

and other business transacted to satisfaction. It is thus sorrowfully apparent that one of the Monthly Meetings and a part of the other have separated from the body.

In laying before the Yearly Meeting for its consideration, the present condition of Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, and the Meetings composing it, we think it not amiss to pass in review the condition and state of things within its limits for several years past, showing up to the time of our last Yearly Meeting, the working of a dividing and separating spirit, both within and beyond the limits of our Yearly Meeting, whose life seems to consist in a want of that humility and charity which so eminently become the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1845, our Yearly Meeting decided that Thomas B Gould and his associates were seceders from New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, and declined to have fellowship or correspondence with them. Soon after this decision, a spirit of insubordination was manifested in

Nottingham Quarterly Meeting, to the judgment of the Yearly Meeting on that subject, and its authority annually dishonored by the refusal to have read in their Women's Quarterly Meeting the copy of the Epistle received from New England Yearly Meeting, which was transmitted with copies of the other Epistles received by our Women's Yearly Meeting, and sent to their subordinate meetings to be read for the information and edification of their members, who had ^{not} enjoyed the privilege of attending the Yearly Meeting. This disorder was for years, the subject of painful concern to many of our members, and private labor and entreaty were used for its removal, but without effect. No doubt this spirit of insubordination was kept alive and strengthened, by the state of things within the limits of Ohio and Philadelphia Yearly Meetings, respecting the decision in New England Yearly Meeting; and in the 10th month last, immediately preceding