

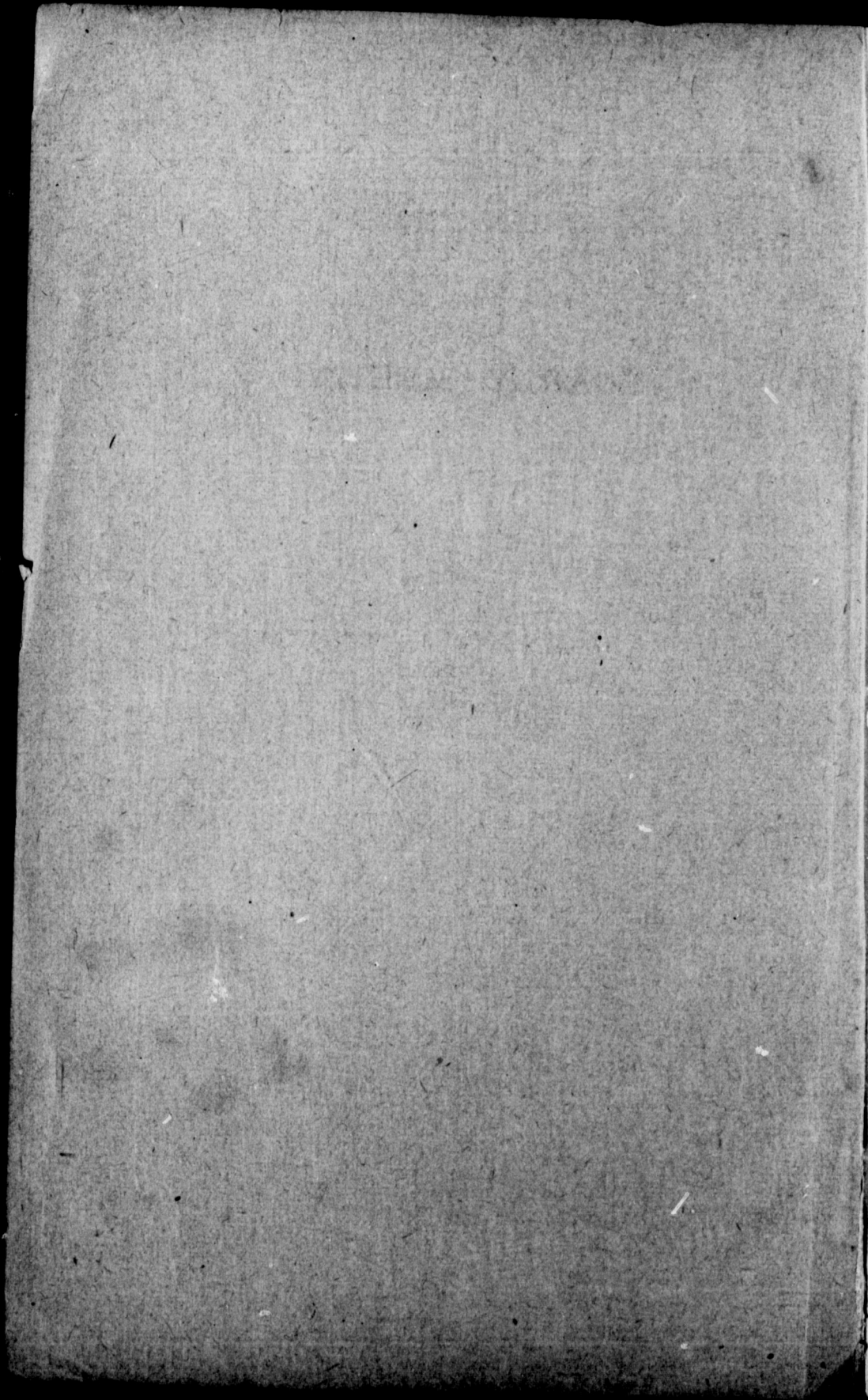
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MONTH TO THE 30TH OF THE SAME, INCLU-
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Sixth day, 6th Month, 25.

1. In the absence of the Clerk, Howard Nicholson was appointed for the day.

2. Reports have been received from all the Quarterly Meetings, by which it appears that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting:—

PELHAM.—Albert C. Stover, David Hulet, Charles J. Treffry, Andrew Hill, and James F. Barker.

YONGE STREET.—Joshua N. Richardson, Elias Rogers, Seneca Doan, George Rorke, Henry James, and Allan Cody.

WEST LAKE.—Eslie Terrill, William Robinson, Anthony T. Haight, Stephen W. White, and Jonathan P. Ward.

3. The foregoing Representatives being called, were present, with five exceptions.

4. The following Caretakers have been appointed by Quarterly Meetings, viz.: William Burkholder, William S. Barker, William Nelson Starr, James Richardson, Edward Cornell, and Henry Doyle, who are present, with the exception of four; they, with the addition of Clarkson Rogers, Edmund Wright, and Christopher Dale, are instructed to have a watchful supervision over the Meeting-house and grounds, to facilitate the

work of Committees, to make arrangements for meetings and to keep order, and to encourage our own members to punctual attendance.

5. The following friends from other Yearly Meetings are with us at this time ; with one exception, they have all minutes from their respective Meetings, viz. :

Rebecca Collins.....	Minister.....	New York, Y. M.
Amos Kenworthy.....	"	Indiana, "
Joseph Blackledge.....	"	Iowa, "
Ann Gause.....	"	Indiana, "
John Wright.....	Elder	Ohio, "
Mary Anne Potter.....	"	New York, "
Rhoda Blackledge.....	"	Iowa, "
Sarah T. Stanley.....	.....	Indiana, "

We appoint Benjamin Cody, Albert C. Stover, Stephen W. White, and William Spencer, with a Committee of Women Friends, to so forward their movements as to enable them to make full proof of their ministry, and to prepare certificates of their attendance and services.

6. The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has at this time been read.

7. We appoint Samuel Rogers and James F. Barker a Committee to procure a reprint of 1000 copies of London General Epistle for the use of subordinate meetings, and 1000 for the use of Toronto particular Meeting, and draw on treasurer.

8. The clerks for the time being are appointed a committee on printing, and we direct them to procure 1000 copies of the Minutes of the Men's and Women's meeting and draw on treasurer.

9. We draw the attention of the Representatives to the apportionment of documents to the respective Meetings.

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land, Western, Iowa, North Carolina and Kansas Yearly Meetings have been received and read at this time, to our comfort and edification. We welcome these evidences of Brotherly love from those who (though many of them are strangers in the flesh) are not strangers to the covenant of promise.

11. The Meeting then adjourned to 10 o'clock on seventh day morning.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING.

12. About the time adjourned to the meeting again convened.

13. James F. Barker, on behalf of the Representatives, proposed Howard Nicholson as Clerk, and Thomas Harris and John T. Dorland, jr., as assistants, which being separately considered and united with, they are accordingly appointed for one year.

14. Henry Jones and Henry Wilson are appointed messengers to the Women's Meeting.

15. The Epistle of Dublin Yearly Meeting has come to hand and been read in our Meeting.

16. We appoint William Spencer, Herbert Nicholson, Charles J. Teffry, John T. Dorland, jr., Charles Gideon Bowerman, Albert Rogers, Elias Rogers, Seneca Doan, and Christopher Dale, our Committee on correspondence, and direct them to prepare and offer to a future sitting, drafts of letters to those Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence.

17. The Queries with answers from the Quarterly Meetings have been read, and a summary adopted, which is as follows :

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES.

1st. Most Friends are careful to attend our Meetings held on First days, while much slackness is reported in the attend-

ance of those held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed, not quite clear of unbecoming behaviour, with some care taken.

2nd. Friends are preserved in love one towards another, with a few exceptions, when differences arise care is taken speedily to end them. Talebearing and detraction are not so fully avoided and discouraged as desirable.

3rd. We believe friends do 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, and in the plainness of dress, language, and deportment, which it enjoins. With some exceptions they are good examples in these respects themselves, and endeavour to guard their children and others under their care against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books.

4th. With few exceptions Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5th. With three exceptions Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal, and with two exceptions are clear of attending places of diversion, some care taken in both of the above deficiencies.

6th. The circumstances of the poor amongst us are inspected and relief seasonably afforded them (one report says some relief) they are advised and assisted in suitable employment and we believe their children and all others under our care are being educated for the ordinary duties of life.

7th. Friends are clear in the several parts of this query.

8th. With some exceptions Friends are just in their dealings, punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts they are laboured with for their preservation and recovery, though in some cases not so seasonably as is desirable.

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9th. Care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to Discipline, though some slackness appears in promptly attending to this duty.

In order that those members of our Meeting who are not present may profit by the loving counsel and kindly admonitions which our deficiencies have called forth, we direct the Clerks to prepare and present to a future sitting a synopsis of the exercise of this Meeting.

12 o'clock, recess for half-hour.

Resumed after recess.

18. A circular containing a proposition for the formation of a Missionary Board on this Continent, having for its object the direction and encouragement of Missionary enterprise has been received and read. It informs us that eight of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have agreed to submit for our approval and adoption certain rules and regulations for the governance of the Body which shall be called "The American Friends Missionary Board." After a full expression of unity this Meeting appoints Herbert Nicholson, John Wright, Daniel B. Cohoe, Stephen Cronk, Joseph Cody, Smith Clark, Levi Rogers, and Charles Gideon Bowerman, in conjunction with an appointment of Women Friends, a committee to digest the proposals contained in the circular, to bring forward the names of two Friends to act on the Board and to suggest the best way of providing funds for the advancement of the work.

19. In the Minutes of the Pelham Quarterly meeting we notice the following :

PROPOSAL FROM PELHAM QUARTERLY MEETING.

