

Both Schools were kept open all the year and conducted in accord with the order of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

BENJAMIN W. WOOD.

The Friends appointed to prepare an address to our absent members have produced one which this meeting approves (it is appended to these Minutes).

This has been a season of Divine favor wherein we can thank God and take courage. When we came together this year great strippedness was our portion, but God has not forgotten to be gracious, but has heard our cry, and answered our feeble petition that He the Great Head of the Church would be in our midst. The Gospel has been preached under the fresh anointing of His Holy Spirit with power, so that hearts have been reached and tendered before Him. He who doeth all things well, in His wisdom has removed Fathers and Mothers from our midst. May our Heavenly Father raise up those who will fill the vacant places, that there may continue to be "judges as at the first, and counsellors as at the beginning."

It is with thankful hearts we acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our God, during all the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, wherein we have been favored to transact the business in love and harmony, and we would commend one another to the care of our Heavenly Father, "the unslumbering Shepherd of Israel."

We now conclude, desiring to meet here at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Clerk.

ADDRESS TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS.

DEAR SISTERS,—Our Yearly Meeting is again in session, and a feeling of discouragement has been expressed on account of so few of our numbers being present. We feel lonely, missing the faces of many of you who have met with us in the past, cheering us by your presence and help in transacting the affairs of the Church ;