

to the Yearly Meeting then sitting the following report :

“We, the committee appointed to give further attention to the situation of Friends in Upper Canada have several times met, and after dipping into their state and feeling near sympathy with them in their remote and exposed situation, agreed to propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting whether a committee might not be now seasonably appointed to visit them the ensuing summer with powers to establish a Monthly Meeting, and to assist them in opening it. If the committee, when amongst them and duly considering their situation and peculiar circumstances, should be easy to proceed therein. The said Monthly Meeting to be under the particular care of this Yearly Meeting.” The above report being considered was approved. And said committee were desired to continue further service that the proposal therein mentioned might be effected the names of two more Friends being added to their assistance : William Blakey, Isaac Coats.

Their next and last report dated Pelham, 10th mo., 1st, 1799, is as follows, “We, the committee, separated to visit those members of our religious Society who reside in Upper Canada. After visiting their families both at Black Creek and the Short Hills, and having this day had a weighty conference with them on the subject of our appointment at their Meeting-house in Pelham, which was generally attended by the members of both meetings. We unite in judgment that it may be best to establish a Monthly Meeting amongst them to be composed of the members of those two meetings, that it be named Pelham Monthly Meeting, and to be held alternately at Pelham and Black Creek, the first fourth-day of the week in each month, the even months at Pelham and the odd months at Black Creek. The first Monthly Meeting to be held to-morrow at Pelham at 11 o'clock, and that a meeting

be held at Black Creek the first and fifth days of each week, except the fifth days of the week that the Monthly Meeting is held at Pelham. And at Pelham on the first and fourth days of each week, except the fourth day of the week that the monthly Meeting is held at Black Creek. And that a preparative meeting be held at Black Creek on the last fifth day in each month, and one at Pelham the last fourth day in each month, all to begin at 11 o'clock.

As there are at present but few in number, it is agreed that both men and women sit together whilst transacting the business of the Preparative Meeting and Monthly Meeting, and that they report once a year to the Yearly Meeting written answers to the queries.’ Signed, Joshua Sharpless, William Blakey, Isaac Coats, James Cooper, Natham A. Smith, Jacob Paxson, Thomas Stewardson.

The first Monthly Meeting was held the 10th mo., 2nd, 1799.

The total membership, old and young, was 79 ; viz., 43 at Pelham and 36 at Black Creek.

The first year after its establishment there were added in membership : By request, 3 ; by certificate, 16.

The second year, by request 20 : by certificate, 21.

The third year, by request, 10 : by certificate, 16.

The 25th of 12th mo., 1799, a box of books was received from Philadelphia Meeting of Sufferings. Pelham Preparative Meeting's share consisted of “ten Epistles, three large Bibles, three small Bibles, six Testaments, five of Benjamin Holmes' Works, eighteen of Spaldings' Works, twelve Spelling Books, one vol. Phipps' Works, six of Mary Brooks', eight of Elizabeth Webs', two doz Primers, one Barclay's Catechism, two blanks for Pelham and one for Black Creek.”

Seventh of 10th mo., 1801, a committee, appointed for the purpose submitted the following plan for a Meeting-house at Black Creek. Said house