

331 Jonathan Binns as Clerk, he, the said Thomas B. Gould, became the Companion and associate of the body of which Benjamin Hoyle is Clerk.

It will not be denied that these departures from the discipline and usages of our Society, and these breaches of unity, as well as others which might be mentioned, were committed by the body who have now Benjamin Hoyle for Clerk; and that the Friends who have placed Jonathan Binns at the Clerk's table have steadily and earnestly advocated the ancient usages of our Society, and the course indicated by the discipline, and so affectionately and earnestly recommended by our Yearly Meeting, and others; that they have borne the lamentable state of disorder, which had existed for several years, as long as they could do so, without identifying themselves with the members of a Meeting which had been testified against by all the Yearly Meetings of Friends except their own and Philadelphia, and not acknowledged by any; that believing that the time for their release had come, they were favored to be found "the friends of good order, and the supporters of our Christian doctrines and testimonies and discipline," and therefore they truly constitute Ohio Yearly Meeting, and are justly entitled to all the privileges which belong to that body.

But, whilst we cannot unite with the body of which Benjamin Hoyle and Rachel E. Patterson are Clerks, we earnestly desire for the members who are now attached to it, that they may part away from them all that separates and again come into that unity which formerly existed and is now so seriously interrupted.

Dorothy Hopkins
Sarah Sands
Margaret Cheston
Mary Wright
Julia Valentine
Mary Erwin
Eliza M. Thomas
Eliza H. Crenshaw
Cannah Bates

Hugh Balderson
Richard H. Thomas
Isaac Sands
Isaac Wood
Jm. A. Thomas
Bona Valentine
John Erwin
John Hare
Nathl. C. Crenshaw
Geo. F. Terrill

10th Month 24th.

Which having been read and fully considered, is approved by the Meeting, whereupon the Epistle

signed by Jonathan Binns as Clerk, was read and referred to the Committee on Epistles. 332

We feel it a duty to our absent members and to our Friends of other Yearly Meetings, to inform them that after the adoption of the above Minutes, and the reading of the Epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting, when the Meeting adjourned, six Friends, four of whom were from Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, kept their seats, and have since absented themselves from our Meetings. We are informed that they have, in connection with six women Friends, all from Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, attempted the organization of a Yearly Meeting, and that they have addressed Epistles to other Yearly Meetings in the name of the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Baltimore. On this disorder, they are associated with, and encouraged by, four members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, one of whom is a Minister, and another an elder, with Minutes directed to Baltimore Yearly Meeting.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.
25th of the Month and 4th of the week.

About the time adjourned to Friends met.

The Clerk is directed to return the Epistle signed by Benjamin Hoyle, with a copy of the Minutes adopted upon the occasion.

The Minutes from our Brethren of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in relation to the late separation in Ohio Yearly Meeting, referred to in their annual Epistle, was now read, informing us, that they had believed it right to acknowledge the Body which had chosen Jonathan Binns, and Jane M. Plummer for their Clerks, as the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

The joint Committee appointed last year to visit our Subordinate Meetings, made the following report, which is acceptable, and the Committee is released.
To the Yearly Meeting.

The joint Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year "under renewed feelings of the obligation resting upon it, toward the members and subordinate Meetings," to visit and to labor as ability might be received, to impart help and encouragement to them! Report; that part of our number