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## Introduction.

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### ORIGIN AND ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

The first step toward the organization of the Peace Conference, the proceedings of which are given in this Report, was taken at the time of the Seventh Annual Conference on International Arbitration, held by Albert K. Smiley at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., on the last three days of Fifth month, 1901. At this Conference a meeting of Friends present was called to discuss the question of holding a peace conference in which members of all the religious bodies in America calling themselves Friends should be invited to participate. The following were present at this meeting:

Alexander C. Wood and wife, Camden, N. J.; Arthur Perry and wife, Brookline, Mass.; Hannah J. Bailey, Winthrop Centre, Maine; D. Wheeler Swift and wife, Worcester, Mass.; Benjamin F. Trueblood, Boston, Mass.; John B. Garrett, Rosemont, Pa.; Frances B. G. Branson, Rosemont, Pa.; Philip C. Garrett, Philadelphia; Wm. P. Bancroft and wife, Wilmington, Del.; Clement M. Biddle and wife, Lansdowne, Pa.; Charles Richardson and wife, Philadelphia; Howard M. Jenkins and wife, Gwynedd, Pa.; Margaretta F. Atkinson, Philadelphia; President William W. Birdsall and wife, Swarthmore, Pa.; Rufus M. Jones, Haverford, Pa.; Joshua L. Baily, Philadelphia; Alfred H. Smiley, Minnewaska, N. Y.; Sarah Collins, Purchase, N. Y.

Benjamin F. Trueblood was appointed chairman and Howard M. Jenkins secretary. After a free interchange of views, a committee consisting of Benjamin F. Trueblood (chairman), Arthur Perry, Howard M. Jenkins, Philip C. Garrett, Hannah J. Bailey, William W. Birdsall and Rufus M. Jones was appointed to take into further consideration "the holding of a conference of Friends of all bodies in America on the subject of peace and arbitration, with authority to add to their number, and also with authority to make arrangements for such conference, if in the judgment of the committee it should seem proper to hold one."

This committee, in order to obtain the opinions of Friends throughout the United States and Canada, published the following circular in the Friends' papers in Seventh month.

## PROPOSED FRIENDS' NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

To Friends in America:

It has been felt by a number of Friends that the opening year of the Twentieth Century ought not to be allowed to pass without some general public manifestation, on the part of all in America who call themselves and are known as Friends, of their peace principles and faith. The hour is a most important and even critical one in the history of Christian civilization, and demands the active and speedy movement of all the forces of righteousness, love and peace.

Throughout their history Friends have stood for goodwill and fellowship among the nations as well as between individuals, and for the settlement of international disputes by the friendly, rational method of arbitration. In addition to their direct peace work as a religious body, they have furnished a number of the leaders and organizers of the general peace movement, and their large and constant influence in opposition to war as radically inconsistent with both Christianity and humanity has been widely recognized and felt.

The body of Friends in America is in a position to-day to speak with greater intelligence and wisdom, and therefore with greater power, than ever before in its history. It has spread across and over the continent, grown in numbers, and in recent years developed much in its intellectual resources. Its history and the history of the world during its existence have been full of instructive lessons as to the power of peace principles and the evils of war, the force of which ought to stimulate to new and better service. Do we not owe it to ourselves, to our history, to our profession before the church and the world, to the American public and to mankind everywhere, to declare ourselves anew to-day—and in a united way, as we have never done before—on the great and pressing question of the peace of the world, of the rescue of mankind from the awful iniquities and crushing burdens of modern militarism?

So far all to whom the idea of such a conference as that proposed has been suggested, have expressed the heartiest approval of it, and also their readiness to co-operate as far as possible in promoting it. At the time of the recent Arbitration Conference held at Lake Mohonk, N. Y., some thirty Friends, of different bodies, who were present, met, and, after earnest consideration of the subject, came to the unanimous conclusion that it was not only very desirable, but a clear and positive duty, that such a national conference be held, provided Friends throughout the country in sufficient numbers approve of the project, and are ready to co-operate in it as they may be able. The persons named below were appointed to constitute the nucleus of a national committee, with power to add to their number, to lay the subject before Friends in general, and if, after the consultation, it should be deemed wise to go forward, to have charge of the arrangements for the conference; the committee to be enlarged into a representative national one.

