

would be right to renew a brotherly extension of sympathy and care towards them, another visit we believe might be useful, in conjunction with an appointment from Nine Partners (Duchess County) Quarter, for the purpose of being impressed with a belief that there would be a propriety and safety in granting those friends the privilege of holding a preparative meeting and to be furnished with a copy of our Discipline that so they may be enabled and encouraged to a consistency in principal and conduct. As they reside at a greater distance from a Monthly meeting we would suggest whether it might not be reasonable and proper to grant them the Liberty of accomplishing their Marriages and such other privileges as the Committee in the course of their visit and attention to the case may apprehend safe and proper."

Then follows a report that, "two friends of said yearly meeting met at Philip Dorland's house in Adolphustown, Upper Canada, on the 17th of ninth month (September), 1788 and after a time of waiting together where-in several suitable communications were offered, and the Divine presence measurable felt, the said meeting opened and appointing Philip Dorland clerk," and it was recommended that this Preparative meeting be joined to the Monthly meeting of Nine Partners and much more to that effect. That locates the time and place of formation of the first Society in Upper Canada.

"The subject of appointing some friends to the weighty office of Overseers coming under consideration and John Dorland, Cornelius Blunt, and Aaron Brewer being named are appointed to that service for the present year."

The Committee from Nine Partners who were present and thus took part in the regular founding in Canada were Fry Willis, Enoch Dorland, Gideon Simmon, Henry Bull, Reuben Haight. Their names suggest they were all more or less related to the early Canadian members. A journey from Dutchess county to Canada at that time represented more hardships and dangers and more time than a trip to Great Britain would now require.

Philip Dorland, at whose house the first Society was formed, was one of three brothers, John, Philip and

Thomas, all of whom were among the prominent first residents of Adolphustown. He was also Clerk of the first Town meeting held there which was the first of its kind held in Upper Canada, on the 6th of March, 1792, the original minutes of which are still in an excellent state of preservation, and they show that he was an excellent penman. He was also assistant Government commissary for the township for years. He was elected by the people of Adolphustown and Prince Edward County to represent them in the first Legislature of Upper Canada, in 1792 but true to his Quaker principles, he refused to take an oath as the law at that time appears to have required without exception. His seat was therefore declared vacant and he had the long and dangerous journey to Newark and back for nothing, bearing his own expenses. The men of the Quakers at that time would sacrifice their all for principle! Later on he moved to near where Wellington, Prince Edward county, now stands where he lived and died. All these brothers were the heads of large and respectable families, now scattered nearly all over our Dominion.

OTHER SOCIETIES FORMED.

On the 16th of fourth month, 1801, the right was considered and granted for the friends at Kingston township to hold a Preparative meeting for three months and a committee of seven was appointed to visit the locality for that purpose; the committee consisting of John Dorland, James Noxon, Robert Hubbs, Jacob Crook, Daniel Haight, Philip Dorland and Jacob Cronkite. A Society was formed there and held its meetings at the house of Aaron Brewer, near where the village of Cataract now stands. It continued for years and a meeting house was built and used for some time. It has gone down now, however. Assistance was also given from Adolphustown to purchase a burying ground there, which is still used by the descendants of the members of the first Society. That ground was the nucleus of the present large Cataract cemetery, the general burying place for the city of Kingston to-day, and near by it such men as the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George E. Kirkpatrick, and hosts of the notables of the Politicians, the Christian Ministers, the University Professors, and the leaders of all branches of industry