

such dissimulation, and in language strong and censorious, the Conference proceeded to pass the following resolutions:

1. That a Committee be appointed to examine the contents of a late circular, implicating the conduct of a preceding Conference, and to report thereon.

2d. That the same Committee be authorized to investigate the cause or causes of Mr. Ryan's grievances with the Conference, or with any of its members, and to report thereon.

And, that Mr. Ryan might be convinced of the disposition of the Conference to do him justice, and obviate every plea of "partiality," a 3d Resolution was passed, to allow Mr. Ryan a choice in that Committee. The Conference having appointed ten Brothers, Mr. Ryan selected other two. The Brothers of Mr. Ryan's choice having named the fifth man, their nomination was agreed to by the Brothers chosen by the Conference.

The Committee now consisted of the following persons:—FRANKLIN METCALF, JAMES RICHARDSON, THOMAS WHITEHEAD, JAMES JACKSON, and EZRA HEALEY.

A great deal having been said about Mr. Ryan having evidence to prove that Mr. Madden's statements at the Salt-Fleet Conference were erroneous, it was expected that he would now produce it. But Mr. Ryan laid in no charges against any individual, nor produced any such evidence, though a fair opportunity was now offered to do so, if he had any such to produce; for in the appointment of that Committee it was expressly stated, that they were to "take into consideration any grievances of Mr. Ryan," not only "against the Conference," but against "any of its members."

This Committee, after a laborious examination of Mr. Ryan's complaints, reported, which report, as amended and adopted by the Conference, was to this effect:—

That Mr. Ryan appeared before them, and stated the following grievances:—

1. That the Salt Fleet Conference suffered Brother Culp to stand complainant in a charge of Brother Madden's, and thereby allowing him (Madden) to be evidence in his own case.

2. That the Conference, instead of acquitting or criminalizing him in their decision, in effect said, that he (Ryan) had not proved himself clear.

3. That after the Conference had heard his defence, and he had retired, they allowed Madden to remain in while they made up their decision.

4. That when Mr. Culp brought a charge against him for entering into the Ancestor and Niagara Circles, preaching, forming societies, and taking up collections therein; and he had proved himself clear, the Conference, instead of acquitting him, threw it on him.

On these alleged grievances of Mr. Ryan, the resolutions of the Committee, as amended and adopted by the Conference, were to the following effect, viz:—