

5. The Representatives were directed to confer together, and propose ~~as clerk~~ to our next sitting two Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk, for the ensuing year.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock 2d day morning.

24th of the month, and 2d of the week.

The meeting convened according to adjournment.

6. John Scott, on behalf of the Representatives, reported they had conferred together, and agreed upon Francis T. King for Clerk, and James Carey for Assistant Clerk, which was united with, and they were appointed to the respective Stations.

7. Samuel H. Jones and Richard A. Ricks, Representatives from Virginia, absent at our opening sitting, were present.

8. Epistles were read from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New England, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Canada.

These messages of Brotherly love and Christian fellowship from distant Churches, read in entering upon the business of the Yearly Meeting, recall the words of the Apostle to the Church at Rome, "The Churches of Christ salute you."

Under a fresh sense, we trust, of that precious feeling which first prompted this correspondence, we appoint the following Committee to prepare Epistles in reply, and produce them to a future sitting, viz.: James C. Thomas, John Scott, Thomas McCoy, Francis T. King, Mrs B. Crenshaw, Daniel P. Haviland, Mr. Thompson Moileken, John Prellow, Aaron H. Griffith, Mrs C. Thomas, George L. Scott, Isaac Moller, William Devoll, James Carey, Caleb Winslow, Jesse Tyson, Richard A. Ricks, Thomas R. Matthues, Jr., Samuel May, Jr., Richard M. Sauney, and Samuel H. Jones.

9. Aaron H. Griffith, Jesse Tyson, Mr. Thompson Moileken, Samuel May, Jr., John Prellow, and Richard A. Ricks were appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, estimate the amount required for the ensuing year, and report to a future sitting.

10. The following Minute, received from Western Yearly Meeting, was, upon consideration, referred to the following Committee, in conjunction with a Committee of women's Meeting, to report their judg-

ment thereon to a future sitting, viz: Francis T. King, James C. Thomas, John Scott, Richard M. Sauney, James Carey, John B. Crenshaw, Daniel P. Haviland, Aaron H. Griffith and Thomas McCoy.

"At Western Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Plainfield, Hendricks County, Indiana, by adjournment from the 16th to the 22d of ninth month, 1870.

"This Meeting has been introduced into a desire for more perfect union among the different Yearly Meetings in Europe and America.

There are many departments of Christian labor of common interest that call for united counsel. Some of these are the education of our youth; the publication of books and tracts; and the general diffusion of knowledge by the press; the civilization and Christianization of the Indian tribes, and of missionary work at home and in foreign lands; of the distribution of the Holy Scriptures at home and abroad; the more practical and effectual recognition of the principles of peace by Christian professors and by civilized nations; and the determination of such questions as may be of common interest, and concern the general welfare.

"We apprehend that a General Council, composed of representatives appointed by the several Yearly Meetings, would have a harmonizing and uniting effect upon our common Society, and render the whole, and its parts, more mutually supportive of each other, where conclusions and recommendations shall only be advisory in their nature.

"Should this proposition meet with general approval we would suggest that the first meeting be held in the City of New York, on second day after the close of Canada Yearly Meeting in the year 1872.

"We desire that the Divine Will may influence and control our councils in the determination of this important measure, and that what is done may hasten the work of our common Lord and Saviour, and honor his Church in the earth.

"The correspondents were directed to forward a copy of the above minute to each of the Yearly Meetings, in connection with their respective epistles."

Taken from the Minutes.

Amos Down }
Thebr G. Taylor } Clerk

11. The Meeting being informed that a vacancy had occurred in its representation in the Meeting for Sufferings, occasioned by the death of our dear Friend John Griffith, we appoint Richard M. Sauney, Aaron H. Griffith, John Prellow, Thomas McCoy, and Daniel P. Haviland to propose to our next meeting