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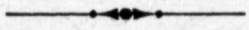
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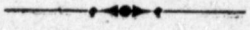
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YEARLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS

Held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 19th of the Sixth
month, to the 23rd of the same,
inclusive, 1896.

SIXTH-DAY—the 19th of Sixth Month.

Reports are received from the Quarterly Meetings,
by which we find their representatives to this meeting
are : from

WEST LAKE—Daniel M. Bowerman, Jonathan P.
Ward, Arnoldi D. Foster, Justus Robeson and Arza
Wiltsie ;

YONGE STREET—Benjamin W. Wood, John Chantler
and Benjamin Phillips ;

NORWICH—Joshua Waring, George Pollard and Gran-
ville C. Sutton ;

Who were present except five—A satisfactory reason
was given for the absence of two of them.

The Caretakers are : from

WEST LAKE—Edwin W. Hodson and Enoch H.
Johnson ;

YONGE STREET—Francis Starr, William V. Richardson
and William Cornell ;

NORWICH—There were none appointed ;

Who are present except two.

This Meeting appoints the following Friends as Care-

takers to fill the vacancy in Norwich Quarterly Meeting, viz : Walter Clayton and Joshua Waring.

Statistics are reported as follows. They are approximate :

Quarterly Meetings.	Number of Meetings.	Number of Families.	Number of parts of Families.	Number of Members.	Number of Children from 5 to 21 years of age.	Number of Children attending Friends' Schools.	Number of Births since last report.	Number of Deaths since last report.	Number of Recorded Ministers.	Number of Elders.
West Lake.	6	22	24	98	15	1	2	6	6	20
Yonge Street. . . .	4	36	26	193	36	0	2	3	6	23
Norwich.	2	17	28	91	10	3	1	1	2	6
Total	12	75	78	382	61	4	5	10	14	49

Epistles have been received from Iowa, Ohio, Kansas, New England and Western Yearly Meetings, including one from Western not received at our last Y. M., which have been read to our comfort and edification.

To prepare replies to these Epistles as Truth may direct, the following Friends are appointed: Francis Starr, Arnoldi Haight, Benjamin W. Wood, Joshua Waring, Joseph Cody, Daniel M. Bowerman, Harvey Haight, Arthur Mullett, Jonathan P. Ward and Edward Cornell.

A document was placed on the table which was left to the consideration of the following Committee, namely, Arnoldi Haight, George Pollard, Benjamin W. Wood, Francis Starr and Joshua Waring.

The Representatives are directed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer and ascertain the sum required to be raised for the purposes of this Meeting for the present year and report.

They are requested to confer together at the rise of this Sitting and report to our next the name of a Friend to serve the Meeting as Clerk, and one as Assistant.

Also to propose the names of two Friends to serve the Meeting as Messengers :

The time for which the members of the Representative Meeting were appointed having expired the following Friends are appointed to propose the names of Friends to constitute that Meeting: Benjamin W. Wood, William V. Richardson, Jonathan P. Ward, Daniel M. Bowerman, Joshua Waring and Harvey Haight.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON—20th of the Month.

At the time adjourned to the Meeting convened.

The Representatives report that they are united in proposing that George Rorke serve the Meeting as Clerk, and George Pollard as Assistant.

These names having been separately considered by the Meeting are approved of, and they were appointed to those services respectively for one year.

They also propose that William Cornell and William Waring serve the Meeting as Messengers, which is united with, and they are appointed to that service.

The Committee appointed to propose names of Friends to constitute the Representative Meeting report as follows :

We, your Committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to act as Members of the Representative Meeting propose the following: Jonathan P. Ward, Arza Wiltsie, Daniel M. Bowerman, Thomas Robinson, John Garratt, Stephen Roberts, Justus Robeson, Joseph Cody, Joshua N. Richardson, Benjamin Phillips, John S. Cruis, Francis Starr, Edward Cornell, Arnoldi Haight, Joseph G. Pollard, George Pollard, Samuel T. Haight, Granville C. Sutton, Harvey H. Haight and Joshua Waring.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JONATHAN P. WARD.

Which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and those Friends are appointed members of that Meeting for three years— They are directed to meet together and organize.

The Committee appointed to place twelve copies of George Fox's Journal in the Public Libraries in Canada report that they have fulfilled the purpose for which they were appointed.

The Meeting entered upon and concluded the examination of the State of its Members as presented in the Answers to the Queries forwarded by the Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which is as follows :

1st. Although deviations are apparent, especially in the middle of the week, most Friends are careful to attend all our Meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour is nearly observed and no unbecoming behavior to remark, except occasional drowsiness. Some care taken in the above deficiencies in one Meeting.

2nd. With two exceptions, we believe Friends are preserved in love one towards another ; when differences arise care is taken to end them speedily. Talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

3rd. Most Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us ; plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment not so fully maintained as is desirable. They are mostly good examples in these respects themselves, and endeavor to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books.

4th. So far as we know, Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5th. Friends avoid the use of intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal and are clear of frequenting taverns and of attending places of diversion.

6th. The circumstances of the poor and of those likely to require assistance are duly inspected and relief

afforded them ; they are advised and assisted in suitable employments, and their children and all others under our care are properly educated for the ordinary duties of life.

7th. Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions and of paying any fine or tax instead thereof.

8th. We trust Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts, they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery.

9th. Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

MINUTE OF ADVICE

To all our Members in Ontario and other parts of Canada.

