

late Barrington Quarter, all in connexion with the separatists. In the past month a part of the committee of men Friends attended to this very interesting concern, owing to the distance from the seat of the Yearly Meeting and more especially to the afflictive epidemic then prevalent, no women accompanied us. Centre Monthly Meeting has consisted of three particular, and preparative meetings, viz: Bald-Eagle and Half-Moon in Centre county and Clearfield in Clearfield County, Pennsylvania. The meeting at Bald-Eagle had for some time been discontinued, and the few Friends there met with Friends at Bellefonte, by whom they were kindly and affectionately received; although there had been no regularly established meeting at this place, yet the company of Friends there, had built themselves a comfortable stone meeting house, and with the few belonging to Bald-Eagle have held a meeting. After a religious opportunity with our Friends at Bellefonte, a conference was held with them in relation to the present state of society, and their connexion with the separatists. This conference resulted in a conclusion by the whole number there, and with apparent gladness, to become disentangled, and

for the present to hold an indulged meeting in connexion with our Yearly Meeting. Taking into consideration the great distance they are from all other meetings, added to the little subordination they seem to have been under hitherto to any superior meeting, the committee did not urge them at present to hold a mid-week meeting, fully believing, from the evidences of concern amongst them for the cause of truth, they would soon be led to that important christian step. From Bellefonte the committee went to Clearfield, where they had much to contend against from some opposers, yet they apprehend they were favoured with an encouraging religious opportunity with divers of them, and held an interesting conference with them. Viewing the remote situation of these Friends from the body of society, and being sensible of their want of due information of the state of society, or of their own relative situation, the committee believed it right to give them a concise history of the difficulties which have within the last few years unhappily found their way into our society, in what those have resulted, as also their present situation, leaving them to examine more fully and to determine their