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years past, that a course of this kind should be pursued,
& efforts to that end have heretofore made; but the
Body of the Society was not then prepared to adopt
the measure. It therefore seemed right, in order to
move in that harmony which is so beautiful &
healthful in a religious organization, to wait, as
for the hindmost of the flock, remembering the
Sacred injunction "He that beliveth shall not make
haste," & remain alive under the concern, till the
opposition should be removed.

We are now favored to be able to say, that
this desired period has arrived. The preceding Minute
was adopted by our late Yearly Meeting, with entire
unanimity. Not one voice was opposed thereto.

Now, dear friends, it is our ardent desire
that the proposition of our Yearly Meeting,
thus made, may be entertained by you, in
the same kind conciliatory spirit in which it
is rendered, & of this we have no reason whatever
to doubt. And, moreover, we hope and trust
that the reciprocal exercise of kind and good
feeling in the amicable adjustment of this
subject may be the means of bringing us closer
& closer to each other in kindness & charity, by
bringing us nearer & nearer to God, in the bonds
of his love.

The present Communication is made
in entire frankness, & strict integrity of purpose,

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and, if we know our own hearts, in true brotherly
& christian feeling: in which we can subscribe our-
selves, your sincere friends. (signed)

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Gerard H. Reese	Benj. P. Moore
Richard H. Townsend	Sam. Townsend
David G. M ^r . Cory	Joseph Matthews

on behalf of the Meeting for Sufferings, which
represents the Quaker Yearly Meeting of Friends
that meets at Lombard St.

Quaker First Mo. 20th 1865.

P.S. Several members of our Committee
who do not live in this city, being now here, we
would be pleased to receive an answer to this
communication, at your earliest convenience -

To

Benj. Hallowell & others, Committee on behalf of
the Meeting for Sufferings which represents the
Yearly Meeting of Friends, which meets at
Lombard St.

Dear friends, We have considered
the communication addressed to our Meeting for
Sufferings by you as a Com^{tee} of your Meeting.
There was not time to call our Meeting together
but as members of it, we frankly state our views
which we believe to be those of our other members.
The proposition embraced in the Minute of your Yearly
Meeting is acceptable to us, & we are prepared, with the