It is very important for the welfare of the Society and for that of the individuals composing it, that we be preserved in love one towards another. In spiritual things whatever does not originate from God is of the Evil One. If we have not the Spirit of Christ we are none of His. If we have His Spirit dwelling in us we shall obey His command, "Love one another"; in so doing, even our enemies will be at peace with us. We would walk circumspectly, redeeming the time, because the days are evil; our words would be few and guarded; our prayer would be as David's formerly, "Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer." We would be careful to avoid wounding the feelings of a brother, for when the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts the spirit that leads to talebearing or detraction cannot there exist. We would love our brother as ourselves, and be willing to bear one another's burdens, so fulfilling the law of Christ.

We cannot fulfil the duties devolving upon us as parents in training up our children in the way they should go, except we know of living in Christ and He in us.

This is a solemn truth. If our children are brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord they would become as our forefathers were in their day, a light to the world, even as a city set on a hill that cannot be hid, and their influence in the coming generation would be for good.

Parents should not be discouraged if their labors with their children do not produce immediate fruit—it may be as bread cast upon the waters which will be found after many days.

We would affectionately advise our young people, who may be in situations where there are no meetings of our Society, to withdraw on the First-day of the week to a private place with the Holy Scriptures—the reading of which and waiting upon the Lord to be instructed of Him, will, we are satisfied, conduce more to the building them up in the most holy faith than the attendance at the assemblies of other denominations.

“Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat.” It behooves us, therefore, individually to be continually watchful unto prayer, lest he take advantage of our weakness. If our trust is in the Lord, He will enable us to resist every temptation. “Render unto God the things that are God’s,” for “what will it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what shall a man gain in exchange for his soul?” The honors and pleasures of the world cannot compare with the happiness to be found in the service of Christ.

Meetings for Divine Worship to-morrow at 10 o’clock a.m. and 3 o’clock p.m.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at 10 o’clock a.m. on Second-day.

SECOND-DAY MORNING—the 22nd of the Month.

At the time adjourned to the Meeting convened.

The Committee to consider the document laid on the table signed by the Clerks of London Yearly Meeting report that they see no objection to its being read :

With which report the Meeting was in unity, and it was

read accordingly. The Meeting is united in appointing Benjamin W. Wood, William V. Richardson, Joshua Waring and George Korke in conjunction with a like Committee of Women Friends to take the subject into consideration and as way may open prepare a suitable reply thereto, and present it to a future sitting of this Meeting.

The following report was received from the Committee having charge of First-day Schools, which is united with and the Committee continued.

(For Report see Minutes of Women's Y.M.)

Information is received from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders of the decease of beloved Friends who were members of that body, viz :

Adam Henry Garratt, a Member and Elder of West Lake Monthly Meeting, who died at his residence, Wellington, Ontario, on the 30th of 8th Month, 1895, aged 72 years 8 months and 27 days.

Gilbert Jones, a Member and Elder of West Lake Monthly Meeting, who died at his residence near Bloomfield, Ontario, on the 3rd of the 11th Month, 1895, aged 78 years 9 months and 21 days.

Mary E. Jones, a Member and Elder of Leeds Monthly Meeting, who died at her residence, Athens, Ontario, on the 16th of the 5th Month, 1893, aged 82 years 11 months and 1 day.

Sarah Wood, a Member and Minister of Le Ray Monthly Meeting, who died at her residence, Le Raysville, N.Y., on the 15th of 10th Month, 1895, aged—

William Rogers, a Member and Elder of Mariposa Monthly Meeting, who died at his residence in Mariposa, the 15th of the 10th Month, 1895, aged 80 years 4 months and 8 days.

The Committee to prepare Epistles to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have presented those for Ohio, Kansas, Iowa and Western, which were read and approved.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY MORNING—the 23rd of the Month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

The Committee appointed to prepare a reply to the Communication signed by the Clerks of London Yearly Meeting presented an Epistle addressed to that Meeting which was carefully considered in an open Session with Women Friends.

The Clerk of this Yearly Meeting is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting, and when signed by the Clerk of the Women's Yearly Meeting forward it to London Yearly Meeting.

The Minutes of the Representative Meeting were read and approved.

Benjamin W. Wood and Joshua Waring, on behalf of the Representatives, report that they have examined the Accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, with a balance in his hands of \$103.44. The debt yet due on the Yearly Meeting property is \$250.00.

The Quota for this year has been paid, excepting \$6.25 due from one Meeting.

They recommend that \$125.00 be raised for the use of the Meeting the present year, which is satisfactory to the Meeting. Subordinate Meetings are directed to raise their proportion of the said amount and forward it to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to raise the amount necessary to pay off the indebtedness of this Meeting are continued, with Jonathan P. Ward and Arza Wiltsie added to the Committee in place of Gilbert Jones and Adam Henry Garratt, deceased.

An Epistle to New England Yearly Meeting was read and approved. The Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting, together with those to Iowa, Ohio, Kansas and Western Yearly Meetings, and forward them to those Meetings respectively.

A Communication was received at this time from Friends in the North West, and read to our comfort. The Clerk is directed to acknowledge it, expressing the sympathy of this Meeting with them.

So far as reported the printed Minutes of last year were received by the Friends appointed for that purpose, they are continued with Levi Bowerman appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of our dear Friend Gilbert Jones. They are requested to report to the Clerk of this Meeting on receiving the Minutes.

The Clerks are directed to have 700 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting and that of Women Friends printed in the usual manner—to apportion and forward the same to the persons appointed to receive them, and to other individuals as way may open—and to draw upon the Treasurer for the funds necessary to meet the expense in connection therewith.

We have had at this Meeting the company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose Gospel labors and Christian counsel have been acceptable to us.

