

8 with deep sorrow; and it being now abundantly evident that those amongst us who had adopted the popular errors of the day, were resolved to break off all connexion with the ancient body of Friends, and to identify themselves with those who had departed from the long acknowledged doctrines and discipline of our Religious Society, we were brought to the painful necessity of meeting apart from them, in order to hold Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends according to its original institution, to bear our faithful testimony in support of the Christian Religion, as they are laid down in the holy Scriptures, and also to maintain those relations of brotherly love and gospel fellowship with the ancient Society of Friends and the regular Yearly Meetings which have hitherto subsisted to our mutual comfort and edification.

The situation of the subordinate meetings and of the members constituting which may be found in intimate con-

nexion and unite with us within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, having been brought into view, and much sympathy being felt with our absent friends, it was concluded to appoint a committee to take the subject generally under consideration, and report as way opens what steps they apprehend it may be right for this meeting to take in relation to the subject. — The following friends were appointed to the service, viz, Thomas Worthington, Thomas Loring, William Proctor, Isaac Brooks, Samuel Carey, Nicholas Popplein, Anna Proctor, Hannah Mitchell, Rachel Hough, Martha Carey, Elizabeth Hopkins (of Indian Spring) Lydia Coale and Elizabeth Cook.

The following friends were appointed to prepare an essay of an Epistle to be addressed to the several Yearly Meetings on this continent with which we correspond, and to the Yearly ^{meeting} of Friends held in London viz, Gerard P. Hopkins, George Williamson,