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OF  
CANADA  
**YEARLY MEETING**

OF  
FRIENDS  
HELD AT PICKERING, ONT.  
1890.

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Held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 20th day of the  
Sixth Month, to the 24th of the same, inclusive, 1890.

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SIXTH DAY—the 20th of Sixth Month.

1. The reports from the Quarterly Meetings show that the following Friends were appointed as their representatives in this Meeting, viz : from

WEST LAKE—Gilbert Jones, Allan M. Dorland, Jonathan P. Ward, John C. Garratt, Stephen Roberts, Arza Wiltsie and Enoch H. Johnston.

YONGE STREET—Francis Starr, Jeremiah Lapp, William V. Richardson, George Rorke, and Joseph Cody.

NORWICH—James McLaughlin, Harvey H. Haight, George Pollard, and Joshua Clayton.

Who are present except four.

2. The caretakers are : from

WEST LAKE—Amos Bowerman, and John C. Garratt.

YONGE STREET—Gervas Cornell, Benjamin Phillips, and William V. Richardson.

NORWICH—Henry S. Moore, and Joseph Henderson.

Who are present except two.

3. We have at this time in attendance with us Friends, Members of other Yearly Meetings, who presented credentials expressing unity from the meetings to which they belong; whose company, with that of other dear Friends from distant parts, is accepted by us as a token of the Lord's goodness.

The following Friends were appointed in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends, to have the subject of preparing Returning Minutes under care and to act therein as way may open :

Thomas Robinson, Francis Starr, Henry S. Moore, Benjamin W. Wood, and Joshua N. Richardson.

4. Epistles have been received from Western, Iowa, Ohio, and New England Yearly Meetings, the reading of which has been comforting, encouraging and instructive.

To prepare replies to these epistles as way may open therefor, and to address one to Kansas Yearly Meeting whose epistle has not reached us, and to present the same to a future sitting, the following Friends were appointed, viz : James T. Richardson, Jeremiah Lapp, Joseph Henderson, George Pollard, Henry S. Moore, Benjamin W. Wood, Royal Rogers, Bernard Baker, Francis Starr, Moses Yourex and Thomas Robinson.

5. The Representatives were directed to audit the Treasurer's accounts and determine the amount necessary to be raised the present year.

They were also directed to confer together, and propose to the next sitting of this Meeting the name of a Friend to act as Clerk, and one for Assistant Clerk, to this Meeting.

Adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING—the 21st of the Month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

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reported that they had conferred together, and are united in proposing the name of George Rorke for Clerk, and Arnoldi Haight for Assistant. These nominations having been separately named and considered are approved of, and they are appointed to those services for one year.

They also propose the names of Joseph Henderson, and William Cornell, as Messengers for this meeting; these are united with and appointed to that service.

7. We have at this sitting received the epistle from Kansas Yearly Meeting which was read to the satisfaction of the Meeting, and directed to be handed to the Committee on Correspondence to prepare a reply thereto as way may open.

8. The Meeting entered into an examination of the state of its members by reading the Queries and Answers thereto from the Quarterly Meetings and proceeded as far as the answering of the fifth Query.

Meetings for Divine Worship are to be held to-morrow at 10 o'clock, a.m., and at 3 o'clock, p.m.

Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on Second day morning.

#### SECOND DAY MORNING—the 23rd of the Month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

The reading of the Queries and Answers thereto from the Quarterly Meetings was resumed and concluded.

#### A SUMMARY OF THE ANSWERS IS AS FOLLOWS :

1st. Friends are mostly careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. Some slackness in this particular, which has had care, appears in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior to remark, except that one meeting says some instances of drowsiness.

2nd. We believe Friends are preserved in love one towards another—when differences arise care is taken speedily to end them. Tale bearing and detraction are avoided and discouraged, so far as we know.

3rd. Friends endeavour to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us, although more care as to plainness of dress, language and deportment is desirable, and also as to the example of parents themselves in these respects. We believe they endeavour to guard their children and others under their care against corrupt conversation and reading pernicious books.