It is proposed to hold the conference in Philadelphia, the city of William Penn, some time near the end of this year, for about three days.

The plan is to make it a mass conference, that all interested Friends may attend as members, without the necessity of any official appointment.

The program, it is thought best, should consist of carefully-prepared papers, by the ablest and most experienced thinkers and workers in the peace cause to be found among Friends (to be selected by the National Committee), upon various phases of the peace question,—religious, historical, sociological, educational, political, etc.; a limited amount of time to be given to general discussion; the proceedings to be afterwards published for distribution.

If the conference is held, it will be necessary to have a local committee of Friends in and about Philadelphia, to provide a suitable hall, make



arrangements for the entertainment of visitors, etc.; and also a finance committee to secure through voluntary contributions funds for defraying the expenses of the meeting—rent of hall, advertising, printing of proceedings, bringing speakers from a distance, etc.

The Provisional Committee, whose names are given below, desire to hear at once, in response to this circular, from Friends in all parts of the country, and invite the freest expression of opinion, in brief form, as to the proposed conference.

Address all communications to Benjamin F. Trueblood, Chairman, 3 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.

HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Centre, Me.  
 WILLIAM W. BIRDSALL, Swarthmore, Pa.  
 PHILIP C. GARRETT, Philadelphia.  
 HOWARD M. JENKINS, Philadelphia.  
 REFUS M. JONES, Haverford, Pa.  
 ARTHUR PERRY, Brookline, Mass.  
 BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD, Boston.

The responses to this circular were so numerous and cordial that the committee felt the duty to be clear to proceed with the arrangements for the Conference. A second circular, stating that it had been decided to hold the Conference, was published in *The American Friend* and *The Friends' Intelligencer* at the end of Eighth month. The provisional committee then enlarged its number and constituted the following General Committee, which proceeded to prepare the program and make other necessary arrangements for holding the Conference:

ELIZA C. ARMSTRONG, Centre Valley, Ind.  
 HANNAH J. BAILEY, Winthrop Center, Me.  
 PRESIDENT W. W. BIRDSALL, Swarthmore, Pa.  
 HANNAH W. BLACKBURN, Zanesfield, Ohio.  
 WILLIAM G. BROWN, Toronto, Canada.  
 EMILIE U. BURGESS, Highland, N. Y.  
 CLARKSON BUTTERWORTH, Waynesville, Ohio.  
 ELIZA H. CAREY, Wichita, Kan.  
 WILLIAM R. CLARK, Emerson, Ohio.  
 ELIZABETH H. COALE, Holder, Ill.  
 J. ELWOOD COX, High Point, N. C.  
 SARAH ANN DALE, Pickering, Ont., Can.  
 L. MARIA DEANE, Pleasant Plain, Iowa.  
 JANE EDGERTON, St. Clairsville, O.  
 PROF. A. M. ELLIOTT, Baltimore, Md.  
 ALLEN J. FLETCHER, Oak Park, Ill.  
 PHILIP C. GARRETT, Logan (Philadelphia), Pa.  
 JOB S. GIDLEY, North Dartmouth, Mass.  
 ABIGAIL J. HADLEY, Clarksville, O.  
 MARGARET W. HAINES, Cheltenham, Pa.  
 JOSEPH HILL, Emerson, O.  
 PROF. C. W. HODGKIN, Richmond, Ind.

