

demanded. We have no doubt that it is the prevailing sentiment in the different Yearly Meetings that the body of Society should be, in some way, consulted on such occasions. If therefore it should be found, that the subject has so long rested on the minds of Friends as to have ripened into a conclusion, that no single Yearly Meeting should take a step of so much importance if Friends are prepared, (which we have no doubt is the case) when a Yearly Meeting is impressed with a belief that it would be proper for it to be decided, or for its own character as a Yearly Meeting to cease to communicate their prospect to the other Yearly Meetings, and invite their participation in the concern - we do not apprehend that any injury will arise from our not proposing the manner in which that assistance may be afforded.

The several Yearly Meetings so invited will exercise their own discretion and freedom whether to participate in the consideration or not, or whether in rendering their fraternal assistance, to do it by written communications or by committees to meet at the Yearly Meetings concerned, or elsewhere.

The second subject, relating to the discrepancies now found in the Disciplines of the several Yearly Meetings, has also engaged our weighty deliberations.

These discrepancies on important points, affecting the order of Society, the intercourse of Meetings, and the rights of Memberships or cases requiring disownments have increased to an extent, involving, as we apprehend, very serious consequences at present, and portending, unless some remedy should be applied, results which cannot be anticipated without a feeling of deep concern.

We are aware, however, that notwithstanding the importance of this object has long been felt, and perhaps, before this time ~~universally~~ acknowledged in the Society, it will necessarily be a work of time and even the very manner of obtaining it will require still further to be ripened in the minds of Friends.

But as we continue under the concern, as we look for the unfoldings of that wisdom by which alone the prosperity of the Church can be promoted, the difficulties which now appear to be in the way will be removed, and the prevalence of harmony and Brotherly love, and the nearer approximation of our codes of Discipline