The Protest or Disclaimer that caused so much controversy as shown in the Minutes of Green Plain Monthly Meeting in this volume #34 and a Minute from the Yearly Meeting of 1843 alluding thereto.

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The Friends
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Dr. Bailey,—In the Liberator of 3d mo., 12th, there is an extract of a most remarkable sermon by one of our ministers in New York. Friends here feel mortified and grieved at such conduct and we have concluded to issue a disclaimer. I herewith send it with a request that it be immediately inserted in the Philanthropist. Would it not be well to copy the account of the meeting as contained in the Liberator. To many friends it will prove an interesting, though painful item of the anti-slavery movement.

With much respect thy friend,
J. A. Dugdale

A Disclaimer.

We, the undersigned, members of the Society of Friends, within the compass of Green Plain Quarterly Meeting in the State of Ohio, being now here for the purpose of attending said meeting, and having read with mortification and astonishment a narration by Oliver Johnson of Boston, purporting to be a synopsis of a discourse delivered in Rose street meeting in the city of New York, by George F. White, an individual who stands as a minister among the Friends.

Wherein he denounced temperance, nonresistance, and anti-slavery societies in the most opprobrious terms, and charged the latter association with maintaining the doctrine that the only hope of the slave was not in God nor in truth, but in themselves; and then proceeded to speak of them (making no exception) as hypocrites, blasphemers, &c. In view of such high handed misrepresentation, and the unchristian treatment which is represented to have been offered to Oliver Johnson, who called in accordance with a public invitation of O. F. White, to examine the vouchers for the assertions made at said meeting: therefore,

We feel bound as Friends, some of us standing in the same relation to the society as G. F. White, to utter publicly our solemn protest against such charges and deportment in accordance with the apostolic injunction. "Them that sin, rebuke before all, that others also may fear," 1st Timothy, 5th chapter, 20th verse—In the above emphatic condemnation, we are accused by no invidious feeling towards the erring individual, but speak the truth in love, for we know that the expression of such sentiments as are attributed to our friend G. F. White will pain the hearts of many who love and cherish the principles as professed by our religious society.

Convention in Friend's meeting house at the close of the quarterly meeting, 5th mo. 3d, 1841.


Sarah B. Dugdale, Elizabeth L. Horton, Celia Anderson, Sarah Michenor, Sarah Ann Engle, Mary Ann Hayward, Hannah Ingram, Ruth Dugdale, Mary Ingram, Elizabeth Horton, Jr., Martha Michenor, Elizabeth Shaw, Rachael Wright,
Ann Richardson, Rebecca L. Shaw, Peace Mosher, Mary Jane Wright, Asneth Freme, Phebe Gummere, Ann Keeter.

The names of the persons following are of those not able to be present at the said meeting who subsequently desired the privilege of appending their signatures.


MINUTES

of

INDIANA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

held at Whitewater, from the 25th of the 9th Month to the 29th of the same, inclusive, 1843.

3. The committee appointed to visit Green Plain Quarterly Meeting made the following report:

"We of the committee appointed last year to visit Green Plain Quarterly Meeting and the Monthly Meetings constituting it, report: That the greater part of the committee attended that meeting held at Green Plain in the 11th month, last, and made some efforts to promote the objects of our appointment, but most of the active members of that meeting stood opposed to the views and advice of the committee; though some appeared willing to unite and co-operate with us. The committee could, therefore, do little more than sympathize with those who were suffering for the Truth.

At the Quarterly Meeting held at the same place in the 5th month, last, those who had signed the Protest or Disclaimer, which had been the cause of uneasiness to the Yearly Meeting, assumed to bear rule in the meeting, displaced the men's Clerk who had recently been appointed in the order of society, and appointed one of their own number to serve in his room.

At the succeeding Quarterly Meeting, held at Goshen in the 8th month, they continued the same person at the Clerk's table and proceeded with the business; appointing, as representatives to the Yearly Meeting and as members of the Meeting for Sufferings, some of those who had signed the aforesaid Protest or Disclaimer, and continued to justify that measure. The greater part of those members who had previously endeavored to support the Discipline and order of society had become discouraged, and ceased to participate in the business of the meeting. The meetings of Ministers and Elders within the limits of that Quarter have not been attended, and we apprehend that the ministry among them has, in part, become unsound and lifeless.

The committee on conferring together could not see their way open to visit the monthly meetings.


9th Mo. 25th 1843.

The report was read and adopted. And the Yearly Meeting believing that best Wisdom requires that its long continued labors with Green Plain Quarterly Meeting should now be drawn to a close, appointed Joseph P. Plummer, David Brown, Robert Morrison, Abram Cook, Wm. Parry, George Hatton and Daniel Quitley to attend that Quarterly Meeting in 11th mo. next, in conjunction with a committee of women Friends, to lay it down; and the Yearly Meeting directs that the Monthly Meetings composing said quarter, thereafter be attached to Miami Quarterly Meeting, to which the books and papers of Green Plain Quarterly Meeting are to be delivered.