

Brook, Clearfield W. Bellefonte.

At Huntington, although Friends have not sustained their late Meetings, yet we were encouraged in the belief that they are becoming more sensible of their situation, and that the love of the order of Society is increasing among them.

At Monaca, Friends continue to hold an indulged Meeting; but we think the time has nearly arrived when they ought, in conjunction with their brethren of Huntington, to hold at least their Preparative or not their Monthly Meeting; and to have an established instead of an indulged Meeting, for worship. We believe it might express the hope, arising from the evidence of increased concern apparent amongst Friends at Huntington and Monaca, that those in the former neighbourhood will not much longer be satisfied with sitting down in their own families for the purpose of Divine worship; but will be constrained in the love of Truth, to meet in a more social and public way, for the discharge of this solemn duty. We also hope, that Friends of these two places will feel it an incumbent duty to unite together in order to sustain their late Meetings for Discipline, as being a precious hedge around themselves & their beloved children.

At Sunnys Brook, we were with Friends at their fifth day Meeting, which was we thought a time of favour. It is an animating consideration, that our beloved friends of this Meeting have under trying circumstances growing out of the Separation, been not only strengthened to sustain their Meetings, but also made willing to build themselves a large and comfortable house for the purpose of holding them in. We cannot but encourage our Friends in other parts of the yearly Meeting whose discouragements have hitherto prevented them from holding their Meetings to appreciate the privileges of social worship and in simplicity to sustain their Meetings, being convinced that where our Friends have done so a blessing has attended them.

At Clearfield, we had a Meeting on first day morning at Curwensville, and one in the afternoon of the same day at Grampan Hills. Not being permitted to occupy Friends Meeting house, the afternoon meeting was held in a barn provided for the occasion. On second day morning, a conference was held with Friends of Clearfield at Curwensville, which resulted in granting them an indulged Meeting, to be held every first day morning at Curwensville. We hope the time is not distant when Friends of this neighbourhood will find themselves equal to the important duty not only of sustaining their stated and established Meetings for worship but Clearfield Preparative Meeting.

At Bellefonte, friends were found enjoying the privilege granted them last year, sustaining their Meeting, we trust not only to their individual comfort but to the reputation of the Society. We believe that the time has arrived, when these Friends should have an established Meeting and be encouraged to hold Bald Eagle Preparative Meeting. Should Friends of Clearfield, become strengthened to hold their Preparative Meeting and Friends of Bellefonte theirs also, these two Meetings will then be able to sustain the late Centre Monthly Meeting. With the prospect of such a conjunction, Friends of Bellefonte were advised to defer their application for a Monthly Meeting, until the Friends at Clearfield were ready to cooperate with them in the concern.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, by
10. Month 29. 1842.

Thomas Scott . . . George Williamson
Hannah Hopkins Elizabeth Scott.

An Extract from the Minutes of the yearly Meeting of Friends held in Virginia, was received, and read in this Meeting; from which it appears, that Friends composing that Body, remain desirous that we should continue our brotherly regard towards them in their reduced situation; and this Meeting feeling much sympathy with them, Nicholas Popplein, Thomas Scott, Hugh Walderston, Joseph Balance, David Griscom and Thomas Waring were appointed to confer together, and nominate to a future Meeting some suitable friends for that service.

The Standing Committee on Indian Concerns presented the following Report of their proceedings the past year, and of the present situation of the Indian Nations under our care. The entire approbation of the Meeting was expressed therewith, and the Committee were continued to the service to report to the Meeting next year.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting:

The Shawnee Indians at Waughpokenotta, who have for many years been the objects of the united care and attention of the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana, were at the time of our Report last year on the eve of emigrating to the wilderness west of the Mississippi, and their unsettled condition at that time was such as to awaken renewed sympathy on their behalf. The Committee have continued to feel a lively interest in their welfare and have as far as opportunities have offered, endeavored to lend their aid to the Committees of Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings on whom as heretofore has devolved the chief labour for the comfort and improvement of the condition of the said Indians. From the unabated interest cherished towards them by these Committees,