"A proposal from Norwich Monthly Meeting was laid before this Meeting to ask the Yearly Meeting to hold its next Annual Gathering at Norwich. It was warmly united with and decided to forward the request to the Yearly Meeting."

In uniting with this proposal, provided Women Friends concur, we do it in the trust that as the church spreads her arms and widens her border that the Lord will increase us.

20. The Representatives present the following Report, embracing audit of Treasurer's account.

This meeting adopts the same, and appoints Joseph Cody, Alexander Derbyshire, Stephen W. White, William P. Barker and Allan Cody, on behalf of this meeting, to meet with a Committee consisting of Friends of Pickering Monthly Meeting, who shall be John Wright, William Richardson, Christopher Dale and Stephen Cronk. They are instructed to endeavor to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the existing difficulty regarding the care of the Yearly Meeting House, and report.

REPRESENTATIVES REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Treasurer's accounts have been examined by us and found correct. We would propose that five hundred (\$500) dollars be raised for the Yearly Meeting's use during the coming year. The attention of the Yearly Meeting is again directed to the item of fifty (\$50) dollars, charged for the care of the Meeting House, which was last year referred to Pickering Monthly Meeting. And we submit the following abstract :

For the Representatives,

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 JOHN WRIGHT, *Treasurer*, IN ACCT. WITH YEARLY MEETING.

Receipts.

1879.	6-28.	Balance on Hand	\$344 45
1880.	5-20.	Received Trustees, for old Meeting House	100 00
	6-24.	“ Albert C. Stover, Pelham, Quota.	121 50
	-25.	“ Anthony P. Haight, on acct. of Westlake, Quota	119 85
	-26.	“ Seneca Doane, Yonge-st, Quota	180 00
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Expenditure.

1879.	7- 4.	James T. Richardson, for Book and Tract Association	\$ 50 00
	- 5.	Elijah Bostwick, for Board of Ministers..	5 00
	- 9.	Paid Travelling Expenses of Ministers..	3 74
	- 9.	Railroad Fare of Ministers.	6 00
	-10.	Wm. Dale, attending Railroad with Team Yearly Meeting Week	18 00
	10- 3.	C. B. Gordon, Interest on Mortgage on College.	160 00
1880.	2-16.	C. B Gordon, half-year's Interest on \$2000—Mortgage on College.	80 00
	6-10.	John Henderson, Removing and Repair- ing Sheds	100 00
	-26.	E. Bostwick, for taking care of Meeting House	50 00
	-26.	Paid for Making Sidewalk, Fence, &c.	36 50
	-26.	“ Oil, Stationery, &c.	4 48
		“ for Printing Minutes and Epistles..	78 50
		Balance on Hand.	273 58
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			\$865 80

21. Adjourned to second day morning, at 10 o'clock.

SECOND DAY, MORNING, 6 Mo., 28.

22. At the time adjourned to the meeting again convened.
23. The following minute of advice was read and approved, and is directed down to the prayerful attention of the subordinate meetings :

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

Dear Friends,—We prayerfully advise following George Fox's admonition that all our meetings be held in the power of the Lord. Were this the case there would be no drowsiness in them, but having a deep sense of our responsibility in feeding the lambs and building one another up in the most holy faith, we would pray our Heavenly Father to remove from our hearts every worldly thought, to enable us to vocally ask Him to supply our need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus, and as we do so we will find our meetings to be times of refreshing from the presence of the Lord.

The deficiencies evinced in the answers to the 2nd query, have brought us into deep feeling. The church needs to be a unit in the matter of consecration, and then we will ever be ready to present the bright side of things and be far more tender in our judgments of others. Let us be careful not to impose burdens on others by telling them things we are not willing every one should know. In a word, if we are kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake has forgiven us, nothing of a fault-finding or tale-bearing spirit will be found.

We are convinced of the necessity of parents making a judicious selection of books and periodicals for their children to read, and of investigating the matter contained in them thoroughly, so that no error in doctrine may poison the minds of the children and bring forth bitter fruit in later years.

We tenderly advise our Friends that in our silent waiting in our families there be not opposition in our hearts to the Lord's will, as he may lead us in prayer. Let us be found more diligently seeking his blessing in vocal prayer, and with our hearts so full of His love that out of their abundance we may speak.

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Whilst we are encouraged by the knowledge that our Friends are almost clear from the use of intoxicants, we are led to realize how necessary it is that our testimony in this respect should be clear from this blemish. We rejoice in the knowledge that our head is the Prince of Peace, and where He is admitted into the heart we will love one another; will be careful in business transactions not to overreach, and will see to it that our Christian influence is not impaired by lightly esteeming our word. We should seasonably counsel those who are becoming cold in the Lord's work without waiting for more marked developments, in a spirit of love and humility, so will the Lord's name be glorified and the members of Christ's body preserved in the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.

24. A communication from the Dominion Alliance for the total suppression of the liquor traffic has been read. Samuel Rogers, Francis Starr, Chas. G. Bowerman, Wm. Robinson, Smith Clark and Cyrus R. Sing, are appointed a committee to consider the same, and advise what action, if any, shall be taken, and report.

25. The summary of statistics from Quarterly Meetings has been read. Though defective in furnishing information with regard to reading the Scriptures in our families, they are more complete than usual. We notice with satisfaction the number of those that have been received by request, and are as follows:

STATISTICS OF Y. M. 1880.

Monthly meetings reported (no report from West Lake).	6
Preparative do.	13
Indulged do.	6
Families.....	270
Parts of families.....	297
Members.....	1655
Children of school age.....	328
Births.....	27
Deaths.....	21

Received by request... ..	105
Received by certificate.....	3
Certificates of removal issued.....	8
Resigned membership.....	5
Disowned	3
Ministers recorded	4
Elders appointed	8

Only one Quarterly Meeting appears to have attended to the request of the Y. M. in reference to Scripture reading, and their report is very incomplete. Of 141 families, 104 read them daily, and 37 not so frequently. One Preparative Meeting has been established.

26. The Bible School Committee report as follows, we approve the same, and appoint Chas. J. Treffry, Seneca Doan, William Robinson, Wittson Beckett, Alex. Darbyshire, Cyrus R. Sing, Joseph Cody, John M. Hodgson, Henry James, Stephen Cronk, Esli Terrill, a Nominating Committee in conjunction with women Friends, to bring forward names of a Bible School Committee for ensuing year.

REPORT OF BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

Your Committee have attended to their appointment, and hereby submit the following report, viz.: By reports received at our annual Conference there are shewn in schedule annexed. There are other schools which have not reported. \$29 have been expended from our treasury in assisting the work, leaving a balance on hand of \$31.

We recommend the Yearly Meeting to appoint a new Committee.

In conclusion we wish to say that we have much to encourage us in the work. A number of the reports acknowledge conversions in their schools.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES F. BARKER, *Sec.*

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS.

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	Teachers.	Classes.	Adults on Roll.	Members under 16.	Children on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Members on Roll.	Weeks Open.	Books in Library.	Papers Taken.	Books Lent.	Friends teaching in other 1st day Schools.	Teachers Meeting.										
1	5	5	30	7	62	35	13	52	169	2	257	4	.....									
2	3	6	15	.....	25	21 $\frac{1}{3}$	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....							
3	6	3	13	.....	87	36 $\frac{1}{2}$	.....	52	150	3	918	1	1								
4	7	7	34	.....	58	56 $\frac{3}{4}$	25	52	200	2	.....	.....	.....							
5	7	7	.....	.....	.....	47	.....	52	.....	3	.....	.....	.....							
6	9	9	22	.....	117	70	15	52	.....	2	.....	.....	1						
7	5	5	32	47	41	79	28	120										
8	4	4	19	39	28	15	21	6										
9	5	5	22	7	20	26	9	50	150										
10	6	6	29	36	52	300	2	1140	2										
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12	5	5	12	16	50	33	4	52	100	2										
13	4	4	2	4	56	27	9	50	80	1	1										
14	7	7	10	80	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	60	52	100	1										
15	7	7	44	57	67 $\frac{3}{4}$	52	110	1	246										
16	7	7	50	150	94 $\frac{1}{2}$	40	52	150	3	8	1										
17	3	3	15	15	28	4	1	1										
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27. Attention has been drawn to the bequest of Sarah Smith (deceased). We direct our Clerk and Treasurer to act in the matter as they are authorised under minute 8 of our printed minutes of 1877.

28. The Book and Tract Association report as follows, which, with exception of clause asking for a further appropriation, was approved. We release the committee from further labour, and direct James Richardson, Daniel B. Cohoe, and Stephen W. White, to apportion remaining books and tracts to the respective meetings :

To the Yearly Meeting :

On behalf of the Book and Tract Committee we submit the following report :

The supply of tracts on hand at the time of our last yearly meeting have all been distributed.

We have purchased from David S. Tabor of New York, children's and other tracts to the amount of \$52.60. No books been purchased and very few sold.

By direction of the Association we ask the Yearly Meeting for a grant of \$50 for purchasing tracts.

JAMES T. RICHARDSON, *Sec.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand	\$4 26
Received from sale of books.....	4 00
Yearly Meeting grant.....	50 00
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Total..	\$58 26
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Paid David S. Tabor for tracts.....	\$34 26
" Frank Wadsworth	10 00
" Willard Tract Depository	10 00
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Total	\$54 26
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12 o'clock recess.

Resumed about 12.45 in open session.

29. The report of Pastoral Committee has been read and adopted as follows. We appoint Wittson Beckett, William Spencer, Daniel B. Cohoe, Chas. J. Treffry, Andrew Lamby, Levi Rogers, William Dale, Royal Rogers, Seneca Doan, Cyrus Sing, Smith Clark, William Allen, Stephen W. White, Charles G. Bowerman, Esli Terrill, Gilbert Jones, and John M. Hodgson, with Women Friends, a Nominating Committee, to bring forward names of Friends as Pastoral Committee for ensuing year.