A Meeting for Divine Worship will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

We thankfully acknowledge that we have through the sittings of this Meeting been favored with the overshadowing Presence of our Lord and Master, whose promise is, "Where two or three are gathered together in My name there am I in the midst of them," and we deeply regret that so few of our members have been present to be partakers with us of this blessing.

We now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

GEORGE RORKE,

Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Epistles received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and addressed to Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends.

IOWA.

Held at West Branch, Iowa, from the 17th of 10th Month to the 22nd of the same inclusive, 1895.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Under a humbling sense that “Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain,” we salute you in Christian love, acknowledging the receipt of your excellent Epistle, the reading of which has strengthened the bond of union between us. We freely confess to being edified and encouraged by your clear and emphatic testimony to the foundation doctrine of our holy profession, and indeed, of all true religion, “That whatsoever may be known of God is manifest in man by the operation of His Holy Spirit, and that our growth in grace and qualification for usefulness depend on our faithfulness to that power of grace divine.” All of which we lovingly endorse. When transacting our business the attendance at the meeting was about the same as heretofore at this place.

On First-day the company was unusually large, while the earnest attention and becoming deportment was something to be remarked, and an evidence of serious interest in our efforts to uphold our Christian testimonies. Deep, earnest concern was frequently expressed that we might all be enabled to walk worthy of our high calling, and always be preserved from being in any way as stumbling blocks in the path of others. And viewing your position as much in line with our own, we pray God that you too may be led in all faithfulness so as to uphold the high standard of truth entrusted to us.

Several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings have

been acceptably with us ; their deportment and Gospel labors have been strengthening to us, making us renewedly conscious of the great value of that fellowship not affected by time or location.

The reading of the Epistles from all the Meetings with which we correspond has also been a comfort to us, imparting fresh occasion for praise and thanksgiving to Him who continues to be Head over all things to His church.

Commending you and ourselves to His keeping, we remain, your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

CLARKSON T. PENROSE, Clerk.

KANSAS.

Held at Emporia, Kansas, from the 25th of the 11th Month to the 30th of the same inclusive, 1895.

To Canada's Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—We have been permitted again to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting to transact the business that comes before us for our consideration.

In thus coming together we were renewedly made to feel our great need of help from our blessed Lord and Master. We earnestly desire the "sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby," that we may be enabled to do the will of Him who hath called us to holiness and virtue. In the examination of the state of our beloved Society in the various localities, we find cause to believe that if Friends' minds were more closely fixed on the excellency and beauty of the many testimonies which we as a people are called upon to bear, especially that of spiritual worship, it would be a means of removing the many reproaches which we through unfaithfulness bring upon the truth. We must become spiritually minded before we can perform spiritual worship. We have need to build upon that rock which is declared to be Christ the Son of the Living God, that the gates of hell may not prevail against us. The Scriptures emphatically declare (and our

experience teaches us the same) that "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all," and a manifestation of this Divine light is given to every man, to lead him out of the misery of his fallen nature, into the glorious light of the Gospel of the Eternal Son of God. If we do not yield to the offered terms of Divine Mercy but give ourselves over to walk in the paths of unrighteousness, we shall surely find in the end that we have walked in the broad road that leads to destruction. It takes careful watching on every hand to avoid the very appearance of evil. Our Lord said to His disciples, "Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is..... And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.." Then what manner of men ought we to be walking in the path of holiness, that our lives may correspond with the profession we are making before the world. Every act of obedience to the manifestations of divine truth gives us additional strength to wage a successful warfare against the enemies of our soul's peace.

Then, dear Friends, press forward to obtain the prize which is found in Christ Jesus our Lord, who is our sufficiency in every time of trial.

Your Epistle, with those from other Yearly Meetings, was read to our comfort and satisfaction.

Our Yearly Meeting this year was better attended than usual, and in some of our younger members an increasing interest was manifest by their serious deportment during its several sittings.

In a feeling of thankfulness to the Father of all our sure mercies, who has enabled us to transact the business of this Yearly Meeting in much harmony and love, we bid you farewell, as brethren of the same household of faith.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

LEVI BOWLES, Clerk.

NEW ENGLAND.

Held at Westerly, R.I., from the 14th of the 6th Month
to the 16th of the same inclusive, 1895.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Through Divine favor we are again permitted to meet in our annual gathering ; and you, dear Friends, have been brought near to our best feelings in the love of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Yet our weakness and smallness of numbers are such that it is with embarrassment and some difficulty that we can maintain a Yearly Meeting at all. When you are favored with near access to the Throne of Grace, and approach the presence of our living Saviour, plead for us we entreat you, that we may never make shipwreck of the holy faith once delivered to the saints.

Your sweet and lively Epistle is very precious to us, presenting as it does in clearness and Gospel love, the oneness of all the families of the Church of Christ, and pointing to the necessity of purity and holiness of life. We feelingly unite with you in expressions of thankfulness that our compassionate Father hath permitted us to be heirs to those precious truths bequeathed to us by our forefathers, yet we are conscious that these can do nothing for us, until we, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost through faith and submission to the divine will, are ourselves made partakers of the new birth, and live a life of purity and holiness. Persuaded, we are, that none can availingly preach the everlasting Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ until their lives have been in a good degree brought into conformity to His will.