4th. Nearly all 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 so far as we know.

6th. The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to need assistance are inspected and relief afforded them, and they are advised and assisted in suitable employment, and their children and all others under our care, are in a way to be properly educated for the ordinary duties of life.

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

8th. Except one case of a failure to meet engagements, 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. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts they are seasonably laboured with for their preservation and recovery.

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

9. During the foregoing examination the meeting was introduced into a travail of soul for the removal of deficiencies and for a growth in the Truth within our borders, and much counsel was imparted, a digest of which is as follows :

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## MINUTE OF ADVICE.

The attendance of all our meetings is a reasonable service which we owe to the Giver of all good by whom the many blessings we enjoy are dispensed, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching." Heb. x. 25. In the performance of this incumbent duty our forefathers suffered great persecutions, and their faithfulness in this particular was blessed to them and to their children. Shall we, their descendants, who at this age of the world are permitted "to sit every man under his vine and under his figtree and none to make him afraid," neglect the privilege we now enjoy of worshiping the God of our fathers in the way we believe to be well pleasing in His sight? As we are willing to make the sacrifice called for at our hands, we, even as they, shall be blessed abundantly therein.

It is all important that we experience a preparation of heart to worship God in spirit and in truth; then we shall know of holding all our meetings in the power of God, and be enabled to "present our bodies living sacrifices, holy, acceptable unto God," and know of being fed with the bread of life to the satisfying of the hungry soul. In this condition no drowsiness will be known, and the weaknesses of our nature will be overcome.

As the mind is turned to the inward teachings of the Holy Spirit, the Lord will teach us of His ways and lead us in a plain path. He shows us our different states and conditions, and as we are faithful to His teachings, we shall experience a growth in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Let us remember, the Crown of Glory is at the end of the race, and he that turneth back after putting his hand to the plough is not worthy of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Christian discipline is the outcome of the doctrines and principles of the Christian religion as professed by us and held by the early followers of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, and as our hearts are subservient to

the teachings of Christ, the requirements of our discipline will not be irksome but will be looked upon as a help in our Zionward journey.

It is a duty we owe to God to train up our children in these principles, the foundation of which is love to God and to our fellow men. Let us not be backward in speaking to our children on religious subjects. Their young minds are capable of grasping the simple truths of the Gospel, and are easily wrought upon by the "Anointing, that teaches us of all things." As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined.

A change of garment does not make a Friend, but our Saviour says, "ye are my Friends if ye do whatsoever I command you," and His teachings lead into plainness and simplicity, of dress, language and deportment.

Let us not be ashamed of our profession ; seek above all things to be approved of God.

"Faith without works is dead being alone." True faith works by love to the purifying of the heart, and qualifies us to glorify God with our bodies and with our spirits which are His.

It is necessary for us to be continually on our guard, that neither in our words nor our actions, we bring reproach upon Christ. It is not sufficient for us only to love the good old way, but we should walk therein.

Friends have ever been looked upon as a temperate people, but do we raise our voices against, and use all rightly available means to annihilate the scourge of intemperance, more deadly in its effects than war, pestilence and famine combined ?

We look upon the horrors of the opium traffic as a national sin of the deepest dye, and fervently pray that it may not continue a stain upon a Christian people.

Our allegiance to the Prince of Peace calls for a positive testimony against war, or anything tending to create a warlike spirit ; holding these views, we should discountenance the introduction into our public schools of everything likely to foster a martial spirit.

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"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ."

10. Information has been received from Norwich Quarterly Meeting, that all their Meetings for Worship are held at 10 o'clock a.m. from 4th month to 10th month inclusive, and at 11 o'clock a.m. from the 11th month to the 3rd month inclusive.

Norwich Preparative Meeting is held on the first Fourth day in each month, and Norwich Monthly Meeting on the second Fourth day in each month at the aforesaid hours.

