

1874 directed to add to these Epistles to other Yearly Meetings, a paragraph informing them of the establishment of Illinois Yearly Meeting.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting on subjects of Discipline, made the following Report, which after consideration was referred to the Yearly Meeting next year, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Committee to which was referred the changes or abolition of the Eighth Query without brought up in the Report from Baltimore Quarters report, that after a time of weighty consideration it is united in proposing that the following changes in the Eighth Query be referred to the consideration of the Yearly Meeting next year: Our Friends careful to bear a testimony against every form of oppression; Our all children in Friends families suitably provided for and instructed in useful learning.

And that all children having one parent a member of Society, be allowed to sit in all our Meetings for Discipline during their minority; and further: That there be no change made in the Discipline in relation to receiving and disowning members.

The proposition brought up from Baltimore Quarters in regard to the manner of disposing of absent members is recommended to be referred back to the different Monthly Meetings for their consideration and judgment.

In behalf of the Committee

Chalkley Gillingham

William Williams

Clementine A. Jennings

Baltimore 10th Mo. 29th 1874

The Joint Committee appointed at this morning's sitting to nominate suitable Friends to attend the opening of the proposed Illinois Yearly Meeting in 9th month next, in conjunction with a similar Committee which has been appointed by Indiana Yearly Meeting, propose

Saml. McAnney

Rebecca Price

David Eyle

James M. Walker

Eliza H. Walker

Mary C. Blackburn

For that service which was united with, and they are directed to report of their care to this Meeting next year.

1874 The Clerk is also directed to furnish Indiana Yearly Meeting and Prairie Grove Quarterly Meeting with this information.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to prepare a memorial to the President and Congress on the subject of international arbitration produced the following, which was approved and directed to be signed by the Clerks on behalf of Men's and Women's Meeting and returned to the Representative Committee, to have the care of presenting it to the President and Congress at a proper time.

Memorial

Of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Centard St. Baltimore for the Western Shore of Maryland and adjacent parts of Pennsylvania and Virginia, Tenth Month 1874.

To the President and Congress of the United States:

The religious Society of Friends having always felt a deep interest in the promotion of peace and good-will among men, have noticed with great satisfaction the recent movement in the House of Representatives in favor of settling national differences by arbitration instead of resorting to the dreadful alternative of war.

This movement having also been inaugurated in the British Parliament, and some other Governments of Europe, leads us to hope that in the ordering of Divine Providence, the great calamities attendant on the practice of war may be averted.

We therefore respectfully ask that such measures may be adopted by Congress as will promote this benignant purpose.

The Clerks were directed to have 2500 copies of Extracts from the Minutes of our proceedings, together with those of Women's Friends, the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings, and the memorial concerning Martha & Cyren, printed for distribution among our members; and the Treasurer is directed to have them forwarded by mail or otherwise to the corresponding clerk of each of our Monthly Meetings as early as practicable. Edmund Statter & Edwin Blackburn & C. G. Bunting were appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing the Extracts for the printer.