

5th of our Heavenly Father of promoting his Kingdom and glory.
On behalf of the Committee

John Scott.
Julia Valentine,
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Pickering, 6th mo. 4th 1867

15. An interesting report was received from Virginia Half Year's Meeting, relative to the establishment of a Colored Orphanage in Richmond by Cedar Creek Monthly Meeting, for which the City had donated them a lot. It was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings, and our members were encouraged to extend aid to the undertaking, a voluntary Subscription paper being in the hands of John B. Crenshaw for that purpose.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

2nd of the month and 4th of the week.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

16. The London General Epistle, containing much weighty counsel and sound doctrine was read to our comfort and edification, and that our absent members and others may have the benefit of its perusal, we direct that one thousand copies be reprinted for distribution, and to attend to that some we appoint John C. Thomas and Allen C. Thomas.

17. The following report was received from the Committee appointed last year, to visit Committees of other Yearly Meetings in Conference, upon "giving increased efficiency to our testimony against war." It was approved of by this Meeting, and the following Committee was appointed to produce to a future sitting the names of suitable Friends to serve as a Committee, in conformity with the recommendation of the report; viz James C. Thomas, John Scott, John B. Crenshaw, Aaron H. Griffith, and Thomas McCoy.

The Committee to attend the Peace Conference, report, that they met Delegates from New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa Yearly Meetings at Baltimore in the 11th month last, and one of their number met the Conference again by adjournment at Richmond, Indiana, in the 3rd month.

The Conference united in issuing an address to our members upon bearing a more efficient testimony against war, which was extensively circulated throughout all the Yearly Meetings.

They also united in proposing to the several Yearly Meetings the appointment of Special Standing Committees on Peace, in order to awaken more interest amongst our members, and give increased efficiency to our testimony against war; and also that the Standing Committees on this subject each appoint five friends

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who are to unite as a general Executive Committee to advance the cause of Peace; and that the Yearly Meetings raise ten thousand dollars, to be expended by said Committee in the promotion of the cause.

The proportion of this Yearly Meeting would be five percent - Five hundred dollars.

The following memorial to Congress was adopted and the Baltimore delegation was directed to present it.

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

"The Memorial of the Religious Society of Friends in the United States, represented by delegates appointed by each of the Yearly Meetings of New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western and Iowa, in conference convened, respectfully represents:

"That war being contrary to the principles of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; which lead to peace on earth and good will toward men, and opposed to His familiar and well-known teachings, as well as producer of immense suffering and misery to mankind, there must be some way by which it can be avoided amongst Christian people. We would, therefore, respectfully ask you to consider the propriety of taking initiatory steps towards adopting some plan whereby international difficulties may be settled without a resort to arms, by the establishment of a court of nations, or some other body, to which all causes of differences and disagreement between nations may be referred for settlement."

There was a very full and free interchange of views upon the general subject of Peace, much that was of a practical character was considered, and it was deemed desirable that the Yearly Meetings should earnestly take up the subject.

The Conference adjourned sine die.

On behalf of the Committee

Francis T. Knig
John Scott.

Baltimore, 10th mo. 21st 1867

18. The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings for the past year were read, and awakened much interest in the various important subjects which claimed its attention during that time, and that Meeting was encouraged to continue its care and labor therein.

19. The following report was received from the Committee to visit our Subordinate Meetings and approved of. It was concluded to release the present Committee, in which some vacancies have occurred, and James Cary, Thomas McCoy, John Scott, Thomas R. Matthews, J. B. Crenshaw & R. M. Sumner were appointed to present suitable names for a new Committee to a future sitting.