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Report of the Joint Committee of Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings, appointed to attend the Opening of Illinois Yearly Meeting.

On Seventh day, the seventh of Ninth Month, 1875, the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders was opened at Shaw's Creek Meeting House.

The Minutes of our appointment being first read, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk were chosen, and the business to the order were considered.

The Meeting was solemn, and several mighty communications were made. On First day, meetings for worship were held in the new meeting house, both in the morning and afternoon. The number of Friends and others in attendance was very large, the communications were generally lively, and the evidence of Divine life was felt.

On Second day, about ten A. M., the Yearly Meeting was commenced, the partition between the men and women being down.

After a season of silent waiting upon God, and some brief communications, a member of our Committee read the minutes of our appointment, and those in attendance assented to their names.

All the members of the Committee from Baltimore Yearly Meeting were present; several of those from Indiana Yearly Meeting were absent.

The Yearly Meeting was then considered as opened, and the partition was closed. In order that the Men's and Women's Meetings might proceed to business, a Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed by each branch of the Meeting, and it was concluded that the books of Discipline of Indiana Yearly Meeting should be used as the Discipline of Illinois Yearly Meeting, with the understanding that the Monthly and Quarterly Meetings were to bring forward next year such amendments, as they may deem proper.

The Yearly Meeting was conducted with dignity and harmony throughout its several sittings. Much religious exercise was expressed by many Friends, and we felt that the canopy of Divine love was spread around us.

Samuel Mc Gannan,
Rebecca Price,
David Pyle,
James H. Waller,

Edwin Smith,
Robert Matton,
Sydney Warner,
David Quinlan,

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Eliza H. Walker,
Henry G. Blackburn,
Committee from
Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Joseph F. Schofield,
Mary Paine,
William Curry,
Ann Packer,
William Lane,
Martha Ann Brown,
Committee from
Indiana Yearly Meeting.

Reports from three of our Quarterly Meetings inform that they have given the needed attention to the payment of their quotas to the Yearly Meeting Stock of last year, as directed. There were no reports from the other Quarterly Meetings on this subject.

The following subjects are contained in the Reports from Fairfax and Baltimore Quarterly Meetings:

From Fairfax, a request that a revision be made of the apportionments of the Yearly Meeting Stock.

From Baltimore, a proposition for a revision of the Discipline in regard to Burials.

The changes of Discipline proposed to the Yearly Meeting last year, and referred to this meeting, together with those contained in the present report from Baltimore Quarterly Meeting on the subject of burials, and also to consider the propriety of suspending our Preparative Meetings where the Monthly Meeting is composed of but one Preparative Meeting, were referred to the consideration of the following named Friends, to act in conjunction with a similar appointment by Women's Meeting, and report their judgment thereon to a future sitting, viz:

Abel C. Hull,
John Smith,
Cyrus Blackburn,
Thomas H. Matthews,
Solomon Shepherd,
Job Hubbard,

David Pyle,
David Whitely,
Lyn S. Bignon,
William H. Hays,
Henry Blackburn,
James H. Walker,

