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On reading the minutes of the Representative Committee, it appeared that the concern expressed in the Yearly Meeting last year, had been faithfully carried out by memorializing Legislative bodies, asking for the abolition of the death penalty and the substitution thereof, of imprisonment with labor as a punishment for crime. Much unity was expressed with the proceedings of the Committee, and they were encouraged to further work in that same direction.

The answers to the queries elicited the fact that our testimony against the use of all kinds of intoxicating drinks has been very generally maintained. And a fervent hope was expressed that our labors in this respect may be blessed to the family of mankind. On reading the satisfactory Report of the Indian Committee, the meeting was gratified to find that our labors in behalf of this oppressed people had failed to produce good fruit in proper time. We have been favored with the company of many Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose Gospel labors have been edifying to us.

The Committee appointed at this morning's sitting to nominate Friends to unite with a Committee that has been appointed by Indiana Yearly Meeting, to visit Prairie Grove and Blue River Quarterly Meetings, and, as far as way opens, their constituent meetings; and report to this Meeting next year their judgment of the propriety of granting the request for the establishment of a new Yearly Meeting; proposed

William Williams,

Chalkley Eillingham,

Abel A. Hull,

Wm. M. Kay,

Mary Cutter,

Deborah Hoopes,

Elizabeth M. Sutton,

Ann P. Inanson,

Wm. John Thomas,

Mary L. Roberts,

for that service, who were united with by this meeting. Women's meeting also uniting therewith.

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, produced one embodying the minutes of the exercises of the meeting, which was read and approved, and directed to be signed by the clerk on behalf of the meeting, and forwarded to the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, Lenox, Ohio and Indiana, respectively.

The names of new Friends appointed as members of the Representative Committee of the Yearly Meeting, were handed to the Clerk of Women's Meeting

and those appointed by their Meeting, were now received from it and read herein, viz:

Ruth Hannah Smith,

Sarah S. Matthews,

Eliza H. Walker,

Ann P. Inanson,

Mary S. Moore,

E. Ellen Riley,

Lydia C. Stabler,

Mary L. Roberts,

Mary M. Dixon,

Mary C. Cutter,

and

Jane Warner,

Ann Moore,

Ruth Marshall,

Margaret Moore,

Anna F. Matthews,

Priscilla Matthews,

Ruth Dugdale,

Elizabeth H. Walton,

Jane C. Wright,

Elizabeth S. Hibbard.

The clerks were directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of Extracts from the Minutes of our proceedings, together with those of Women's Friends, and the Epistles received at this time from other Yearly Meetings, printed for distribution among our members, and the Treasurer is directed to have them forwarded by mail, or otherwise, to the correspondent of each of our Monthly Meetings as early as practicable.

Edward Stabler, Jr., and Edwin Blackburn were appointed to assist the clerks in preparing the Extracts for the printer.

Reverently thankful to the Giver of all Good that we have been again favored to transact the business which has claimed the deliberation of our Annual Assembly in harmony and brotherly love, desiring each other's preservation and welfare, we now separate.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time next year, if so permitted.

William Wood.

Clerk.