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The following Communication was received from Wilmington Yearly Meeting and the Clerk was instructed to reply cordially to the same expressing our appreciation of the invitation but that we did not open for the appointment of ~~Delegates~~ representatives.

Wilmington, Ohio, 3/8/1917

To Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends

Dear Friends:--The convening of Wilmington Yearly Meeting of Friends on Eighth Month 16th, 1917, will mark the twentyfifth anniversary of its establishment.

It has been decided to give some public recognition of this fact, and the sessions on Sixth Day, Eighth Month 17th, have been appointed for anniversary exercises.

You are cordially invited to send two representatives who will bring the greetings of your Yearly Meeting.

In accord with the directions of Wilmington Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Wilmington, Ohio, from Eighth Month 17th to Eighth Month 21st, 1916.

Mary Mills Clerk.

Ellison R. Purdy Chairman of Com. on Arrangements.

To the Clerk:--

Through an oversight this invitation did not get to your Y. M. Will you kindly secure, if possible, through the proper authorities the appointment of these representatives, and greatly oblige your friend

Ellison R. Purdy

In the above the Clerk replied as instructed.

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The reference of Minute #7 for "Conference" as per 105 recommendation of English Friends was read and a Called Meeting of this Board was advised if it seemed necessary to comply therewith before its next stated Meeting

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PEACE CONFERENCE of all bearing the name of FRIENDS

By minute 98 of London Yearly Meeting 1916 the Yearly Meeting referred to the Meeting for Sufferings a proposal which had "met with a good deal of support", "that a Conference be held of all who bear the name of Friend with the object of giving full consideration to the deeply important subject of how to secure a general and lasting peace". The Meeting for Sufferings was asked to consider how far the proposal "is desirable and practicable", and was empowered "if thought well to take steps to carry it out". At a meeting held on the 1st of 9th month 1916 the Meeting for Sufferings received from its Peace Committee a minute stating that the Committee is "unanimous in thinking that such a conference should be attempted". The Committee added "In it we should endeavour to lay down the lines of future work in defining for ourselves and expressing to the Churches and to the world the mind of Christ as we understand it, in stimulating workers and considering policy for the future". The Meeting decided to "attempt to arrange for the holding of such a Conference, probably in England, shortly after the close of the War", whenever that may be. This may, of course, mean in the autumn of 1917 or even sometime in 1918. A committee will shortly be appointed to commence the work of organization. This is sent by way of preliminary information to Yearly Meetings on the American Continent and to General Meetings of Friends in Australia and New Zealand.

Isaac Sharp,

Recording Clerk