We have also received acceptable Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, bringing freshly before us the concern and care of these dear Friends for our welfare and growth in the ever blessed and unchangeable Truth. How comforting to us are these letters of fraternal greeting. We are carried back in retrospection to the time when no such Epistles were written to us, and no ministering Friends from other

Yearly Meetings visited us. For many years our travels were alone in the wilderness, yet the Lord forsóok us not, unworthy as we were. His mercies are new every morning, and it has been said, that His mercy seat overshadows His judgment seat even to a hair's breadth.

It is "not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost, which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Yet this is no reason for unfaithfulness, but rather should it be an incentive to a renewed dedication of all that we have, and are, unto Him who hath done so much for us. Let us think of the agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane, when "His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling to the ground."

During the reading of the Queries and Answers thereto, we were greatly humbled, under a deep sense of our unfaithfulness, and the need we have to watch continually, knowing always that without Divine help given us day by day, accompanied by earnest sincere prayer, we are not safe for one moment.

The unwearied adversary of our souls is ever ready to attack us in our weakest point, and, if possible, wound us, and then attempt to discourage by persuading us it is no use to try longer, for God has cast us off. Oh! the stratagems of the enemy of our souls are varied and artful but he was a liar from the beginning; and if we draw nigh to our Saviour, he "will with the temptation make a way to escape, that we may be able to bear it."

In conclusion, "we commend you to God and to the Word of His Grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified."

With the salutation of love, we remain your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

JOHN W. FOSTER, Clerk.

OHIO.

Held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 28th of the 9th Month to the 3rd of the 10th Month inclusive, 1895.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—We are again assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting to transact the important affairs of the Church, and feeling our many weaknesses we have remembered the language, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

We have received your Epistle of brotherly greeting, together with others from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, reminding us that there is still a concern for the prosperity of Zion within our borders.

Surely it is cause for rejoicing that there are those in parts of the heritage whose souls (as you have expressed) have been watered with refreshing showers of the Lord's grace, yet the language of the prophet Habakkuk comes up before us, "O Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid" (Habakkuk, 3rd chapter and first part of 2nd verse); "when I heard, my belly trembled, my lips quivered at the voice; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself that I might rest in the day of trouble" (first part of 16th verse).

This experience of the prophet is calculated to teach us true humility, to bring down all self exaltation, and make us tremble for our own safety, and for the safety of the ark of the testimony, which has been laid upon the members of our religious Society to bear before the world.

In considering the removal by death of some who have long borne the burden and heat of the day, the language is applicable "The fathers, where are they? the prophets, do they live forever?" The same power that raised them up, and made them what they were, can still raise up judges as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning,

so that the precious doctrines and testimonies entrusted to us may still have standard bearers to support them.

With a salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

BARCLAY SMITH, Clerk.

WESTERN.

Held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Hendricks Co., Ind., from the 8th of 10th Month to the 11th of the same inclusive, 1894.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Your acceptable Epistle, as well as like tokens of brotherly regard from each of the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, was received and read, to our comfort and encouragement, bringing afresh to our remembrance the scattered and isolated condition of our brethren, not only within your own borders, but in many other parts of the land; accompanied with desires for your growth and prosperity in the unchangeable truth. May you not grow weary or become dismayed because of the thinness of your ranks, but take courage in the remembrance of the promise of our ever blessed and Holy Redeemer that "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." A feeling of sympathy goes out to those among you who by distance or other unavoidable causes are deprived of the privilege of attending your meetings. May such take courage from our Saviour's declaration, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows," and look to Jesus for wisdom and strength to bear their privations, for He "giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not."

The company and labors of dear Friends from other parts of the heritage have been strengthening to us; affording fresh evidence, that the great and good Shepherd is still mindful of his flock.

May we with you endeavor, with the ability afforded, to cherish a living concern for the maintenance of all the

precious testimonies handed down by our forefathers, for us as a people to bear, believing as we do that not one of them can be curtailed or set aside without endangering the whole. And may we all more and more experience a deepening in the root of divine life, in order that we may bring forth fruit to the praise of Him who is everlastingly worthy.

Finally, brethren, may "the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

With the salutation of love, we are your friends and brethren.

On behalf of the meeting.

ABEL H. BLACKBURN, Clerk.

WESTERN.

Held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Ind., from the 7th of 10th Month to the 10th of the same inclusive, 1895.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends .—

DEAR FRIENDS,—We have been comforted in our coming together at this our annual gathering by experiencing that the Master of Assemblies has been pleased to graciously meet with us and bless us in our meetings for worship and those for the transaction of the weighty affairs of the Church; and thanksgiving and praise has arisen from our hearts because that He has been thus mindful of us His poor dependent children, for we realize that without His help we can do nothing that will bring glory and honor to His name.

We have with us at this time dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings who have been enabled to minister to our comfort and edification, and to declare that the work of Christ in the heart is the alone foundation of all

spiritual experience, and His teaching there the source of all saving knowledge.

We have been exhorted to faithfulness in the maintenance of all our testimonies as a Church, for we cannot let any one of them fall without in a greater or less degree weakening ourselves, for as they were brought forth in the Truth, the Truth now calls for their support to-day as much as in any age of the world.

Plainness of dress or speech will not make a Christian, but when the heart has been prepared by the operation of divine power, and the good seed sown, these may become as a hedge as it were to protect the Lord's heritage.

We have at this time a goodly number of the dear youth in attendance, whose orderly deportment and marked interest have been cheering to us; they were encouraged to a careful perusal of the Holy Scriptures, and exhorted to select good books for their reading, and thus establish a taste for something useful and good, rather than the light and trashy literature of the day, for our minds are largely influenced by what we read.

