

the melancholy effects ¹⁵⁶ that are set forth in the following communications, sent by this meeting in the 12th month last to the subordinate meetings of this yearly meeting. It may be proper to state that many of the seceders from Society and those who have been most prominent as leaders in the Schism both in South Kingstown and Swansey Monthly meeting are of the immediate family of John Milbur, or nearly connected with him either by consanguinity or affinity, whilst others of the latter class have faithfully maintained their integrity in the Truth.

"In Swansey Monthly meeting for a long time past there has been a want of that love and unity which are essential to the right conducting of the affairs of Truth. More than two years since, committees were appointed in that meeting to propose the names of clerks and overseers of Society, but they were unable to agree upon Friends for those Stations. The state of this meeting had claimed the attention of the yearly Meeting's Committee and also a Committee of Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting previous to our last yearly meeting: and much labour had been bestowed by them to remedy the existing difficulties, and to produce that organization of the meeting that would enable it to carry into effect the Discipline - the ad-

ministration of which had ¹⁵⁷ been seriously interrupted.

The Committee appointed at our last yearly meeting to assist and advise such meetings and members as circumstances may require and way open for: with a number of the Quarterly Meeting's Committee then under appointment, met with those under appointment two committees of the Monthly meeting in the 7th month, and united with a part of them in their proposing to the meeting the names of certain Friends for clerks and overseers. With the exception of two or three individuals, all the members of those committees of the Monthly Meeting either united with the names proposed or expressed their acquiescence therein. They were accordingly reported by those committees to the Monthly Meeting and the report was fully united with by the large body of the members of that meeting. A few individuals opposed it, and the clerk who was one of this number, refused to record the clearly expressed sense of the meeting although earnestly advised to do so by the yearly Meeting's Committee in attendance. The condition of this meeting, as it then stood was presented to the Quarterly meeting in the 8th month, which again appointed a committee to visit Swansey Monthly Meeting and assist in its due organization that our Christian Discipline might be supported, as in former days to the honour of Truth.