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from within the limits of neighbouring Yearly Meetings, produced one, which was approved, and the Clerk was directed to unite with the Clerk of Women's Meeting, and endorse them accordingly.

Then adjourned to 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Pursuant to adjournment friends again assembled.

The Minutes of the Meeting of sufferings were produced and read. Satisfaction was expressed therewith and that Meeting continued.

The Committee under appointment last year to meet committees from other Yearly Meetings in General Conference on subjects interesting to the Society at large produced the following reports, which were read and the unity of the Meeting expressed therewith and notwithstanding the lively interest still felt by us in relation to the full accomplishment of the objects in view, and which led to the appointment of a Committee on behalf of this meeting, yet it was believed best at present, that the concern remain impressively on the minds of the Members of this Yearly Meeting. The Committee were released.

To the Yearly Meeting now sitting.

We the Committee appointed last year, to meet similar committees of other Yearly Meetings, to confer together and consider of subjects relating to the general welfare of the Society at large agreeably to our appointment and a notice communicated to us by Friends appointed out of New York Yearly Meeting, met in this city in the 7th Month last; and after some time spent in solid and weighty deliberation, and in mutual interchange of sentiment tending we trust, to unite us closer together in the bonds of religious fellowship, agreed to submit to the Meetings appointing us a Report which is now offered to the Meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

Isaac Brooks, Thomas Nottingham
Dorothy Hopkins, Elizabeth Scott.

11mo 30. 1833.

To the Yearly Meetings of New England, New York, Baltimore, Virginia, Carolina, Ohio and Indiana.

Committees of the Yearly Meetings above mentioned having met in Baltimore, agreeably to appointment on the 1st day of the 7th Month 1833 proceeded to the consideration of the subjects directed to their attention by the several Yearly Meetings.

The weight of responsibility of our appointment and the duties now devolving upon us have been felt to be peculiarly impressive, not only from the nature of the subjects demanding our attention but from the circumstance that many of those who are under

this appointment are now absent, as well as from other considerations that have had an influence on our minds at the present time.

We are aware that from the wide extent over which the Society is spread, and from a variety of other causes it is not easy for all who may be under such an appointment to give their attendance; yet we have very forcibly felt in our present situation, the caution how far we may form conclusions on the subjects before us, or make propositions to the Meetings by which we have been appointed. But while on the one hand the necessity of this guard has been seen, we have believed that the duties of our appointment demand that we should suggest with freedom, the views which have been presented to our minds, during our deliberations on the present occasion.

In humbly waiting on the Great Head of the Church, and we trust, under a measure of His holy and cementing influence, we have been renewedly made sensible that the design of Infinite Wisdom in gathering and preserving the Society as a distinct people, has been, that they should be, however widely scattered, one body, holding the same precious Truth, and bound together by the bonds of Gospel Fellowship, Christian Communion and brotherly love; that we should be members one of another, having ^{an intimate} relation to each other, that if one member (or portion of the body) suffer all the members suffer with it and if one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. This intimate relation of the different parts of the body to each other and the strength they instrumentally derive from participating together of the one vital source of strength and consolation, lies at the foundation of our religious institution. It is on this general ground that Meetings both for worship and discipline have been established, and for this mutual assistance, the connection and gradation of Meetings for business, have led from Preparative to Monthly, from Monthly to Quarterly, and from Quarterly to Yearly Meetings. The connection and subordination established by this order, it is well known has been for rendering mutual assistance, and tenderly taking care of the flock. To preserve the relation in which the several Yearly Meetings stand to each other as making up one body united by joints and bands, our Epistolary Correspondence was instituted and has been maintained, and at different periods. Committees by special invitation have been sent by one or more Yearly Meetings to unite with the Meeting making the request in the consideration of important subjects. And the Separate Meeting of Committees in the capacity in