When the state of our Society was brought before us by the reading of the Queries and answers, a deep concern was brought over the meeting, that we might individually examine ourselves by the light of divine truth, that we may know our true standing in the sight of the Great Head of the Church, for as the Church is composed of individual members, its usefulness will be in proportion as each and all are faithful to the measure of the gift of Christ in their hearts.

We, like you, deplore the tendency of some who yet claim to be Friends, to lay waste our testimonies concerning worship and the qualification for Gospel ministry, but may you, with us, uphold these testimonies for the waiting worship and waiting ministry, for they have ever been essential characteristics of the true Friend.

We have at this time received and read Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; these tokens of brotherly love have been comforting to us, and

called forth expressions of sympathy and tender feelings for the few wherever situated who are endeavoring to uphold the banner of Truth.

And "now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

With the salutation of love we are your friends and brethren.

Signed by direction of the meeting aforesaid.

ABEL H. BLACKBURN, Clerk.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS.

At Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 19th of the 6th Month to the 23rd of the same inclusive, 1896.

The Assistant Clerk being absent on account of illness, Marianne Richardson is appointed for the day.

The reports from the different Quarters have been received and the Representatives being called are present except seven; a reason has been assigned for the absence of three.

They are, FROM NORWICH.—Isabella Henderson, Jane de Montmorency, Mary Pollard and Sarah Jane Stringham.

FROM WEST LAKE.—Margaret Ward, Abigail Garratt, Elizabeth Johnson, Rhoda Garratt, Phebe J. Leavens, Asenath Sweatman, Alzina Robinson, and Carrie Williams.

FROM YONGE STREET.—Rachel W. Haight, Mary C. Starr, Mary Jane Rogers, Sarah C. Richardson, Lydia Ann Clayton, Louisa Rorke and Louisa Richardson.

The Caretakers being called, five are absent, for which no reason has been assigned.

They are, FROM NORWICH.—Alice A. Waring and Janet H. Pollard.

FROM WEST LAKE.—Mary Harris, Carrie Williams and Martha Cronk.

FROM YONGE STREET.—Lydia Ann Clayton, Elizabeth P. Moore and Hannah J. Starr.

We have received Epistles, at this time, from Iowa, Kansas, Ohio, and New England, which were read to our

comfort and edification. We appoint Louisa Richardson, Mary Jane Rogers, Mary C. Starr, Janet Pollard, Jane Cronk, Margaret E. Boone, Sarah C. Richardson, Abigail Garratt, Mary Ann Cornell, Isabella Henderson and Elizabeth Richardson, to prepare essays in reply and produce at a future sitting.

We appoint Jane Cronk, Jane de Montmorency and Mary C. Starr to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries and produce at the next session.

The Representatives are requested to confer together and bring before the next session the names of two Friends to serve as Clerk and Assistant for the ensuing year.

We appoint Mary Pollard, Rhoda Garratt, Lydia Ann Clayton and Sarah Jane Stringham to audit the Treasurer's Account and report to a future sitting.

A welcome has been extended to those Friends from other Yearly Meetings who are here without Minutes but who have given evidence that they are called and sent by the Master. May the word that goeth forth from Him not return unto Him void, but accomplish that which He pleases and prosper in the thing whereto He hath sent it; that these whom He hath sent forth weeping, bearing precious seed, may be favored to return to their homes rejoicing, bearing their sheaves with them.

Under a feeling sense of the Lord's goodness and loving-kindness towards us, at this time, in thus permitting us once more to assemble in a Yearly Meeting capacity, we desire to return thanksgiving and praise therefor.

We adjourn to meet Seventh-day at 2 o'clock p.m.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON—6th Month 20th, 1896.

Friends convened near the hour adjourned to.

Mary C. Starr reports, on behalf of the Representatives, that they are united in proposing the name of Eliza H. Varney for Clerk and that of Marianne Richardson for Assistant, which, being approved by the meeting, they are appointed to those respective services for one year.

The Friends appointed to prepare a Summary of the Answers to the Queries, have produced one. The Queries, with their Answers as they came from the different Quarterly Meetings, have been read and considered.

During the reading of these, much excellent counsel was handed forth, we trust under the Master's own anointing power. The young were encouraged to be faithful to the voice of the Lord in their own souls; for the Lord Jesus Christ loves them, and no good thing will He withhold from those that walk uprightly before Him. Mothers were encouraged to be living ensamples to the flock of Christ and to seek after that holy help which will enable them to bring up their children in love and godly fear, walking in newness of life, in Christ Jesus; and not be found following after the allurements of the world, which will only prove a snare and entangle them in the fearful meshes of sin; but by yielding themselves unreservedly unto His holy care and keeping, allowing Him to rule and reign in their hearts, He will make of them vessels to His own honor and praise, to the peace of their never-dying souls. Our God is still willing to own and to bless His children.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account, report:

We, your Committee to examine the Treasurer's Account, find it correct. It is as follows:

By Cash on hand 6th month, 1895	\$ 99 55
To Paid Distributing Committee, 6th mo., 1895	24 00
By Balance	75 55
" Interest for six months	1 75
" Received from Norwich Quarterly Meeting, 6th month, 1896	5 50
" Received from West Lake Quarterly Meeting, 6th month, 1896	10 25
" Received from Yonge St. Quarterly Meeting, 6th month, 1896	15 30
" Balance on hand	\$108.35
On behalf of the Committee. RHODA GARRATT.	

Friends approve of the report and re-appoint Marianne Richardson as Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Statistical Report was read at this time.

We appoint Sarah Jane Stringham, Mary Pollard, Jane de Montmorency and Sarah E. Richardson to assist the Committee on Essays of Epistles in preparing one for Western and one for our Friends in the North West.