To the Yearly Meeting :

Your Committee have paid attention to their appointment and have held two General Meetings (one at Mariposa and one at Yonge-st.), also forty-three other appointed meetings, all of which we trust were owned and blessed of the Lord. They have also visited most of the Meetings and Families within the limits of the Yearly Meeting, and may say that they are constrained to praise the Lord for the comforting assurance that souls have been born of the Spirit and the church somewhat built up through this instrumentality.

We would recommend the Yearly Meeting to appoint a Committee for that service next year.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

JAMES F. BARKER, *Sec.*

30. The report from Representative Meeting has been read, and the New York discipline read as far as page 38.

31. Adjourned to meet at 10 to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING.

32. About the time adjourned to Friends convened in open session.

33. The Reading of New York Discipline was proceeded with and concluded.

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Resumed after recess about 12:45.

34. The further consideration of the report of representative meeting was taken up, and it is the judgment of this meeting that it be adopted.

35. This meeting appoints First Month First, 1881, as the date at which the discipline as adopted in previous minute shall come into force, and appoints William Robinson, James F. Barker and Levi Rogers, a Committee to propose to this meeting how many copies shall be procured, and the mode of their disposal, and report.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

At a meeting of the Representatives of Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, held the 25th of 6th month, 1880, eleven members present.

We have at this time the acceptable company of our dear Friends Amos Kenworthy and John Wright.

The Friends appointed last year to give attention to matters coming before the Legislatures likely to affect the interests of Friends, and in the cause of humanity, report, they had a watchful care in the matter, but that they did not see that anything came before the Legislatures requiring their action.

The Friends appointed to have the Society of Friends of Canada Yearly Meeting incorporated, report they gave a good deal of attention to the subject, but that the information they received from different lawyers not agreeing, they took on definite action. They are continued—with instructions to ob-

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The Friends appointed to have a revision of the Discipline, made report, that circumstances prevented their being able to meet as agreed on, they are therefore not prepared to offer any revision. This meeting unites in having the subject referred to a future sitting for consideration.

Charles J. Treffry is appointed to act, in conjunction with a Friend appointed by the College Committee, to audit the books and accounts of the College for the past year.

Received from the caretakers of the meeting house and grounds, a suggestion that this house be repainted; it is the decision of this meeting that the subject be deferred to a future time.

This meeting adjourns to meet at 6 o'clock, seventh day evening.

SEVENTH DAY EVENING.

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled ; eleven members present.

The important subject of revising the Discipline or adopting a new one having been under consideration at this time, it is the judgment of the meeting that the present Discipline of New York Yearly Meeting be adopted.

This meeting suggests to the Yearly Meeting the necessity of appointing a Friend as member of this meeting, to fill the place of William Wetherald, resigned. The Friends appointed to get information of the lack of the Standard Writings of Friends are instructed to forward catalogues to the different preparative and monthly meetings directing them to send lists of such books as they desire, to Samuel Morris, Cheltenham, Chester Co., Pa.

The meeting then concluded.

JOHN WRIGHT, *Clerk.*

36. The report from the Educational Committee, embracing Report and Financial Statement from the College Committee, has been read and adopted. We approve of the suggestion contained in the clause regarding Trustees, and appoint Elias Rogers and Anthony T. Haight as Trustees.

We appoint Cyrus Sing, Samuel Rogers and Chas. J. Treffry a Committee, to suggest at a future sitting of this meeting some plan to release the College Committee from their personal responsibility incurred in the borrowing of \$907 to further the interests of the Institution.

37. We are united in appointing the Educational Committee to that service for another year.

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TO CANADA YEARLY MEETING.

We, your Educational Committee, present for your examination Annual Report and Financial Statements from College Committee.

We are pleased to find, so far as the educational and financial features of it are concerned, it is very encouraging, and shows that the teaching staff have been energetic and earnest in their endeavour to promote the interests of the school.

But we desire to call your attention to the fact, that one of the principal objects of the Society in the establishment of the College has been overlooked, or neglected, and would earnestly request the meeting to take such steps as they may deem necessary to carry that object into effect. We have reference to the spiritual element requisite to accomplish the requirements of the Society in disseminating the religious views of our Society.

We would recommend that in future the College Committee be so appointed that the three Quarterly Meetings be equally represented, by so doing we believe it will have a tendency to create a wider spread interest in the welfare of the Institution.

And we would further suggest that (as the Act of Incorporation provides that the Yearly Meeting is empowered to appoint three Trustees who are to hold the property in trust for the Society during pleasure, and that the said Trustees are *ex-officio* members of the College Committee) the Trustees be appointed, as far as practicable, in the same manner as we have proposed for the Committee, thus spreading over a greater space, an interest in the welfare and prosperity of the Institution.

We have nominated Herbert Nicholson and Stephen W. White, as members of the College Committee for three years in place of the two retiring members. We further suggest to the Yearly Meeting the names of Elias Rogers and Anthony T. Haight, as Trustees in place of Thomas Gould Reazin and William V. Richardson.

We would recommend that in future the Books of the College be closed on the 15th of 6th Mo. in each year, in order

that the accounts may be audited and presented to the Yearly Meeting.

In closing, we desire to express our thanks to the College Committee for their past services.

CHRISTOPHER DALE,
Sec'y of Committee.

REPORT OF COLLEGE COMMITTEE, 1880.

Since our report last year, the Committee of Pickering College have given attention to the services confided to them.

The College was opened, and satisfactorily conducted throughout the year by the officers and teachers mentioned in last report, with the addition for the two last terms of Benjamin Wood to the staff of teachers.

We have passed a year in which we have had difficulties to encounter. Some of them caused by lack of funds to carry on the Institution as efficiently as we could have desired.

The number of Students as shown by the statement, to follow, will be seen to be a considerable increase on the number recorded last year.

The deportment and conduct of the students has been very commendable, and their assiduity in study will, we trust, be proved by many of them in the examinations they expect to attend next week.

We have much satisfaction in attesting to the zeal, efficiency, and indefatigable efforts of the Principal in promoting the best interests of the College, and also to the rest of the faculty who have ably assisted him in maintaining the harmony and successful working of the Institution, and we cordially invite Friends to avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them in procuring their children an education where the benefits are likely to be so great.

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it necessary to procure storm sash for the greater number of the windows. We also had erected a stable and other out-buildings.

The necessity of procuring a suitable supply of chemical apparatus being pressed on us, we procured during the year from Philadelphia such a supply of apparatus and chemicals as the Principal considered indispensable, every precaution being used with regard to economy in the purchase.

In the absence of a library, the necessity for some useful instructive literature was very evident and being strongly recommended by the Principal, the Committee have fitted up a reading room, with the necessary stands, tables, &c. The officers, students and a few others furnished the papers, magazines, &c., and the Committee are informed by the Principal and others, that it has been a source of great satisfaction to the students, and highly appreciated by them. All of which involved an outlay beyond the sum granted by the Yearly Meeting last year, and the Committee having had an opportunity, borrowed (\$907) nine hundred and seven dollars at 6 per cent., the seeming necessity of the case is the only reason for doing so, and we ask the Yearly Meeting to assume the responsibility of the debt.

We herewith forward the enrolment of pupils and financial statement.

JOHN WRIGHT, *Secretary.*

PICKERING COLLEGE, Sixth Mo. 28, 1880.

*Statement of current Receipts and Expenditure for School Year
ending Sixth Month 30, 1880.*

RECEIPTS.

Fees from Resident Students, 1st Term...	\$1478	75	
" " " " 2nd " ...	2027	51	
" " " " 3rd " ...	2324	92	
			\$5831 18
Less amounts remitted on various ac'ts. ...	50	32	
			\$5780 86
Fees from Day Students, 1st Term	185	50	
" " " " 2nd "	239	50	
" " " " 3rd "	232	00	
			657 00
Profits on Book and Stationery account :			
	1st Term.	11	90
	2nd "	34	30
	3rd "	6	38
			52 58
Sundries—From sale of grass.....	10	00	
" " barrels	2	25	
" arrears of 2nd Term paid.	84		
			13 09
			<u>\$6503 53</u>

EXPENDITURE.

Salaries, 1st Term	\$1160	00
" 2nd "	935	00
" 3rd "	1105	00
		<u>\$3200 00</u>

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Fuel, 1st Term	175 57	
" 2nd "	238 43	
" 3rd "	92 61	
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House account, 1st Term	537 50	
" " 2nd "	970 17	
" " 3rd "	956 04	
	<hr/>	2463 71
School and Office account, 1st Term	31 81	
" " " 2nd "	18 61	
" " " 3rd "	22 14	
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College Committee Expense account :		
2nd Term.	27 49	
3rd " "	17 20	
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Sundries (Bad debts).....		1 60
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		<u>\$6289 17</u>

Total Income	\$6503 53
" Expenditure	6289 17
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Excess of Income over Expenditure....	<u>\$ 214 36</u>

Statement of Receipts on Capital Account.

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July 15.—Received from Trustees on Mortgage	\$400 00
" " Received C. Dale's subscription .	10 00
" 22.—Received from Trustees on Mortgage	600 00
Sep. 27.—Received A. Knight's subscription	5 00
Dec. 10.—Interest.....	8 88

1880.

Feb. 24.—Received from College Committee, on personal liability	907 60	
May 27.—Received from Trustees on sale of ground.....	292 30	
June 24.—Received from Pelham (Quota)..	36 18	
" 28 " " N. B. Colcock's subscription.....	25 00	
		<u>\$2284 96</u>

Expenditure on Capital Account.

