

1873. of Iowa, and embracing the territory west of the Mississippi River, having for two years been the subject of a correspondence between these two bodies, and reported upon from time to time, under a very weighty impression of the importance of the concern involving the best interests of our religious society, more especially of the dear youth among us. We are united with Friends of Blue River Quarterly Meeting in submitting to the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and Indiana, that they co-operate in aiding and advising us in establishing a Yearly Meeting, to be called the Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, and to be opened at Clear Creek, in the State of Illinois, on the second 2d. day before the last 1st. day in the 9th. month. The meeting of Ministers and Elders on the 7th. day preceding.

All of which under a deep feeling of concern for the honor of truth, and the growth of religious life in our new and growing country, are submitted to the Yearly Meeting.

Taken from the Minutes of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting, held at Wapineoc the 15th day of the 9th. mo., 1873.

Caleb Russell, Clerk.

This subject claiming the attention of the Meeting, was referred to Woodcock Price, Edward H. Reese, Samuel Townsend, Benjamin Hallowell, Shepherd Wood, Joshua Russell, Elijah Wright, Cyrus Ewert, Robert F. Roberts, W. Williams, Samuel M. Janney, James M. Walker, W. M. Way, W. J. Austin, David Phillips, David Pyle, Jesse Underwood, Caleb C. Way, Nathan Moore, Henry Addings, Samuel B. Walton, Joseph A. Dugdale, and John Needles and W. B. Steer on behalf of Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting, for further consideration in connection with a similar appointment, by Women's Meeting (should they make one) and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting of this meeting.

Indiana Yearly Meeting informs that it has appointed a similar Committee on this subject viz.

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting
Dear Friends

Indiana Yearly Meeting has directed its clerk to inform you of its action upon the request of Blue River and Prairie Grove Quarterly Meetings for the establishment of a new Yearly Meeting as set forth in the annexed minute viz.

Blue River Quarterly Meeting, in its reports, informs that it and Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting of Iowa

1873 a branch of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, are united in asking to have a Yearly Meeting established at Clear Creek, Putnam County, Illinois, to be held the second 2d. day before the last First day in the 9th. month of each year; which claiming the consideration of this meeting, was referred to James W. Haines, Samuel Morris, William Barry, Robert Hutton, Cornelius Ratliff, Jonathan Moore, Aaron Wright, Abalom Mendenhall, Nixon E. Brown, John Cook, Elwood Brown and Jonathan W. Plummer, who are appointed to act in conjunction with a like Committee of Women Friends, and to unite with a committee from Baltimore Yearly Meeting, should it appoint one, to visit the Quarterly Meetings making the request, and their subordinate meetings if way open, and report of their judgment in the case to the next Yearly Meeting.

Aaron Wright, Clerk.

Extracted from the Minutes 10 Mo. 2^d 1873.

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence have been received, and the one from Philadelphia was read at this time.

The Representatives were desired to confer together at the close of this sitting, and propose to our next the names of Friends to serve this meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the present year. Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

— Second Day Afternoon. —

Friends assembled near the time adjourned to. Robert F. Roberts, on behalf of the Representatives, reported they had conferred together, and were united in proposing W. Wood for Clerk, and Levi H. Brown for assistant Clerk, which, being separately considered, were united with by the meeting, and they were accordingly appointed to the service.

To examine and settle the Treasurer's account, propose a sum to be raised to defray the expenses of the Meeting the ensuing year, and to propose a suitable Friend for Treasurer, a committee was appointed, viz., Henry J. Gover, Richard J. Bentley, Shepherd Wood, Theodore Hibbard, Walter Walton, Charles L. Wood, Montition Brown, George S. Lamborn, Joseph Cox, Thomas W. Chaver, and Chalkley Gillingham.