The meeting now adjourns to meet on Second-day morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING—6th month 22nd, 1896.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

A Report from the Treasurer of the Book and Tract Fund was received and read.

A large amount of Tracts has been received and the expenses of duty and freight exceeded the amount of funds left in the Treasurer's hands to the amount of \$5 83. This meeting directs that said amount be drawn out of the Women's Treasury to pay the indebtedness.

The Report is as follows :

By Cash on hand 6th month, 1895.....	\$ 18 36	
" Interest for 6 months	28	
		----- \$ 18 64
To Express charges on Tracts sent to West Lake Quarter.....	35	
" Tract Agent, Philadelphia	12 00	
" Express Order and Postage	25	
" Duty on 180 lbs. of Tracts.....	10 80	
" Freight on the above.....	1 07	
		----- \$ 24 47
Dr to Balance.....		\$5 83

MARIANNE RICHARDSON, }
 JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON, } Treasurers.

Louisa J. Richardson is appointed to see that the above amount is paid and report at the next sitting.

The fund being expended it is thought best to make no re-appointment of Treasurers this year.

It not being clearly understood by all our Members what the Women's Yearly Meeting Fund is for, it is thought best for their information to state that it is for such purposes as the Yearly Meeting directs, but principally to be expended in defraying the expenses of any in attendance each year who may require assistance, and that such assistance may be so rendered as not to wound the feelings of any.

We appoint Mary C. Starr, Sarah C. Richardson, Mary Pollard and Rhoda Garratt to draw funds from the Treasury to defray the expenses of those requiring assistance and report next year.

A communication has been received and read from London Yearly Meeting, issued in 1895 and signed by Caleb R. Kemp and Jane Eliza Bradshaw, Clerks, but received by us too late to reply to that same year.

We appoint Isabella Henderson, Esther Cody, Margaret E. Boone, Abigail Garratt, Eliza H. Varney, Mary C. Starr, Sarah E. Richardson, Jane Cronk, Sarah C. Richardson, Mary Pollard and Mary Jane Rogers to act in conjunction with a Committee of Men Friends, to take the matter into consideration and if they see their way clear to prepare a reply and produce at a future sitting.

Essays of Epistles for Western, Kansas, Iowa, New England and Ohio were read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Janet Pollard is appointed to assist Marianne Richardson in preparing an address to our absent members, and produce at a future sitting.

This Meeting now adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD-DAY MORNING—6th month 23rd, 1896.

Friends convened.

The Committee appointed to consider the propriety of replying to the communication received from London Yearly Meeting has prepared an essay of reply, which has been read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this meeting.

A message of love has been received and read from our friend Huldah M. Beede, much to our comfort and encouragement.

Louisa Richardson and Mary Jane Rogers are appointed to send a reply, on behalf of this meeting, expressive of our love and sympathy for her.

Letters having been prepared by two Friends for our Friends and members in the North West ; it is thought best to forward both, as both well express our love and deep interest in their welfare. We would encourage a regular holding of your little meetings, believing a blessing will rest upon you by so doing, and the language to such to-day has been "Fear not, little flock ; it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

The Minutes of the Representative meeting were read and approved.

The Meeting of Ministers and Elders forwarded to this meeting a notice of deceased Friends once members of that body, whom we dearly loved and now greatly miss. We believe our great loss is their eternal gain.

A satisfactory report was received and read from the First-day School Committee. It is as follows :

To Canada Yearly Meeting :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Your Committee on First-day Schools met near the appointed time.

Reports were received from the two Schools in operation. A written one from that of Pickering, and a verbal one from Yonge Street. They are as follows :

	Pickering.	Yonge Street.
No. of Classes.....	2	2
No. of Teachers.....	2	2
No. of Children on Roll	6	4
No. of Adults.....	13	6
Average Attendance...	13	10

EDWARD CORNELL, FRANCIS STARR,
Secretary. Secretary.

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 ;

yet the Master of Assemblies has graciously met with us, overshadowing us with the canopy of His love.

Our hearts go out to you in love, desiring that you may be benefited by some of the counsel we have received, God's messages to us through His servants. We have remembered the Saviour's injunction "to gather up the fragments that nothing be lost," not only for our own soul's growth in grace but that we may be mutually profited together.

Our Society is mourning, the Churches throughout the land are mourning, because professing Christians are going out after the world. If ye would be my disciples, come out of the world. "Ye are not of the world even as I am not of the world." Leave the world and come into the fold.

Parents must lead their children, by example even more than by precept. Parents! come back and bring your children with you. Ask the Lord to help you, that you may help the children. If the head be sick the whole body is sick. How important that we as Friends live lives consistent with our profession, that we may be examples to the flock.

"I am the Lord, I change not, therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." Since then our God changeth not, why let our flag trail in the dust? Why not in his name uplift the banner, bearing upon it "Holiness to the Lord?" Let Christ the Light so shine in your heart, that you may be able to uphold the flag. Are there not some of us who have come far short of faithfulness in our several duties? It is time for us to leave the things which are behind and to "press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." If we would arise and shake ourselves from the dust of the earth we would yet be a power in the world. Faithfulness in little duties is but a stepping stone to higher things. Great oaks from little acorns grow. Things that in the eyes of men seem but small, become great when God requires them of us as a duty.

