

481 held in London, the 31st of the 7th month, 1865, expressive of unity and sympathy with him in his prospect of visiting, in the love of the Gospel, the Yearly Meetings of Baltimore and North Carolina, and such other services as may be required of him; also as companion to Joseph Beran Braithwaite in his religious visit to Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings, which were acceptably read.

Minutes for the following brethren and sisters now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings on this Continent, were presented and acceptably read. Viz:

Samuel Boyce, a minister from Salem Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, New England.

Gilbert Congdon, a minister from Providence Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting, New England.

Luther B. Gordon, a minister from Walnut Ridge Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Spencerland Quarterly Meeting, Indiana.

Rebecca T. Updegraff, a minister from Short Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio.

Edith Griffith, a minister from Redstone Monthly Meeting, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting, Ohio.

Rhodesia Newlin, a minister from South River Monthly Meeting, endorsed by South River Quarterly Meeting, Iowa.

Ann Marmen, a minister from White Water Monthly Meeting, endorsed by White Water Quarterly Meeting, Indiana.

Eliza B. Boyce, an elder from Salem Monthly Meeting, New England, companion to her husband Samuel Boyce.

Jesse Kenworthy and his wife, Mary Kenworthy, members from Elk Monthly Meeting, Indiana, companions to Ann Marmen. John P. Wood and his wife, Susannah Wood, members from Plainfield, Western.

Elias Newlin, a member from South River Monthly Meeting, Iowa.

Thomas R. Matthews, John Prettlow, W. A. Thomas, Richard M. Samney and Thomas McCoy, were appointed to unite with a similar Committee of Women Friends, to prepare as way may open for it, essays of endorsement; to be placed on the Minutes of Friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings on this Continent; and produce them to a future sitting.

Epistles to this Meeting, from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New England, New York, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, were received and read. We are informed that one from North Carolina was issued, but it has not come to hand.

482 We have been comforted and encouraged by the reading of these evidences of the brotherly love and interest of our brethren of the other Yearly Meetings. We esteem it a great privilege and blessing to be brought into intercourse and feeling with them, and desire that we may continue to embrace and cherish every means which will draw us closer together as one people, in the love and fellowship of the Gospel.

The following Committee was appointed to prepare Epistles in reply to those now received, and produce them to a future sitting, viz: William A. Thomas, Francis T. King, John Scott, James C. Thomas, Richard M. Samney, Aaron H. Griffith, Jesse Tyson, Joseph N. Solleff, William H. Hare, Jas. Carey, John B. Crenshaw, John Prettlow, Thomas McCoy, Samuel Way, Jr., John C. Thomas, Zachariah McNaull, Abel J. Hopkins, Henry W. Webster and Nathaniel C. Crenshaw.

The London General Epistle was read to our comfort and edification, furnishing renewed evidence of the religious interest and concern of our brethren of that Yearly Meeting, who have long exercised this Apostolic custom, and that its valuable counsel and clear Gospel truths may be more generally circulated among our members and others, we direct that 800 copies thereof be re-printed for distribution, and appoint Miles White and Thomas R. Matthews to attend to the service.

The Representatives were directed to confer together and propose to our next meeting two Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year. Then adjourned to half past 3 O'clock this P. M.

Friends met according to adjournment.

William A. Thomas reported, on behalf of the Representatives, that they had conferred together and were united in proposing Francis T. King for Clerk, and James Carey for Assistant Clerk. The nominations were separately considered and united with, and the Friends named were appointed to those services.

Aaron H. Griffith, Thomas G. Edmondson, Richard M. Samney, Isaac Miller, Thomas McCoy, John B. Crenshaw and John Prettlow, were appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, report the state of the stock and the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year and report to a future sitting.