

45 Our beloved friend, Joel Wilson, who was prevented from attending the previous sittings of the Yearly Meeting was now acceptably present; and a minute was read from Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting, liberating him to attend this meeting as companion to Jeremiah Shelwell.

The prospect of establishing a Yearly Meeting in Iowa, within the present limits of Indiana Yearly Meeting, in the 9th month next, claimed our consideration at this time. Our hearts are drawn to our dear friends who are about entering upon this interesting and responsible position, and we desire to salute them in the love and fellowship of the Gospel, and welcome them into the brotherhood of Yearly Meetings. We direct our Epistle Committee to prepare an Epistle to them, to be presented at the opening of Iowa Yearly Meeting, and appoint Francis T. King, John Scott, Jm. A. Thomas and Abel Schoffins to attend the meeting with a copy of this Minute.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read & approved. Vacancies having occurred in that Meeting by the death of Bond Valentine, and the removal of Alton Pope, - John Scott, Jm. A. Thomas, Richard H. Sumner, Geo. P. Cook and Abel Schoffins, were appointed to propose to a future sitting two persons to fill said vacancies, if way opens for it.

The reading of the Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings and the Report of the Committee to visit the Subordinate Meetings, brought before us the situation of our Meetings in Virginia, and introduced the Yearly Meeting into much anxiety and feeling on behalf of our members, who are subjected to trial and suffering by the war. While intervening armies and the strict orders of the Government prevent any communication with them in person or by letter at this time, we would desire to record our prayerful remembrance of them and commend them to the care and keeping of our ever watchful and loving Father, who notes even the fallow sparrow and hears the young ravens cry. May they, through His abounding grace, "faint not - but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory."

Then adjourned to half past 3 O'clock this afternoon.
According to adjournment, Friends met.

458 The following Report was received from the Committee on the Treasurer's Account; read and approved.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to examine and settle the Treasurer's Account; report that they have examined his account and find it correct; his expenditures are sustained by proper vouchers, and there is a balance in his hands of \$134.65.

The Committee are of opinion that it will not be necessary to raise any money for the ensuing year for the use of this meeting - which we submit to the meeting.

Nicholas Kupperman

On behalf of the Committee.

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John Scott, on behalf of the Committee to name two Friends to fill vacancies in this Meeting's representation in the Meeting for Sufferings occasioned by the death of Bond Valentine and the removal of Alton Pope, proposed Henry W. Webster and Joseph Edge, which was approved of by the Meeting, and they were accordingly appointed. Our Clerk was directed to furnish that Meeting with a copy of this Minute, and sign it in our behalf.

Then adjourned to 3 O'clock to-morrow afternoon.

5th of the week and 23^d of the month.

According to adjournment Friends met.

The Clerk of the Committee on Indian Concerns informed the Meeting that owing to the receipt of no report from the Indian Committee of Indiana Yearly Meeting, they have no report to make this year.

The Committee to prepare endorsements to be placed on the Certificates and Minutes of Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, produced them - they were read & approved, and our Clerk was directed to endorse them accordingly.

The Committee produced epistles to our brethren of London, Dublin, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana and Western Yearly Meetings, also one to the Yearly Meeting to be established in Iowa next year. They were read & approved, and our Clerk was directed to transcribe, sign & forward them.