Amount spent in Printing and Advertising last half 1879	\$350 80	
" " 3rd Term	10 00	
" expended on College grounds	32 71	\$ 360 80
" alteration in School Building, painting, plumbing, etc.	640 22	
" furnishings, school desks, chairs, stoves, bedding, etc.....	829 16	
" stable and driving house	240 00	
" chemical apparatus, maps, etc	210 79	
" sundries, clock, register, pump, mortgage electrotypes.....	46 65	
" paid on building now in course of erection	24 50	
		<u>2024 03</u>
		<u>\$2384 83</u>

Total Receipts, Capital Account	\$2284 96
" Expenditure " "	2384 83

Excess of Expenditure over Receipts. \$ 99 87

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39. About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

40. In accordance with suggestion from the Representative Meeting, we appoint Samuel Rogers, Alexander Derbyshire, and James F. Barker, a committee to bring forward name of a suitable Friend to act in the Representative Meeting in the place of William Wetherald, resigned, and report forthwith.

41. The Committee appointed, Minute 18 (Mission Board), report as follows :

We, your Missionary Committee, recommend the following Friends to serve on the Missionary Board, viz., Cyrus Sing and Herbert Nicholson; also that the funds be raised by voluntary subscription, as provided for in the Constitution, and that each Quarterly Meeting be directed to appoint a Corresponding Secretary for this purpose.

Approved and adopted, the Friends named therein appointed to that service, and we further direct the attention of the Quarterly Meetings to the whole matter contained in the original proposition, which is as follows :

TO CANADA YEARLY MEETING.

Proposition for the formation of a Friends' Missionary Board, submitted for their adoption to all the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent which correspond with each other, by a Conference of Friends, composed of Representatives from eight of those Yearly Meetings, held at Indianapolis, Ind., the 10th and 11th of the 12th mo., 1879.

Article 1.—The following plan for the organization of a Friends' Missionary Board is submitted to the different Yearly Meetings on the American Continent which correspond with each other, for their approval and adoption. After it has been

so submitted, the Friends who may have been appointed shall constitute the proposed Board, and shall meet and organize in the manner indicated at the call of a committee now appointed by this Conference.

Article 2.—The Association shall be called the American Friends' Missionary Board.

Article 3.—Its object shall be to promote the work of Missions and advance the cause of Christ in the earth, by effecting a general and more specific co-operation of Friends everywhere.

Article 4.—The Board shall consist of two members appointed by each Yearly Meeting joining in the Association, together with a like number from such Association of Friends in Philadelphia as may unite herein. The Board shall meet annually and oftener when necessary.

Article 5.—The officers of the Board shall consist of a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary; the former to be chosen from the members of the Board, the latter may be chosen from outside, but will then become a member *ex-officio*.

Article 6.—The Board shall procure information in regard to the needs of the various missionary fields, and exercise a general supervision over the work and workers under its care; shall receive and consider applications from persons who may desire to engage in the work, and recommend them to such fields of labour as may seem to be best, and under such regulations as it may determine. It shall recommend to the Missionary Committees of such Yearly Meetings as may have them, suitable fields for their labour, and suitable workers for those fields: it shall correspond with such committees upon the general and particular needs of the work, and report to the Yearly Meetings, through their committees, where they have such, all information that may be of interest to them, or may aid them in furthering the interests of the cause. It shall keep Friends generally advised, through the press, of the progress of the work, and make such application of the funds entrusted to its care as may seem best, either in the establishment of the new Missions, or in the assistance of those already established by individual Yearly Meetings.

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Article 7.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all contributions of money that may be made for the purposes of the Board, and to pay bills and drafts upon it when endorsed by the Chairman and Secretary. His accounts shall be annually examined by an Auditing Committee of the Board.

Article 8.—It shall be the duty of the Secretary to carry out the instructions of the Board in any department of the work to which he may be directed.

Article 9.—The expenses of the Board and its work are to be met by voluntary contributions; and to aid in obtaining these, and to promote the general interests of the cause, it is recommended that a Corresponding Secretary be appointed at each Quarterly Meeting.

Article 10.—Such Yearly Meetings as are already engaged in missionary work are encouraged to continue in their respective fields, but when they wish to engage in other fields, it is recommended that they do so only with the sanction of the Board, in order that the work may be properly distributed and the best results obtained.

Article 11.—Where Yearly Meetings have Missionary Committees, they are requested to report full information of their work to the Board.

Signed on behalf of the Conference.

AMOS DOAN,

Chairman.

CHARLES HUTCHINSON,

Secretary.

42. The Committee appointed, Minute 35 (Disciplines), reports:

We approve and adopt. We continue the Committee, with the exception of Samuel Rogers in the place of Levi Rogers, to act in the matter, with power to draw on the Yearly Meeting Treasurer for the cost of 175 copies of Discipline and necessary expenses.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISCIPLINES.

We recommend that the Yearly Meeting appoint a small committee to obtain 175 copies of the Discipline adopted, and apportion them as follows: Six to each Preparative Meeting for the use of Clerks and Overseers, two to each Monthly Meeting, two to each Quarterly Meeting for the use of Clerks, leaving four for the use of the Yearly and Representative Meetings.

We would also suggest that all individual members who wish to subscribe for extra copies, send their names to the Committee, either personally or through their Monthly Meetings, in order that they may get them at wholesale price.

On behalf of the Committee.

JAMES F. BARKER.

43. The Nominating Committee, Minute 29 (Pastoral), report:

We, your Committee to nominate a Pastoral Committee, propose the following:

Pelham.—James F. Barker, Sarah J. Barker, Wm. Spencer, Ellen Atkins, William S. Barker, Alfred Spencer, Justus Cohoe, Job Moore, Esther Atkins, Sarah Atkins, Sarah Nicholson.

Yonge Street.—Charlotte Rogers, Martha Rogers, Emma Richardson, Benjamin Moore, Seneca Doan, Allan Cody, Henry James, Hannah Brown, Elizabeth Cody, Wing A. Rogers, Mary Starr, Elias Rogers, Lizzie Doyle.

West Lake.—Elizabeth Garrett, John T. Dorland, jr., Esli Terrill, Rachel Cronk, Stephen W. White, Eliza Brewer, Catharine Saylor, John Hodgson, jr., Lucy Cronk, Harvey J. Brundige, Samuel Saylor.

On behalf of Committee.

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Approved and adopted, and Friends named appointed to that service, under the restrictions and with the powers of the former Committee.

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44. The Representatives recommend that the apportionment of documents shall remain as last year. This Meeting approves and directs the Printing Committee to act accordingly.

45. The Committee appointed Minute 5 (Returning Minutes), reports :

The Committee on Returning Minutes has attended to the duties devolving upon it and prepared copies in the following form for all those in attendance with minutes, also one for John Wright, of Michigan, noting his acceptable attendance.

Our beloved friend Rebecca Collins, a minister from New York Monthly Meeting, N. Y., acceptably attended this Meeting with satisfactory credentials. Which we submit to the meeting.

BENJAMIN CODY,
RACHEL CRONKHITE.

The Clerk is instructed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

46. The Committee appointed Minute 40 (Vacancy Representative Meeting) propose the name of Charles J. Treffry, this Meeting unites and he is accordingly appointed to that service.

47. Epistles to London, Dublin, New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas, have been read and approved.

The Clerk is instructed to sign them on behalf of the Meeting.

48. The Committee appointed Minute 24 (Dominion Alliance) submit the following, this Meeting approves and adopts same, and directs the Clerk to sign on behalf of Meeting. We further draw the attention of subordinate Meetings to the cause.

TO THE ONTARIO BRANCH, DOMINION ALLIANCE.

Your communication of 24th inst. received and read in our Yearly Meeting. The Report of the Annual Meeting of the

Alliance was also read. Many Friends expressed unity with you in this work of love and were encouraged to help it forward by giving their influence and material assistance. We bid you God speed.

49. The order of business next year will remain the same as at present, with exception of meeting on 7th day evening to be devoted to Report of Pastoral Committee, and that the London General Epistle be read in open Session at the first Sitting of the Meeting.

50. The reprint of London General Epistle has been received and is directed to be apportioned to subordinate Meetings by Committee appointed on Minute 28.

51. The Epistle from Ohio has been received and read.

52. Thomas Reazin and William V. Richardson, having requested to be released from the position of correspondents for this Meeting, we are united in the decision that one Yearly Meeting Correspondent shall be appointed out of each Quarterly Meeting. We appoint Daniel B. Cohoe, Levi Rogers, and William Robinson, a nominating Committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve as correspondents for this Yearly Meeting.

53. The above Committee propose the names of Thomas Walker, Norwich; Christopher Dale, Pickering, and Robert H. Saylor, Bloomfield, which being separately considered and united with, they are appointed to that service.

54. The following has been received: Address of correspondent for Mariposa Monthly Meeting, Joseph Cody, Linden Valley P.O., Victoria Co., Ont.

55. The following Report has been received from Educational Committee, approved and adopted, and the nomination contained therein confirmed.

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TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

Robert M. Richardson having tendered his resignation as a member of the College Committee, this Committee, after fully considering the matter, accepts the resignation with regret, and are united in nominating Christopher Dale to fill the vacancy during his term of office. On behalf of the Educational Committee.

C. DALE, *Secretary*.

56. Friends appointed to receive documents for their respective Meetings continued, with addition of Arza Wiltzie in place of Joseph Wiltzie, deceased.

57. The Committee on Minute 26 (Bible School Nom. Com.) not being ready to report we are united in continuing the present Committee for one year.

58. The Committee appointed Minute 36 (College Committee Debt) present the following:—

Your Committee recommend that the Debt of nine hundred dollars, incurred by the College Committee, be paid, by the Trustees borrowing money for one year by giving their note of hand under their corporate seal. On behalf of Committee.

