

a suitable Friend to fill the vacancy.

Then adjourned to 10 A.M. tomorrow.

3d of the week, and 25th of the Month.

Friends met according to adjournment

12. The minutes of last year were read, and the Committee to record them reported the service had been attended to; they were continued to revise and record those of this year, and report to next Yearly Meeting.

13. The Queries and Answers were considered, as far as the fourth query, inclusive.

Then adjourned to 10 O'clock tomorrow morning.

4th of the week, and 26th of the month.

The Meeting convened at the time adjourned to, in joint-session with women Friends.

14. The London General Epistle was read, to our edification and comfort; declaring with clearness and unction the Saving Truths of the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and setting forth practical moral duties which should, as fruits of the Holy Spirit, adorn the daily life and walk of his believing dependent children. In order that our absent members, and others, may have the privilege of its perusal, we appoint John C. Thomas, Isaac Brooks, J. R. Mathews, Jr., Richard M. Jarney, and William Elliott to attend to the printing and distribution of 2,000 copies of it; and draw upon our Treasurer for the expense incurred.

15. The following Report upon the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting, was read, carefully considered, and fully united with by the Meeting, and we commend this subject to the prayerful consideration of Friends everywhere, that if it be the Lord's will that such a Conference be held, that the way may open for its assembling. Our Clerks were directed to furnish Western Yearly Meeting with copies of this minute and the Report of our Committee.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to consider the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting, apprehend that cooperation in Christian

work is probably on as good a basis in its present form, as the nature of the case will admit of; and the other part of the proposition, "to determine such questions as may be of common interest; and concern the general welfare," is hardly, in our judgment, definite enough to warrant such an appointment.

The Committee believe, however, that there are periods in the history of the Church when it is called upon to reaffirm its doctrines, testimonies and mission.

In this day of awakened religious interest and inquiry among our own members, and others who are being drawn to us in various sections; in the multiplication of Yearly Meetings and the rapid increase of membership in some parts, we believe the time is not far distant when a General Conference of the Yearly Meetings of this continent, and of London and Dublin, would be desirable to reaffirm the Doctrines, Testimonies and Mission of the Religious Society of Friends; and without infringing upon the authority and independence of the several Yearly Meetings in their respective limits, consider subjects which effect our common membership and welfare.

We believe such a Council, composed of delegates appointed under the promptings, and held under the authority of Him who is "Head over all things to the Church," would bind us more closely together as one people, and strengthen us as a Church.

On behalf of the Committee.

Francis T. King

Julia Valentine

Baltimore. 10th mo 25. 1870

16. The following Report from the Committee to visit our Subordinate Meetings and members was read and approved, and they were continued for further service, to report next year.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to visit, as was ordered, the Subordinate Meetings, and members, report: That within the limits of Baltimore Quarterly Meeting some of their number have attended Deer Creek Monthly and Particular Meeting, and visited several families; have attended Hopewell Monthly Meeting, Washington, Montgomery, and Monmouth Meetings, and held an appointed one at Benderville; visited the members located in Charles County, and attended a Meeting held at the house of Daniel P. Harland; attended Dunning's Creek Quarterly Meeting, held at Bellefonte; Centre Monthly Meeting; the Particular Meeting held at Curwensville; held a Public Meeting at Clearfield town, and