

Copy of Minute.

The subject of a conference of Committees from the different Yearly Meetings in America with which we correspond, having been introduced into this Meeting, after deliberate consideration it was believed that the holding of such a conference, to consider matters appertaining to the welfare of our branch of the Church, would strengthen the bonds of Christian fellowship amongst us, and tend to promote unity in important matters of faith and practice, in the different bodies into which Friends in America are divided. We are, therefore, united in proposing to our sister Yearly Meetings in America, that such a conference be held, and that it be composed of delegates appointed by the different Yearly Meetings, its conclusions to be only advisory; but that at least five Yearly Meetings must unite in it, or the conference not be held. It is proposed that said conference be held next year (1887) in Richmond, Indiana, beginning on Sixth day following the close of the Western Yearly Meeting at 9 A.M. A cordial invitation is extended to London and Dublin Yearly Meetings to send delegates to this conference.

Taken from the minutes of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from the 29th of 9th Month to the 4th of 10th Mo. inclusive, 1886. Allen Terrell, Clerk.

The important considerations thus brought before us were prayerfully and seriously considered and James Carey, Mary S Edge, Julia Valentine, Joseph P Elliott, John Pretlow, John C Thomas, and Mary Wright, were appointed to propose the names of eight Friends of this Yearly Meeting to unite in the proposed conference.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning in separate session.

9th of the Month and 3rd of the week.

Friends assembled at the appointed hour. Eliza T Blanchard, Margaret H Elliott, were appointed to examine and adjust the Treasurer's account and report to the Yearly Meeting at a future sitting. A portion of the minutes of the last Yearly Meeting was read.

The Queries were read and the answers from the subordinate Meetings, and the following summary answers were adopted as representing the condition of the Meeting at this time.