C. SING.

Approved and adopted. This Meeting accepts the indebtedness of \$907.60, with interest added.

59. The Committee appointed Minute 20 (care of Pickering Meeting House) report:—

We, Your Committee, with the nominated Committee of Pickering Friends, have conferred together and have mutually agreed in proposing to this Meeting that the Yearly Meeting pay \$25 for the cleaning and care of Meeting House and grounds for each and every year hereafter, that the Yearly Meeting may be held at Pickering. On behalf of Committee.

ALEXANDER DERBYSHIRE.

Approved and adopted.

60. The Committee appointed Minute 28 (Book and Tract Apportionment) report appointment answered.

61. We draw the attention of subordinate Meetings to the following : That it will be their duty when and as soon as the New Discipline comes into force, to appoint under the provisions of the same, Elders for three years ; those at present appointed to that service continuing only until such appointments are made.

62. Having concluded the business of this Meeting we desire to acknowledge that the loving kindness and tender mercy of our Heavenly Father have been extended to us in an especial manner, and that through the different sessions of this Meeting the glorious canopy of His love has overshadowed us.

63. Adjourned to meet at Norwich next year.

HOWARD NICHOLSON, *Clerk.*

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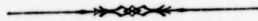
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OF CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS, HELD AT
PICKERING, ONTARIO, COMMENCING ON SIXTH
DAY, THE 25TH OF 6TH MONTH, 1880.

1. By reports received from the Quarterly Meetings it appeared the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting, viz. :—

PELHAM—Alice Gregory, Sarah T. Barker, Sarah Jane Barker.

YONGE STREET—Rachel Doyle, Mary C. Starr, Elizabeth Richardson, Marianne Hughes, Eliz. Doyle, Martha Rogers.

WEST LAKE—Matilda Branscombe, Susan Dorland, Rachel Cronkhite, Margaret Jane Jones, Sarah Leavens, Marilda Blanchard, and Elizabeth C. Garratt.

Whose names being called, were present except three ; a satisfactory reason was assigned for the absence of one.

2. The Friends appointed as caretakers by the Quarterly Meetings having been called, were present except one, for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

They were from :

PELHAM—Sarah Atkins, Sarah Nicholson.

YONGE STREET—Charlotte Rogers, Elizabeth Cody, Martha Rogers.

WEST LAKE—Lucy Cronkhite and Susannah Haight.

3. We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friends : Rebecca Collins, a minister from the N. York Yearly Meeting ; Ann Gause, a minister from Indiana Yearly Meeting ; Amos M. Kenworthy, a minister from Indiana Yearly

Meeting ; Joseph Blackledge, a minister from Iowa Yearly Meeting ; Mary Ann Potter, an elder from New York Yearly Meeting, as companion to Rebecca Collins ; Rhoda S. Blackledge, an elder from Iowa Yearly Meeting, as companion to her husband, Joseph Blackledge ; Sarah Stanley, a member of Indiana Yearly Meeting, as companion to Ann Gause. We feel to welcome these and desire to praise our Heavenly Father for His loving-kindness in thus remembering this part of His heritage.

The following Friends were appointed in conjunction with a similar committee of the men's meeting to prepare certificates of attendance, as way shall open for it, and produce them to a future sitting, viz. : Betsy W. Stover, Elizabeth Cody, Rachel Doyle, and Rachel Cronkhite.

4. Epistles from London, Dublin, New York, New England, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, Western, and Kansas were received and read. Many the wise counsels contained in them, which we believe emanated from the Great Head of the Church find a place in our hearts, and through the blessing of the Lord fulfil all that He designed they should in us,—especially would we desire that the privileges given to the women of our Society in regard to the ministry and other church work, which has been brought to our notice by nearly all of these sisterly salutations, be not lost sight of ; but that we may so use all our privileges as to bring glory to our Father in Heaven.

The following were appointed to prepare essays of epistles in response, and produce them to a future sitting : Elizabeth C. Garratt, Alice Gregory, Marianne Valentine, Sarah Leavens, Mary Jane Rogers, Sarah Jane Barker, Mary C. Starr, Martha Rogers, Eliza H. Varney, Jane Cronk, Rachel Doyle, Sarah Atkins, Matilda Branscombe, Sarah Nicholson, Sarah Ann Dale, and Susannah Wilson.

5. Jane Cronk, Rachel Doyle, and Betsy W. Stover were appointed to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries from the Quarterly Meetings, and produce to our next sitting.

6. Men Friends informed us they have appointed a Committee to procure the printing of the minutes, Hannah Jane Cody was appointed to unite with that Committee in having the minutes printed together; and it was decided that 1,000 copies be procured instead of 700 as last year.

7. The representatives were requested to meet at the rise of this meeting, to consider of and propose to next sitting the names of suitable Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks; also to propose the names of two Friends to act as Messengers.

8. With thankful hearts to our Heavenly Father who has manifestly been with us, the meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING, 6TH MO. 26TH, 1880.

Under a very solemn covering the meeting again convened near the time adjourned to.

10. Elizabeth C. Garratt, on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting they were united in proposing Hannah Jane Cody for Clerk, and the names of Margaret Jane Jones and Sarah Jane Barker were proposed for assistants. After being considered, the nominations were approved by the meeting, and they were accordingly appointed to that service for one year.

11. Susannah Haight and Elizabeth Spencer were nominated and appointed to serve as Messengers the ensuing year.

12. The London general epistle was read, and we desire that its important counsels may be received and treasured up as watchwords: that they may bring forth much fruit.

13. The Friends appointed to prepare summary answers, produced them ; and the meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society as presented by the answers to the queries. They claimed our careful consideration ; a summary of them is as follows :—

SUMMARY OF ANSWERS.

14. *1st.*—Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, although there are some deficiencies in the attendance of those held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed, with an exception in one meeting ; unbecoming behaviour is reported in two of the smaller meetings, and care has been extended.

2nd.—Friends are preserved in love one towards another with a few exceptions ; when differences arise care is taken to end them. Tale-bearing and detraction not so fully avoided as is desirable.

3rd.—We believe 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, but in regard to dress and language greater care is necessary. Most Friends are good examples in these respects themselves. We trust they endeavor to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books.

4th.—With a few exceptions, Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5th.—Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal as far as we know ; one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

6th.—The circumstances of the poor among us and of those who appear likely to require assistance are inspected and relief afforded them,—they are advised and assisted in suitable em-

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7th.—Friends are clear in the several parts of this query.

8th.—Friends appear to be just in their dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. We know of none who give occasion for fear on these accounts.

9th.—Care is taken to deal with offenders ; we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, but not always as seasonably as would be best.

15. The consideration of these elicited much counsel and encouragement. We were exhorted to be watchful that we sin not with the tongue ; that we should ask as David did, "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips." "Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer." "And to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God."

Desires were expressed that we might so abide in Christ the Living Vine, that we may know of receiving succor in every hour of temptation and grace for every time of need.

Mothers were encouraged to wait upon the Lord in prayer after the reading of the Holy Scriptures, earnestly seeking His blessing to rest upon them and their families, that both parents and children may know of being strengthened day by day for every duty required of them ; and that the influence of all be exerted for the spreading of the Redeemer's kingdom in the earth.

16. Men Friends informed us they had appointed a Committee to examine the proposal contained in a circular from Indianapolis, in reference to a Missionary Board, and if way opens for it, to appoint two Friends to act in connection therewith.

Rachel Cronkhite, Susan Dorland, Eliza H. Varney, Sarah J Barker, Rachel Doyle, Amelia Rogers, Sarah Nicholson, Sarah Atkins, Mary C. Starr, Mary Ann Wetherald, Matilda Branscombe, and Sarah T. Barker were appointed to unite with that committee and report to a future sitting.

17. Then adjourned to meet on Second-day morning at 10 o'clock, if the Lord permit.

SECOND DAY MORNING, 28TH OF 6TH Mo., 1880.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends convened.

19. Men Friends informed this meeting that they had united with the proposal from Pelham Quarterly Meeting to hold the Yearly Meeting at Norwich next year; after prayerful consideration it appeared to be the prevailing judgment of this meeting to unite with the proposition and allow it to be held there next year.

20. A very satisfactory report was received from the Bible School Committee. Sarah T. Barker, Rachel Doyle, Mary C. Starr, Caroline Clark, Sarah Ann Dale, Jane Cronk, Elizabeth C. Garratt, Elizabeth Spencer, Susannah Haight, Anna Beckett, Mary Elizabeth Rogers and Laura Brown, were appointed as a nominating committee, to unite with a like committee of men Friends and produce to a future sitting the names of Friends to serve as a Bible School Committee.

21. After an intermission Friends met in joint session.

22. The report of the Pastoral Committee was read and adopted. Anna Beckett, Elizabeth Spencer, Sarah Atkins, Sarah Jane Barker, Mary E. Rogers, Amelia Rogers, Elizabeth Cody, Adelia Cronk, Hannah Cornell, Caroline Clark, Elizabeth C. Garratt, Lucy Cronk, Mary Jane Bowerman and Laura Brown, were appointed to unite with a like committee of men Friends

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23. The report of the Representative meeting was then read, and after prayerful consideration and discussion of the subject of adopting the New York Discipline, as proposed by the Representative Meeting, it was decided that it should be read in this meeting, which was proceeded with as far as page 38.

24. The meeting then adjourned to meet in open session to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING, 6TH MO. 29TH, 1880.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

26. The remainder of the Discipline was read, and after recess the subject of adopting it was considered ; after prayerful deliberation it was the prevailing judgment that it be adopted.

27. It was decided that it come in use 1st mo. 1st, 1881. Elizabeth Spencer, Amelia Rogers and Elizabeth C. Garratt, were appointed a joint committee to consider how many copies of that discipline should be procured, and how disposed of.