The founders of our Society were made willing to lay

down their lives for some of Truth's testimonies which many in our day deem of small importance. While we are in the world the enemy is always at hand to tempt us. "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you that he may sift you as wheat." We must all undergo this sifting, that not only the chaff but the faulty wheat may be winnowed away, and we come forth purified and fitted for the Master's use.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." If we do not keep Christ's commandments we show plainly that we do not love Him. Children! do you love your mothers? If so why give them pain by going contrary to their wishes. "Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right."

The young that are with us have been in an especial manner pleaded with to leave everything, take up their cross daily and follow their Redeemer. The same blessed invitation goes out to you. The Lord is calling for you. Come to the school of Christ, and be taught of Him. No college education can take the place of this teaching to fit you for each duty of life. It is *grace* only that can qualify any one to be a minister of Christ.

Though death is taking from our midst many dear Friends and leaving the ranks broken, yet the language comes to us "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright; for the end of that man is peace."

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

IOWA.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :—

DEAR SISTERS,—Time in its unceasing, untiring course, has again brought the season of our annual gathering. We deeply feel the responsibility resting upon us. When we behold how great the harvest and how few are the laborers, we have earnestly desired that we may be found humbly watching and waiting for ability availingly to pray the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers into his harvest.

We were encouraged by the reading of your sisterly greeting with those from other Yearly Meetings, and receive them as tokens of the love of our Father in Heaven.

We desire to address you but not with enticing words of man's wisdom, for except these communications have some savor of the demonstration of the spirit and of power—*vain* will be *our* efforts. We believe with you, that true religion consists in implicit obedience to that in-speaking word placed in every heart, and not a dependence on the activity of the intellect, though it be ever so highly cultivated. When the state of our Society was brought before us by the reading and answering of the Queries, both young and old were exhorted to a closer watch, lest by an unguarded word which might tend to lower the character of any we should bring reproach on the cause of truth. The reports from our Schools have been very satisfactory and encouraging to us.

We have at this time a goodly number of the precious youth in attendance, for whose best welfare lively desires have arisen that they may now, in the morning of

their days "choose that good part which shall not be taken away," and thereby be qualified to fill the places vacated by the dear mothers who must soon pass from works to rewards.

Finally, dear Sisters, we desire for you as for ourselves, that you may "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

LEAH J. PAXTON, Clerk.

KANSAS.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :

DEAR SISTERS,—We are again permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity and you have been again brought into loving remembrance by the reading of your epistle, and a desire was expressed that we might be profited and strengthened by the reading thereof, and we hopefully believe that you have deepened in Christian experience. Oh! that we might be brought into closer communion with the Master, and that the prayers of the members of the different Yearly Meetings might ascend into the hill of Zion as the prayers of one man. Oh! that we may daily enter into our closets and close to the door, shutting out the cares of life that we may be able to gather the heavenly manna made to fall around our tents by the Shepherd of Israel. We desire that you, with us, and particularly the young, may be made willing servants of Christ, remembering that "obedience is better than sacrifice." And may these be brought to know their responsibility as members of the Church, and be as clay in the hands of the potter, that He may fit and prepare them for the work which He may require at their hands, thus shall they be enabled to take up the work now resting on our fathers and mothers, who are fast passing away.

May the mothers be encouraged in the attendance of meetings with their little ones, as much as possible, believing that these will be induced to follow in the footsteps of their parents. We feel much sympathy for them

in their care and training of the tender plants in the vineyard of the Master.

We have no ministering Friends from other Yearly Meeting with us at this time, but we believe the Master has blessed us in a good measure, and we hope He may be pleased to send more laborers into this part of His vineyard, for truly the fields are white unto harvest, but the laborers are few.

With a salutation of love, we remain your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

HANNAH M. VERNON, Clerk.

NEW ENGLAND.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :

DEAR SISTERS,—As we gathered once more as a Yearly Meeting, we felt that poverty was our portion, and unless help came from our holy and ever blessed Lord and Saviour, we should faint by the way; for without this help, we can do nothing to His glory. Him we should ever love, serve and worship, leaving the vain glory of the world and its allurements behind us, and pressing forward to our high and holy calling of God in Christ Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. And may we in all humility be led to seek and learn of Him who teaches as never man taught, that we may be able to walk as He would have us to, in the straight and narrow way which leadeth unto life eternal.

May we be enabled, as becomes Christian believers, to endure with patience the hard things which are permitted to befall us, that in the end we may come forth purified by Him who "sitteth as a refiner and purifier of silver and He shall purify every son of Levi."

Your Epistle with those of the other Yearly Meetings in correspondence with us, have been read in this meeting to our comfort and encouragement, and much satisfaction is felt that we are thus remembered by our distant sisters, acknowledging as a divine favor that we are thus connected, and trust that the chain may not soon be broken, but that we may remain bound to each.

other in the love of the Gospel; and may the valuable counsel and instruction thus extended fall on hearts prepared by the Master's holy hand and taking root downward, bear fruit upward to the glory of His ever blessed name.

We have with us at this time several dear Friends from distant Yearly Meetings, whose company has been to us an encouragement and whose Gospel labors proved instructive, and we thank our Heavenly Father that He has thus remembered us.

With a salutation of sisterly love, we desire that you, with us, may be preserved in the path of righteousness as becomes the children of a crucified and risen Lord, who suffered death that we might live. Farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

MARY A. GARDNER, Clerk.

