

To Blue River Quarterly Meeting of Friends,

Dear Friends,

The situation of Friends at Plainfield in Fulton County, having claimed the attention of this meeting, a committee of men and women friends were appointed, to extend to them, sympathy and counsel, as way opened, which committee communicated with them freely, (some of said committee having visited them a short time before) respecting their isolated and detached situation as respected society; and it appearing, a number of them were not satisfied with no connection with society in an associated form, it was proposed by some of them, to organize a preparative meeting there again, they not knowing but that the preparative meeting was laid down when the monthly meeting was. The committee finding a difference of sentiment amongst friends there, amongst our-selves also, examined the record of our monthly meeting, to ascertain, what action was taken thereon. We found the report of the Quarterly Meeting committee, and the minute of that meeting sanctioning and adopting it, specifying acquiescence in laying down Plainfield Monthly Meeting, no mention of any other being made. This report was sent to our monthly meeting, and the members of Plainfield joined there-to. (It being understood, that no monthly meeting was held at Plainfield after the one that sent the request for disorganization) It appears to have been under consideration for some time, and then the minute adopted, and the subject dropped. From this report it was evident, that the midweek and preparative meetings, and the meeting on first day mornings, which had been established ther[~~text cut off~~]order, by our monthly meeting, still remained in[~~text cut off~~] that from misunderstanding, only the first da[~~text cut off~~] had been kept up. Several years h[~~text cut off~~] since those proceedings, and ~~there having m~~[~~text cut off~~] place; yet there being a considerable number of [~~text cut off~~] there, not satisfied with their situation, the committee sent them a communication, (embracing a copy of the Quarterly meeting minute,) informing them, that none of their meetings were laid down, except, their monthly meeting; and they were encouraged to again hold their preparative, and other meetings. They replied, they had examined the records of the monthly meeting formerly held there, and found a request had been made to the Quarter, to lay down the monthly, and midweek meetings, but no further record.—

Upon consultation, and deliberation, they concluded, that with the approbation of our monthly meeting, they want to resume the preparative meeting. We encouraged them to do so, and they have since held them.—

We thought it right to give this information to the Quarterly meeting, that if any misapprehension on the subject, or different view had been obtained, it might be explained supposing, that it might be so, as it was [~~text cut off~~]

We believe the little band of friends there, will be strengthened, by the adoption of this measure.—

Signed by direction of Clear Creek Monthly Meeting of friends held 6th of 9th mo. 1860

William Lancaster } Clerks
Sarah W. Price }