28. A satisfactory report of the College Committee was read and united with, also a report from the Educational Committee, which was adopted, and that committee continued another year.

29. Then adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON 6TH MO. 30TH.

30. Near the time adjourned to Friends met.

31. Essays of epistles for London, Dublin, New York, New England, Baltimore, Ohio, North Carolina, Indiana, Iowa,

Western and Kansas yearly meetings were read and adopted, and the Clerk directed to sign and forward to their respective meetings.

32. The Committee to propose names for a Bible School Committee reported they were united in having the present Committee continued another year, with which the meeting concurred.

33. The Committee to propose names for a Pastoral Committee made the following report which was adopted, and the Friends named were appointed to that service the ensuing year. (For report see Men's Minutes).

34. The following report from the Committee appointed to see how many disciplines should be obtained and how disposed of was read and adopted. (See Men's Minutes).

35. A satisfactory report from the Book and Tract Association was read.

36. A satisfactory statistical report was received and read. (See Men's Minutes).

37. The Committee appointed to consider the proposition in reference to a Missionary Board, made a report which was satisfactory to the meeting and the Friends named were appointed to that service. (See Men's Minutes).

38. This meeting united with the suggestion of men Friends, that 7th day evening of the yearly meeting be devoted to the Pastoral Committee, and also that the London General Epistle be read in open session during the first sitting of the yearly meeting.

39. The Committee on returning minutes, made the following report, which was united with, and the Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting. (For report see Men's Minutes).

40. And now, at the close of our annual gathering it seems fitting that we should make mention of the goodness and

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faithfulness of our God ; that as we have looked to him for strength, He has condescended to help in every time of need, and strengthen in every service. And although we have not been able to see "eye to eye" in some of the business of the Church as brought before us, yet the Lord has been graciously pleased to give the spirit of submission on the part of such ; to Him be all the praise.

And commending ourselves, and our dear absent sisters to His continued watchful care during the coming year we conclude, proposing to meet at Norwich next year at the usual time if the Lord permit.

HANNAH JANE CODY, *Clerk.*

EPISTLES ADDRESSED TO CANADA YEARLY
MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS, 1880.

LONDON.

DEAR SISTERS :

The perusal of your acceptable letter has brought you afresh before our loving remembrance, accompanied by the earnest desire that the "love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," may be spread and increased amongst both you and us, so that the affections being set on things above, not on things on the earth, we may know our life to be "hid with Christ in God."

We have been reminded of the privileges which belong to us, as members of our religious Society, and of the liberty to respond to the call of the Lord, which we, as women, enjoy ; and we have been exhorted to seek to employ all the advantages which have been granted to us to the glory of the Giver.

We have lovingly remembered the mothers amongst you, desiring that you may be enabled to do your part in bringing your children to the Lord in early life, and in explaining to them the truths which we hold as a religious society. May you, in the midst of your many cares, ever estimate the privilege of seasons of communion with God, both in meetings for worship and in private retirement. We prayerfully desire for those amongst you, who labour and are heavy laden, that you may have your rest in the Lord ; and we would remind you of the words, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The young amongst us have been encouraged to wait patiently for the Lord's enlightenment, and not to act hastily, because they may not at once see their way clearly, in connection with our religious principles. May we all take our difficulties, of whatever kind they may be, to the Lord Himself, and with fully-surrendered hearts, trust Him to lead us aright : may we be enabled to adopt the language :—

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We have afresh felt the closeness of the bond which unites the disciples of Christ to each other, as well as to Him. Is it not instructive to remember that, when His Spirit is permitted to reign in the heart, love must prevail in us individually as well as in the church? Thus a willingness is known, not only for the younger to submit themselves to the elder, but for all to be subject one to another.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, we bid you farewell. May our God fulfil "all the good pleasure of His goodness, and the work of faith with power, that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in Him, according to the grace of God, and of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We remain, with love, your sisters,

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting by

LUCY WALKER, *Clerk.*

DUBLIN.

DEAR SISTERS :

Your lively epistle, with many others from your land, has been read amongst us at this time, and very precious is the thought as we send you greeting, that though the wide Atlantic rolls between our home and yours, we are yet one in that love which binds together all the true believers in Jesus Christ, and that the same Father in Heaven is watching over us and giving day by day those things which are needful for us. May the consciousness of the reality of God's love through Jesus Christ increase our confidence in Him, so that we may gladly tread the path which He has chosen for us, knowing that He ever goeth before, and though trial may be the lot of some, He is able to sweeten every bitter cup.

The isolated position of our friends on the Australian continent has claimed our sympathy at this time with desires that He who dwells with the few as well as the many, will condescend to overshadow them with His presence and reassure their hearts with those precious words, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them."

We have the company of several dear friends from England, appointed by the London yearly meeting to visit in gospel love all the meetings in our land. Their service has been an arduous one, but we can thankfully acknowledge that it has been owned and blessed of our Heavenly Father. We have been earnestly exhorted not to trust for salvation in anything short of Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life, and now to yield willing obedience to the dictates of His Holy Spirit in our hearts. May He in His own good time, cause the seed sown to spring up and bear much fruit to His praise.

A portion of our country is passing through a time of terrible distress, mainly owing to the partial failure of the crops for three successive years. We doubt not, dear sisters, that besides your material aid, we have had your sympathy and prayers, that God would be merciful to us and be pleased to send us more prosperous times. Owing to the great amount of practical sympathy, which has caused so many to give both time and money, actual famine has been averted, but many months must elapse before the relief funds can be closed. Poor women are employed in knitting stockings and sewing, thus enabling them to earn a little money for their own support. We have been reminded of the numerous passages in the Bible, where we are told that considering and helping the poor is acceptable in God's sight; but we must also bear in mind that if our motives are not pure, if we are not actuated by true love to God and our fellowmen, we, as workers, miss the blessing. May we all seek to be possessors of that charity which "beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things," and be encouraged to press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. With much love we are your sisters.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting by

ELIZA JANE RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

NEW ENGLAND.

DEAR SISTERS :

Your affectionate epistle of sixth month last, has met a warm reception, and a response in many of our hearts, and we

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feel as though we could salute you, under some sense, as we humbly trust, of that love in which we have been baptized together in Christ Jesus our holy Head.

We have at this time the company of our beloved friend, Sarah B. Satterthwaite and her dear companion Mary White, also Elizabeth L. Comstock, and others, all of whom are very acceptably with us, and from whom we have received much living counsel and encouragement; and earnest have been our desires that we may dwell low at the feet of our blessed Saviour, waiting for his teaching and the overturning of his hand upon us, cleansing and fitting us for his Holy Spirit to abide with us continually.

We have been led to look with sadness upon the vacant places, and mourn the removal of beloved sisters who have been like mothers in Israel, and have been called from the conflicts of the militant church to join in eternal joy and praise in the church triumphant in heaven. We remember their faith and devotedness to their Lord and Master, and we feel loudly called upon who remain, to follow them as they followed Christ, so that when our turn shall come to be summoned from this changing scene, we too may be prepared to render up our account with joy.

The review of our condition as a church shows that we are in many respects coming short of our Christian duty as this is set before us in the gospel. Much loving and wholesome counsel has been elicited from faithful ministers of Christ, on this account, and we humbly trust that upon many hearts, it has fallen as seed into good ground, which shall bring forth fruit to the praise of the good Husbandman.

In allusion to our remissness of the due attendance of our religious meetings, particularly of those held in the middle of the week, testimony has been borne to their value, and to the sweet comfort and refreshing which these have often afforded, when the dear Master has verified his promise of meeting with His flock and communing with his followers. Mothers have been encouraged to train up their children in the way they should go, in the belief that these may be early brought to their Saviour. Much sympathy has been expressed for those mothers who have said in their hearts, "who is sufficient for

these things?" These have been encouraged to look to the Lord for ability, with the assurance that their sufficiency is of Him.

We have been much cheered and encouraged by evidences of blessing upon our missionary labor among the Freedmen, at the Syrian Mission, and with the Indians west of the Mississippi, resulting in a number of conversions to christianity in each of these fields of labor.

In conclusion, and with a sense of that love in Christ which is neither bounded by time nor diminished by distance, we bid you affectionately farewell,

Signed on behalf of New England yearly meeting.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK.

DEAR SISTERS :

As we have listened to the messages of love and counsel which we have received from our sister Yearly Meetings, we have been reminded that we are all members of one body, of which Christ is the living Head, and that there exists between us a bond of union which enables us in a measure to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." It is our privilege also to realize that our Holy Head is a still deeper sympathiser, and that He is not only able but willing to bring us out of every trial, purified and strengthened by the baptism of suffering.

Your branch of the Church is especially dear to us, as we remember that until recently we were *one* in an outward sense and rejoice that it is still our privilege to be *one* in a spiritual sense.

We have great cause for gratitude at this time. We have with us a goodly number of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings, who, together with our own laborers, have been enabled to proclaim the Gospel acceptably and savingly in our midst.

As we have gathered from session to session, we have realized the precious covering of the Holy Spirit, assisting us in trans-

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During the examination of the state of society, mothers have been exhorted to pray with and for their children that they may be early brought to love and serve their Saviour.

We are glad to hear of the prosperity of your Yearly Meeting School and of your Bible School and Tract work. The reports of our various committees show that the dear Lord has been working with and through them during the past year, enabling them to accomplish a great amount of missionary work among the Indians, our Southern brethren, both white and colored, and also much home mission work.

