

Hugh Balderston and James Gillingham on their way into the woman's meeting to communicate their plan to their friends in it were interrupted at the usual door of entry by a friend who informed them that he could not allow them to go in seeing they were not deputed by the Y.M. with any message. They however entered through another door and made their proposition to women friends, requesting their friends among them also to keep their seats until the close of the meeting. And it is due to them all to say that they retired without creating disorder.

5th day morning. The meeting assembled at the time appointed. It was a very large congregation. The orthodox who left us were scarcely missed.

Samuel Macconnell an old friend from the Country made some remarks which produced great solemnity. He spoke of the very impressive situation we now occupied. Said he had never in his life been more solemnly impressed, desired us to turn our attention to that power which was the guide of Abraham. He felt assured if we would do so this power would also be our guide. Another friend observed that the principles of our Society would bind us together in love--his greatest concern was that we should live together in love and harmony.

The representatives made a report embracing several subjects.

The first subject was a minute they produced on the present state of the Society which they proposed should be placed on our Records. It was read and after a time of silence fully united with and the clerk was directed to send a copy of it to each of the Yearly Meetings from which we had received unsatisfactory Epistles.

This minute may be found in the printed Extracts of this year.

The second subject was the original Epistle (which was produced by the representatives) with the objectionable part left out. Some

alterations were made in its phraseology when it was approved of without a dissenting voice and a committee was appointed to have a liberal edition of it printed. It is addressed "to the Quarterly, Monthly, and Preparative Meetings which constitute this Y. Meeting, and to our members individually." It was understood that this Epistle might be circulated among the friends of other Yearly Meetings as well as among those of other Societies who might feel interested in our concerns.

The third subject in the communication from the Representatives was the report from Fairfax Quarterly M^s.

The Representatives produced a minute stating the judgment of the Y.M. that Elders should be appointed by the Monthly Meetings at least once in three years, and that members of the Meeting for Sufferings should be appointed by the Y. M. and selected out of the different Quarterly Meetings. This was agreed to on all hands, and the Y.M. made the following addition to the Minutes,--That when Monthly Meetings found it right to release an Elder from his station at any other than the usual time it should apprise the Q. Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the fact,--

That Ministers should not be appointed on committees to nominate Elders, and

That the Q.M. of Ministers and Elders should have no further power in the case than to record the act of the Monthly Meeting.

The second addition to the Minute produced by the Representatives was objected to by one or two friends on the ground that it seemed improper to exclude any individual from any appointment whatever. But these friends submitted to the judgment of the meeting which was that the regulation was a good one.