WILLIAM M. JACKSON, New York, N. Y.  
 DR. O. E. JANNEY, Baltimore, Md.  
 SUSAN W. JANNEY, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 ALLEN JAY, Richmond, Ind.  
 HOWARD M. JENKINS, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 RUFUS M. JONES, Haverford, Pa.  
 HARRIET COX McDOWELL, New York, N. Y.  
 PRESIDENT EDWIN MCGREW, Newberg, Ore.  
 ELIZABETH B. MILLS, Newberg, Ore.  
 DR. WILLIAM L. PEARSON, Oskaloosa, Iowa.  
 ARTHUR PERRY, Brookline, Mass.  
 ESTHER PUGH, Selma, O.  
 PETER W. RAIDABAUGH, Plainfield, Ind.  
 ELEANORA H. ROBINSON, Richmond, Ind.  
 ELIAS H. ROGERS, Toronto, Can.  
 DANIEL SMILEY, Lake Mohonk, N. Y.  
 PRESIDENT EDMUND STANLEY, Wichita, Kan.  
 PRESIDENT CHARLES E. TEBBETTS, Whittier, Cal.  
 RICHARD H. THOMAS, Baltimore, Md.  
 BENJAMIN F. TRUEBLOOD, Boston, Mass.  
 PRESIDENT J. B. UNTHANK, Wilmington, O.  
 ELLA C. VEEDER, Whittier, Cal.  
 ELISHA H. WALKER, Baltimore, Md.  
 JANE WHITE, Baltimore, Md.  
 JAMES WOOD, Mount Kisco, N. Y.  
 MARY C. WOODY, Winston-Salem, N. C.  
 SAMUEL P. ZAVITZ, Coldstream, Ont., Can.

A Finance Committee, consisting of Alexander C. Wood, chairman, Camden, N. J.; Robert M. Janney, treasurer, Philadelphia; Joshua L. Baily, Philadelphia; William P. Bancroft, Wilmington, Del.; Isaac H. Clothier, Philadelphia, and Asa S. Wing, Philadelphia, was appointed, and through their solicitation ample funds were secured to meet all the expenses of the Conference.

The Local Committee of Arrangements chosen, to whose earnest, self-sacrificing and wisely-directed efforts in arranging for the meetings and providing for the entertainment of members from a distance the success of the Conference was so largely due, consisted of the following persons:

John B. Garrett, chairman; Samuel S. Ash, Mordecai T. Bartram, Clement M. Biddle, Benjamin Cadbury, Hannah W. Cadbury, Arabella Carter, Isabel Chambers, Julia Cope Collins, W. W. Comfort, Howard M. Cooper, Joseph Elkinton, Sarah W. Elkinton, Sarah B. Flicraft, Joseph E. Haines, Edward H. Magill, John B. Rhoads, J. Henry Scattergood, Isaac Sharpless, Walter P. Stokes, Agnes L. Tierney, Mary Travilla, William S. Vaux, Jr., Emma Waln, Joseph S. Walton, Emma S. Webster, Mary R. G. Williams,

John C. Winston, Stanley R. Yarnall and William Y. Warner. With this committee the local members of the General Committee, William W. Birdsall, Philip C. Garrett, Susan W. Janney, Howard M. Jenkins and Rufus M. Jones, regularly met.

The program as finally revised and completed when the Conference opened was as follows:

WITHERSPOON HALL, PHILADELPHIA,

Twelfth month 12th, 13th, 14th, 1901.

**Program.**

FIFTH-DAY MORNING.

JOHN B. GARRETT (Philadelphia), Presiding.

- 10.00. Devotion.
- 10.10. Address by the Chairman.  
Announcements.
- 10.30. "The New Testament Grounds of Peace."  
PROFESSOR ELBERT RUSSELL, recently of Earlham College.
- 10.55. "Elements of Peace Doctrine in the Old Testament."  
DR. GEORGE A. BARTON, Bryn Mawr College.
- 11.15. "The Failure of the Christian Church in Regard  
to Peace Principles."  
MARY CHAWNER WOODY, Winston-Salem, N. C.
- 11.35. Discussion of Papers.
- 12.30. Adjournment.

FIFTH-DAY AFTERNOON.

HOWARD M. JENKINS (Editor of "Friends' Intelligencer"),  
Presiding.

- 3.30. Remarks by the Chairman.
- 3.45. "The Early Friends' Conception of War and Peace."  
WILLIAM G. HUBBARD, Lansing, Mich.