In several Quarterly Meetings a large number have been brought into the fold of Christ, and many have united in membership with us. To the Lord belongeth all the praise. The temperance work has drawn largely upon our sympathies and prayers. We have much to cheer us in the fact that the Christian women are steadily gaining ground in the warfare against intemperance, but the work is very great; and every woman and especially every mother should be enquiring, What can I do towards eradicating this enormous evil? We would affectionately encourage you as a Yearly Meeting to take a decided stand on this subject.

The demand is increasing among us for more active laborers in the different departments of Christian work in which our Yearly Meeting is engaged, and also for more messengers to tell the story of redeeming love.

May you, dear sisters, as well as we be unchangeably fixed on the Rock Christ Jesus, remembering however, that this condition can be acceptable only as we are obedient to do the will of our Master; for one of the apostles tells us that "Faith without works is dead," and another exhorts us to be "steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

May the doctrines of the spiritual gospel of our Lord and Saviour as held by our early Friends, be zealously upheld in this day when there is such a tendency to resort to types and ceremonies, which can give us no strength, but only weaken our faith in the one and all-sufficient sacrifice.

In your approaching annual gathering may you be enabled to put your trust wholly in our God, who is the strength and comfort of His Church, and who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

On behalf of the Meeting,

RUTH C. FLAGLER, *Clerk.*

BALTIMORE.

DEAR SISTERS :

In hearing from the different epistles received by us this year, expressions of weakness, struggle and temptation, as well as of triumph, trust and victory; we have realized again our common humanity, and we feel that though widely scattered, and with various interests and duties, each member of the church has the same great aim in view, the advancement of Christ's kingdom on this earth. Thanks be unto God, the same loving Father watches over all, and His ear is open to hear the feeblest cry of each one of His dependent children.

We have had impressed upon us that the growth of the church depends very much on the individual faithfulness of its members. As in the physical frame, the organs and nerves act in sympathy, so the church (which is compared to the body), feels the lack of life in even the weakest member. The subject of the important position, which we as women occupy, has been brought before us, and we have been earnestly reminded of the great influence for good which we should exert in our homes, and in the world. The fervent prayers and consecrated life, of a Christian woman have been the means of bringing many souls into the fold of Christ.

Reports from our First-day schools, and Home Mission Work, show a marked increase of interest and successful effort, and we may be truly thankful that we have evidence of the good resulting from this important part of the work of the church.

Although our numbers are small, we have gathered together in the full assurance that the great Head of the Church would be with us, and bless our meeting. He has been faithful to

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His promises, has blessed us with His presence ; and has sent through His servants, cheering messages of love and encouragement.

“Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God even our Father, which hath loved us ; and hath given everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.”

We remain your sisters,

Signed by direction of the meeting,

JULIA VALENTINE, *Clerk.*

OHIO.

DEAR SISTERS :

In the love of Christ we address you, as sisters of the household of faith, desiring to be co-workers with you in the service of the Lord.

We have been lovingly reminded by the reading of your epistle, of the mutual sympathy and union of believers. Our hearts have been made to rejoice in the assurance of the loving favor of the great Head of the Church upon us at this time. A sense of the need of the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and his continual presence and power with us as individuals and as a church, has been deeply felt and expressed in our midst, and we have been tenderly exhorted to an abiding faith and walk in the Christian life, ever “looking unto Jesus.”

A deep exercise was spread over the meeting, occupying near the whole of one session, in which many souls were led to entire consecration, much excellent counsel being given on various subjects.

In looking over our annual assembly, we are impressed with the thought, that many of the standard bearers have been, and are being removed to the Church Triumphant. But we are comforted in the belief that the great Head of the Church is preparing many in the bloom of youth for joyful and loving service for Him, in the place of those whom he has called to their heavenly inheritance.

An interesting meeting was held on the subject of missionary labor, in which the necessity of both home and foreign work was set before us in an impressive manner, and encouraging reports were given of the work performed within our limits during the past year. Eternity alone shall reveal to us what a privilege we have in serving the Lord with gladness, and following Him joyfully.

We earnestly desire that you with us may "serve Him without fear, in righteousness and holiness before Him, all the days of our lives."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

ELIZABETH L. HILL, *Clerk.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR SISTERS :

The christian love manifested toward us in your acceptable epistle, is truly reciprocated. We have been comforted and edified by means of the addresses of our sisters of other yearly meetings; also by the company and services of a number of ministers who have declared to us the glad tidings of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we ever remember that "He was wounded for *our* transgressions: He was bruised for *our* iniquities: The chastisement of *our* peace was upon Him: With His stripes *we* are healed: The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of *us all*: For the transgression of *My people* was *He* smitten: Thou shalt make His soul an offering for *sin*: He shall bear *their* iniquities: He bare the *sin* of many. He hath poured out His soul unto death"—and this atonement is a free gift, offered to all.

"God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

"As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."
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Through the inward working of the Holy Spirit, our Saviour's outward work is made effectual, by being applied, appropriated, and brought home to the soul. It was the Holy Spirit who enabled Peter to make that good confession: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

"No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost." Our dear young sisters, may the blessed Holy Spirit give you to know the Love of God, as it is in Christ, give you power to trust in it, and resign yourselves wholly to it! Then will you be in possession of that living, loving faith, which is the gift of God."

A number of our young sisters are with us, cheering and encouraging us by their Christian sympathy and love.

Our Committees on Sabbath Schools, Temperance, Education, and Missionary work, have made favorable reports, shewing an increased interest in these departments of Christian labor.

With love toward you all, and especially to your younger members, we bid you farewell!

Signed on behalf of the meeting, by

ABIGAIL N. MENDENHALL, *Clerk.*

INDIANA.

DEAR SISTERS:

Under a sense of the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father, we address you at this time, having assembled we trust in the power, and under the leadership of our Great Head. Our hearts are uplifted in gratitude and praise to Him for His mercy and for His truth's sake. We have at this time the company of several dear Friends of other Yearly Meetings, bearing the glad tidings of the Gospel to the edification of the Church, holding up Christ as a complete Saviour, able to save to the uttermost all that come unto God by Him. We have been reminded that none can follow Christ until they have first accepted Him as a sacrifice for sin. There is no peace saith my God to the wicked. But to his followers Christ said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you, not as

the world giveth give I unto you." Believing as we do that God has committed unto us, as unto our brethern, the ministry of the Gospel, we have been encouraged to faithfulness therein, not neglecting the gift that is in us. The Lord has set before us an open door, and there never has been a louder call for the ministry of women, than at the present time. May we study to make ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth. Mothers have been earnestly exhorted to the careful training of their children ; not to become discouraged if they are not so situated in life as to be called into the more public service for the Master, remembering that He who has given those pledges of love, has given them to us, to train for Heaven, and that around the family altar are most precious and blessed opportunities of service for the Master.

The temperance cause lies very near our hearts, in which many among us are actively engaged. May you with us continue in the good work, praying the Lord's blessing to rest upon our efforts. We highly appreciated the letters of love from our sisters of the different Yearly Meetings binding us together as children of the same common Father.

With the salutation of love we remain your sisters,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

EMILY JANE HARRIS, *Clerk.*

WESTERN.

DEAR SISTERS :

At this our annual gathering, our hearts have been raised in thanksgiving to the Lord, in remembrance of his many blessings to us in the past, and that He has so wisely led us by His spirit through the exercises of this meeting. Epistles have been read from your Yearly Meeting and others with which we correspond, which were truly refreshing and edifying ; many of them speak of the need of more earnestness in the cause of temperance ; which we believe to be the case in our own Yearly Meeting. We also think it time to publicly discourage the kindred evils of the use of opiates and tobacco. We be-

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lieve a much greater influence might be exerted against these growing evils if we would kindly yet earnestly labor in a Christian spirit in that direction. We as sisters, especially the young women, are particularly adapted to this work. We therefore entreat the dear young sisters to require the same high standard of virtue from the young man that is required from her, "*demand purity for purity.*"

This meeting has been deeply exercised in regard to Woman's Mission both in the church and in the world. According to the recognition of our Society woman holds an equal place with man in the ministry of the Word, and other church work. Yet we keenly feel that we have not lived up to our privileges in the performance of these duties for some years past. Whatever may have been the cause of such failure, we earnestly desire its speedy removal.

We feel the necessity of embracing every opportunity for mental culture and improvement that we shall be able more effectually to perform the work to which our master may call us. Dear sisters, let us faithfully follow that Captain whose strong arm will lead His *trusting followers* on to certain victory.

Now 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.

In love, your Friends, Signed by direction of the meeting,

MARGARET REEVE, *Clerk.*

IOWA.

DEAR SISTERS :

Your interesting and acceptable epistle has been received and read with those of other Yearly Meetings. Its words of greeting and encouragement have been comforting and edifying to us, and we continue to feel the preciousness of this bond of sisterly sympathy.

In this our annual gathering we have been permitted to feel that our Heavenly Father, in great mercy, has owned us by His presence to the tendering of many hearts.

A number of ministers are present from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and Gospel labors have been acceptable, and we have felt it to be another evidence of our Heavenly Father's love in thus sending His messengers amongst us. Surely His many and continual favors call for deep thankfulness and humbleness of heart, and we are led to exclaim, what shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?

We have also been made sad on account of the deficiencies which exist amongst us, and have been made to realize that we need a deeper work of grace, and to know an abiding in Christ the vine, that we may be enabled to bring forth more fruit to the praise of his great and worthy name.

May, we, dear Sisters, with you, know more of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and keeping power of Christ, and thereby "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We desire your encouragement, and may the dear younger sisters with you and us be made willing to lay themselves upon the altar, that by the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit they may be fitted for the work of the church.

The Temperance cause still claims our attention, but we realize that there is need of more earnest workers in this field.

