, to be held alternately at the places of holding these Meetings, on the second day immediately following the 2nd, 7th day in the 6th and 12th month at Prairie Grove, and in the 3rd and 9th month at Wapsawmuck. The Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held on the 7th day preceding, and John M. Maly, Daniel Matthews