

these sentiments he made the proposition and he hoped if acceded to it would be a means of preserving harmony among us.

This proposition was united with by a number of Friends and some objections were made when Samuel Carey a young friend of Baltimore observed that he thought it right for the meeting to do one thing at a time. The subject he said of the minutes of Friends from other Yearly Meetings had just been before us but he believed there was no minute made on the case. The clerk rose and said "The friend labors under a mistake." When he sat down Saml Carey rose again and said he wished then that the clerk would read the minute the 2nd time. A few minutes of suspense now followed when Roger Brooke remarked "according to the friend's own rule this ought not to be done. This subject has been settled and a minute made to that effect and the meeting has since gone some distance into the consideration of another subject of great importance. If the friend was not present when the minute was read R. B. said he would have no objection to its being read for his benefit at a suitable time, but he thought this was not a suitable time." Saml Carey having found out by some means what was the tenor of the minute spoken of said "If this be the case then I feel it my duty to say I entirely disapprove of the judgment of the Meeting. There have been certificates and minutes received here belonging to individuals who have been disowned by the Society and he felt bound to say that he issues his solemn protest against the proceeding." During the suspension of business produced by Saml C's interrupting the meeting several friends among whom were Hugh Balderson, Ennion Williams and others expressed their disapprobation of the course pursued by the meeting in regard to friends from other Yearly Meetings who were present.

Gerrard T. Hopkins now rose and spoke to the business before us. He expressed regret that anything should be said calculated to disturb

the harmony of the meeting (alluding to the remarks of Saml Carey which did not seem to be dictated by the most friendly feelings). He said he approved of the proposition of the assistant clerk so far as it related to the Epistles and other documents from meetings with which we were not in the habit of corresponding (his allusion here was to the reorganized Y.M. of Phil^a and Indiana and the Y.M. of New York, all of which he considered as belonging to a new sect and not to the Society of Friends). This he said was according to our invaluable Discipline, the rule by which we are to act and we must not go contrary to it. I do not see said he that there will be any propriety in referring to the representatives the epistles from those meetings with which we have been in the habit of corresponding. The whole of his remarks are not recollected but he appeared to think this would be a departure from the order of the Discipline- but he did not attempt to produce any part of the Discipline where it is said communications from any Body whatever may not be referred to the representatives or to a committee. Such a rule I believe does not exist. Several others objected to the proposition made by the assistant clerk but as the judgment of a very large majority was in favor of it the Epistles and other documents were accordingly referred.

2nd day afternoon.-- After some other business had been transacted the clerk was proceeding by consent of the meeting to read the minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings. He had not advanced far when George Jones a minister from England taking advantage of the first pause rose and addressed the meeting as follows.--

George Jones' Speech.

"Before anything further is done I think it will be right for me to inform friends that I think that I am one that is as desirous as any one present can be that harmony and unity may be witnessed and continue among us. But if it be thought by any as it may appear from what passed this morning that there is unity and harmony witnessed in this meeting, I believe it is not the case. I believe it is far otherwise. That I wish none to deceive themselves or to be deceived in thinking so. There