OHIO.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:

DEAR SISTERS,—We have again been permitted to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity under a renewed sense of the condescending goodness and love of our Heavenly Father in enabling us so to do, and in deigning to be with us. How precious it is to feel the divine presence to overshadow and enable us to draw near to the fountain of life and light. "God is a Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth, for the Father seeketh such to worship Him." It is only as we come before Him with our minds turned inward, seeking for strength and ability to worship Him aright, that we can know our spiritual strength to be renewed, for we have the promise, that "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Your acceptable epistle, as also those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, have been received and read at this time to our comfort and encouragement. May these tokens of love and remembrance strengthen the bond of Christian fel-

lowship that binds us, and make us to realize that "one is our Master even Christ and all we are brethren," for "If we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanseth us from all sin." We have with us at this time several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings whose company and Gospel labors have been comforting. The subject of the religiously guarded education of our youth has claimed the weighty consideration of this meeting; pertinent counsel was handed forth, and much exercise was felt and expressed that we might be individually faithful in our duty toward our children, believing as we do, there is much in the Public Schools of this day that has a tendency to lead away from the simplicity and purity of our profession. May He who has promised to be the present helper of his people be near and round about the young and rising generation, enabling them as well as those who are older, to uphold before the world those doctrines and testimonies entrusted to us. The language to one of the churches formerly was, "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." And O! may our experience be somewhat like that of the apostle Paul when he says, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith, henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

"Finally Sisters, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report, if there be any virtue and if there be any praise, think on these things. These things . . . *do*, and the God of peace shall be with you."

With love, we remain your Sisters.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

SARAH K. BRANTINGHAM, Clerk.

Times of Holding Canada Yearly Meeting

AND THE

Quarterly and Monthly Meetings Composing It.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, held at Pickering, Ontario, opens the last Sixth-day but one in 6th month at 10 a.m., with a meeting for Discipline.

Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders on Fifth-day of the week at 2 p.m.

Representative Meeting on the Fifth-day of the week at 4 p.m.

Meetings for Divine Worship on First-day of the following week at 10 a.m., and 3 p.m., and one on Third-day afternoon.

A meeting for the consideration of First-day School Reports will be held on 7th day at 6 p.m.

Correspondents { WILLIAM V. RICHARDSON, Pickering, Ont.
GEORGE RORKE, Thornbury, " "

QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

NORWICH QUARTERLY MEETING is held at Norwich the first 7th day after the second 4th day, in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th months; at the hour of 10 a.m. in 6th and 9th months, and at 11 a.m. in 3rd and 12th months. Meeting of Ministers and Elders, the day preceding at 2 p.m.

Correspondent.—JESSE STOVER, Norwich, Ont.

NORWICH MONTHLY MEETING is held the second 4th day in each month; from the 4th to the 10th month both inclusive at 10 a.m.; and from the 11th to the 3rd month both inclusive at 11 a.m.

Correspondent.—JESSE STOVER, Norwich, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, the first 4th day in each month, at the aforesaid hours in their respective months.

YONGE STREET QUARTERLY MEETING is held in 2nd, 5th, 9th, and 12th months, at 10 a.m.

In 2nd month at Yonge Street, on the third 7th day in the month.

In 5th month at Yonge Street, on the last 7th day in the month.

In 9th month at Mariposa, on the fourth 7th day in the month.

In the 12th month at Pickering, on the third 7th day in the month.

Meeting of Ministers and Elders the day preceding at 3 p.m., except in 5th month at 4 p.m.

Correspondent.—ARNOLDI HAIGHT, Newmarket, Ont.

YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING, the second 4th day in each month, at 10 a.m., at Yonge Street.

Correspondent.—FRANCIS STARR, Newmarket, Ont.

Preparative Meeting the first 4th day, in each month, at 10 a.m.

PICKERING MONTHLY MEETING on the first 5th day in each month at 10 a.m., except the one coming first after the Yearly Meeting, when it is held one week later.

Correspondent.—JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON, Pickering.

MARIPOSA MONTHLY MEETING on the fourth 4th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—JOSEPH CODY, Linden Valley, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, the third 4th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

GREY MONTHLY MEETING, held at Heathcote near Thornbury, the third 5th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—THOMAS J. RORKE, Heathcote, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, the second 5th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

WEST LAKE FOUR MONTHS' MEETING held the first 7th day in 2nd, 6th and 10th months at 10 a.m.; in 2nd month at Bloomfield, in 6th month at Wellington, and in 10th month alternately, at Le Raysville, N.Y., in even years, and at Athens, Ont., in odd years.

Correspondent.—JOHN GARRATT, Wellington, Ont.

Meeting of Ministers and Elders the day preceding at 11 a.m.

WEST LAKE MONTHLY MEETING, held the third 5th day in each month at 10 a.m.; in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 12th months at Bloomfield; and in 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th months at Wellington.

Correspondent—JOHN GARRATT, Wellington, Ont.

Preparative Meeting at Bloomfield, second 5th day in every month at 10 a.m.

Preparative Meeting at Wellington, on 4th day, the week before Monthly Meeting, at 10 a.m.

KINGSTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Cataraqui, the first 7th day after the second 5th day in each month at 11 a.m.

Correspondent.—JONATHAN P. WARD, Portsmouth, Ont.

Preparative Meeting the last 5th day in each month.

LEEDS MONTHLY MEETING, held at Athens, the second 5th day in each month at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—ARZA WILTSIE, Athens, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, first 5th day at 10 a.m. at Athens.

LE RAY MONTHLY MEETING, is held at Le Raysville, on 5th day after the first 1st day in each month, at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—STEPHEN ROBERTS, Le Raysville, Jefferson, Co., N.Y.

COLD CREEK MONTHLY MEETING, held at Thurlow, the second 5th day in each month, at 11 a.m.

Correspondent.—THOS. ROBINSON, Shannonville, Ont.