

from several of the Yearly Meetings but as one of the Yearly Meetings
has left the subject over for consideration to another Year and
another has made no appointment way did not open for them to
take up any subject further than to enter into some general views
and to draw up an address to the different Yearly Meetings which
address accompanies this report. Signed on behalf of the Committee
11 mo 1 1831
Thomas Worthington
Dorothy Hopkins

To the Yearly Meetings of New England, Baltimore Virginia
North Carolina Ohio & Indiana

The Committee appointed by the
several Yearly Meetings report that agreeably to their appoint-
ments Representatives from the above mentioned Yearly Meetings
(Except Indiana; the minute from which has not been received)
assembled at Philadelphia the 25th of the 7th month 1831. and being
favored to experience a united & cementing exercise for the preserva-
tion of the body at large various important subjects deeply
affecting the common interests of the Society and the support of its
testimonies were brought into view as demanding the attention
of Friends. But feeling an earnest desire that all the Yearly
Meetings (by their Representatives) so far as may be practicable
may be united in the consideration of subjects vitally connected
with the welfare of the body and the advancement of its tes-
timonies we have united in the conclusion under existing cir-
cumstances to defer acting on these subjects.

X By the proposition of Ohio Yearly Meeting virtually
by the minutes of the other Meetings which have united with that
proposition it becomes our duty to propose the time & place for
the Meeting of the General Committee should such appointments be
hereafter be made by the several Yearly Meetings, On turning
our attention to this subject we have believed that from
the Central situation of Baltimore it might be proposed as
the next place of meeting & that the last Second Day
in the Seventh Month next year might be a suitable time
for the assembling of such Yearly Meetings as may unite in
the measure to meet & deliberate on such subjects as may
be proposed to their consideration by the several Yearly
Meetings It being understood that such general Committee
will be at liberty only to propose the result of their deliberation
while the respective Yearly Meetings will retain the power of
approving or rejecting such propositions: We have
thankfully to acknowledge that during our several sittings

made unity & harmony have prevailed & while our minds have thus
unitedly been dipped into a fresh feeling of the importance of the
concern for which we are now assembled we have been comforted in
the renewed evidences which have been afforded us that this concern
is owned by the Holy Head of the Church and that there is an humble
dependance on the unfolding of his Counsel which will lead in the
way of harmony and brotherly love it will contribute to the
prosperity of the Body at large & the increase of its usefulness
as a Christian Community in holding up to the world a united
testimony to the practical acceptance of the Gospel.

Signed by direction & on behalf of the Meeting of the general
Committee held in Philadelphia the 25th & 26th of the 7th month 1831
by Eliza Bates (clerk)

The Reports and addresses were read & deliberately considered
& united with & the meeting being again repeatedly impressed
with the importance & usefulness of such general Conference
of subjects affecting the interest of the Society at large
Gerard Hopkins Thomas Waring Hugh Baldwin
Isaac Brooks Thomas Worthington William Proctor
William John Griffith Jr Eliza Cook & John Sanders
were appointed to meet Commissioners from the other
Yearly Meetings at the time & place proposed in the fore-
going address & report to the Meeting next year.

The Meeting has made this appointment with an earnest
solicitude that friends may become more intimately possessed of a
general knowledge of the state of the Society and be induced to take
into consideration such measures as may under the influence
of Divine Wisdom tend to render the Society still more united
& more consistent with our religious profession and in accordance
with these views directs its Committee to offer the following
propositions to the consideration of the General Committee

1st The adoption of some general arrangement applicable
to the establishment & dissolution of Yearly Meetings
2nd That as the Society is one & its doctrines & testimonies
the same so it is believed that an uniformity of Discipline
in all the prominent & important parts thereof is desirable
& especially that the rights of Membership as they are
affected by offences requiring disownment should be the
same throughout the Society.

3rd The consideration of the necessity & propriety of stated times
for the meetings of Committees in general Conference
from the several Yearly Meetings. The Clerk was