We have heard interesting reports from our different institutions of learning, showing that the cause of education is advancing among us. There is also a manifest desire with us that the cause of missionary work may be promoted. Some of our members are still working among the Indians whose labours, we believe, are blessed and owned by the Dear Master.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, we desire to commend you unto "Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

We are in love, your sisters, signed on behalf of the meeting,

MARY ANDREWS, *Clerk.*

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DEAR SISTERS :

Under a renewed sense of our Heavenly Father's love, we have again convened at this our annual feast. Our hearts have been made to overflow with love to Him for the infinite goodness and mercy extended toward us during the past year.

Your loving epistle with others from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been read—the counsel and advice therein contained were cheering and comforting to our minds.

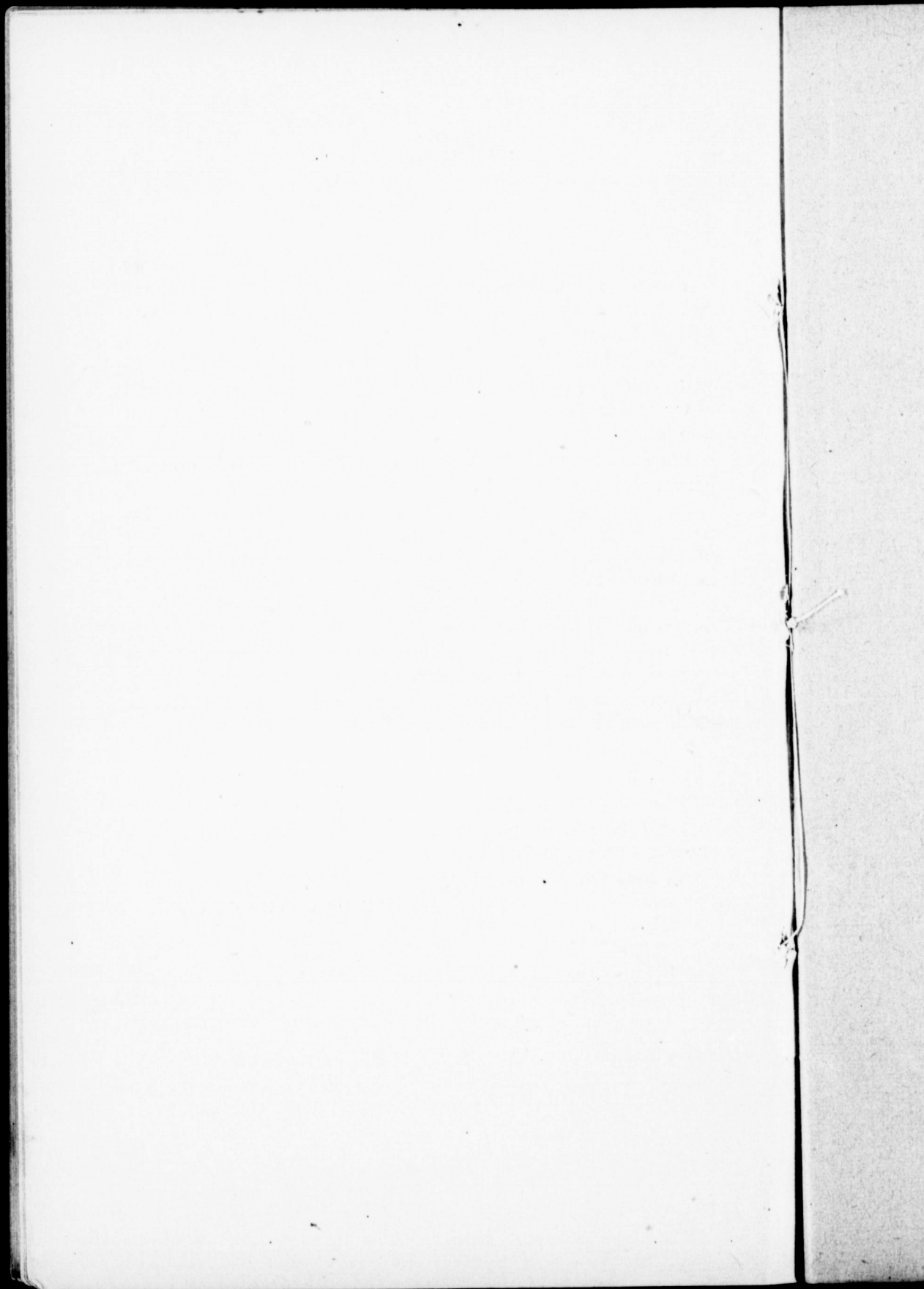
We have with us at this time several of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings, whose company has been encouraging ; and their counsel and advice have been as streams in the desert. We have been earnestly entreated to keep our minds stayed on Jesus, so that with every trial we may hold fast our confidence in God, desiring that His will, not ours, be done ; that everything pertaining to self be slain, and all be united in that love that knows no bounds ; so that neither life nor death, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

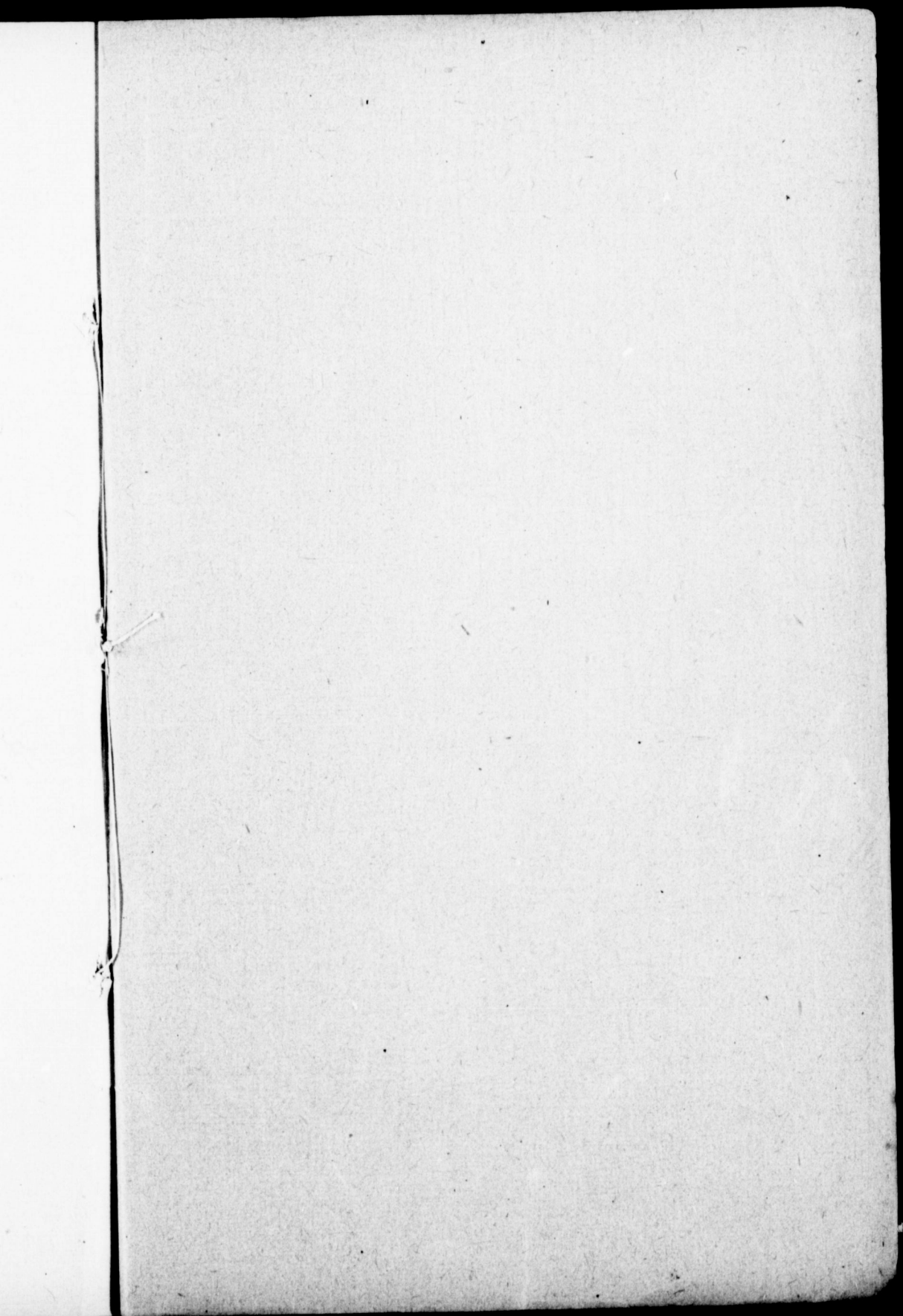
The several different annual committees have made satisfactory reports, which show a lively interest in the work.

And now in conclusion, dear sisters, we would commend you to the care and keeping of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd, trusting to meet in that heavenly fold.

On behalf of the meeting,

DRUSILLA WILSON, *Clerk.*





Calendar for 1881.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE DURING SESSION OF Y. M.

*Canada Yearly Meeting convenes on the last sixth day in 6th Mo.
Ministers and Elders meet day before at 10 o'clock.*

6th day—Prayer and Praise Meeting at 8 A.M., and every morning during Y. M.

—Representative Meeting at 10 o'clock, A.M.

—Meeting for Discipline at 1 “ P.M.

—Bible School Committee 7 “ “

7th day—Meeting for Discipline 10 “ A.M.

—Pastoral Committee 6 “ P.M.

1st day—Meetings for Worship at 10 A.M., 3 and 7.30 P.M.

2nd day—Educational Committee at 8 A.M.

—Meeting for Discipline at 10 A.M.

3rd day—Meeting for Discipline at 10 A.M.

4th day—Meeting for Worship at 10 A.M.

—Meeting for Discipline at 3 P.M.

—Closing Prayer and Praise Meeting at 7 P.M.