

^{from which summary accounts were collected}
 Quarterly Meetings. (No report having been received from our Half Yearly Meeting of Virginia.)

Deficiency was made apparent in the support of some of our Christian testimonies giving rise to much exercise and labor for their removal. Friends were encouraged to faithfulness in the attendance of all our religious meetings, and to endeavor to know a state of mind prepared to profit by the solemn engagement, and not to be discouraged because their meetings were small, or because they had nothing of their own to offer. As their hearts were turned to the Lord in humility and faith, he would be pleased to provide for such, an offering that would be acceptable to Himself.

It was seen that love to our brethren, such as becomes our profession, has always been the badge of true discipleship; and must always dwell in those who are given up to serve the Lord, concerned for the coming of His Kingdom in their own hearts and in the hearts of their fellow-men, and that thus we should also know a preparation for, and a living exercise to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and by both example and precept, to lead them into consistency of conduct and conversation, to guard them as far as far as we are able from the contaminations of a "world which lieth in wickedness." To assemble our families and children to wait upon the Lord - to read the Holy Scriptures to them and to encourage them frequently to read them for themselves, and to look for the influence of the Holy Spirit upon their minds and consciences, is the duty of parents, as well as their great privilege.

Then adjourned to 3 1/2 O'clock this afternoon.

At the hour adjourned to Friends assembled.

The joint Committee to whom was referred the Epistles coming from the two bodies purporting to come from Ohio Yearly Meeting, made the following report: -

The joint Committee to whom was referred the Epistles coming from the two bodies, each claiming the name and authority of Ohio Yearly Meeting; Report, that they have carefully examined and considered the respective documents, and on the undersigned members of the Committee are united in the conclusion that the Epistles by Jonathan Lewis and

Lans Mc Plummer as Clerks, should be received and acknowledged as coming from Ohio Yearly Meeting with which we have unity; and that the Epistles signed by Benjamin Hoyle and Rachel E. Patterson should not be received, inasmuch as we have sorrowfully to believe that they have been issued by a body with whose proceedings we cannot have unity. In coming to this conclusion the Committee have believed it right to take a review of the position in which Ohio Yearly Meeting has been placed by a portion of its members. They have refused to receive and acknowledge the Epistles from New England Yearly Meeting for seven or eight years. They have subverted the established order of Society by an abridgment of the rights of members, by refusing to receive the Ordininals issued by Meetings belonging to another Yearly Meeting. They have conferred or attempted to confer upon individuals, privileges which they had forfeited in their own meetings, and to sustain them in assumed rights to which they are not entitled, by allowing them to sit in their meetings for Discipline.

They have persevered in the neglect and violation of these important and vital practices of our Society, which are essential to our prosperity as a people, although they have been earnestly and affectionately entreated in the Epistles from our own Yearly Meeting, and by their brethren of five Yearly Meetings on this Continent, to return to our established order.

They have refused to hear an Address adopted and sanctioned by our Yearly Meeting, and from other Yearly Meetings, and sent to them by a Committee of this Yearly Meeting, warning them of the consequences which appeared to us inevitable, and beseeching them to unite with other Yearly Meetings in pursuing that course which we believed could alone prevent results that would be deeply to be deplored.

And finally a seat in the Minister's Gallery in the Yearly Meeting of the present year was allowed Thos. B. Gould who acted as Clerk to the Separatists in New England Yearly Meeting in 1840, though at that time disowned by the Society, thus virtually owning and acknowledging the seceders of New England Yearly Meeting; and we may add that after the appointment of