That Meeting also requests that the time for holding Norwich Quarterly Meeting be changed as follows:—to be held the first Seventh day after the second Fourth day in the Third, Sixth, Ninth, and Twelfth months; in Sixth and Ninth months at the hour of 10 a.m., and in Third and Twelfth months at 11 a.m.

This meeting appoints Thomas Robinson, Arnoldi Haight, Henry S Moore, Benjamin W. Wood, and Harvey H. Haight, to take the proposed change of the time of holding Norwich Quarterly Meeting into consideration, and report to the next sitting of this Meeting.

11. The Minutes of the Representative Meeting were read and approved.

The time for which the members of that meeting were appointed having expired, Francis Starr, Allan M. Dorland, Gervas Cornell, Valentine Dale, Henry S. Moore, Harvey H. Haight, and Thomas Robinson, are appointed to propose the names of Friends to act in that capacity.

12. At the request of the Representative Meeting the following Friends are appointed to collect an account of the losses sustained by the Society in regard to property and the causes therefor and forward the same to the clerk of that Meeting, viz: George Pollard, Arnoldi Haight and Adam H Garratt.

13. Allan M. Dorland, Wellington, Ont., William V. Richardson, Pickering, Ont., and George Rorke, Thornbury, Ont. were appointed Correspondents for this Yearly Meeting.

14. The Committee on First day Schools reports as follows:  
(For report, see Minutes of Women's Y. M.)

The following Friends were appointed to act in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends, as a First day School Committee:—James T. Richardson, Walter Richardson, Moses Yourex, Elihu Rogers, Arnoldi Haight, Henry S. Moore, Allan M. Dorland, Joseph Cody, and George Pollard.

15. The subject of procuring copies of our Discipline so that every family in the meeting may be provided with one, was brought before the meeting. After due consideration this meeting appointed Arnoldi Haight and Benjamin W. Wood, to obtain in sheet form 200 copies for that purpose and have them bound and distributed, and draw upon the Treasurer of this meeting for the necessary funds.

The meeting now adjourns to meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY MORNING—the 24th of the Month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

16. So far as reported, documents forwarded to their respective destinations, were duly received.

The following is a list of those appointed to receive the same another year :

Thomas Robinson, Shannonville, Ont.  
Jesse Stover, Norwich, Ont.  
Joseph Cody, Linden Valley, Ont.  
Joshua N. Richardson, Pickering, Ont.  
Thos. J. Rorke, Heathcote, Ont.  
Francis Starr, Newmarket, Ont.  
Arza Wiltsie, Athens, Ont.  
Gilbert Jones, Bloomfield, Ont.  
Jonathan P. Ward, Portsmouth, Ont.  
Stephen Roberts, Le Rayville, Jefferson, Co., N.Y.

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The Clerks are directed to have 700 copies of the Minutes of this Yearly Meeting, both Men's and Women's printed, and to contain copies of Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, and Calendars of the times for holding our Meetings, and of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, also the names of the respective correspondents of said meetings; to apportion and forward the said copies to the persons appointed to receive them, and to draw upon the Treasurer for the funds necessary to meet the expense.

The Representatives report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct, with a balance on hand of \$339.65.

They recommend that the sum of \$100.00 be raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting for the current year, which is satisfactory to the meeting, and the Quarterly Meetings are directed to raise their proportion of the same, and to forward the balances due on former quotas, which, if paid, would relieve this meeting from its liabilities.

Statistics are reported as follows :

	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.
Yonge Street Q. M. . . . .	4	41	28	227	31	0	1	4	8	23
Norwich . . . . . " . . . . .	2	16	22	90	13	0	1	3	2	4
West Lake . . . . . " . . . . .	6	30	34	102	20	0	0	0	7	6
Total of Y. M. . . . .	12	87	84	419	64	0	2	7	17	33

A testimony of Norwich Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, concerning Lydia P. Stover, a minister, deceased, was received from the Representative Meeting, and read in this one, which brings the loss which we have sustained in the death of this dear Friend afresh to our remembrance. It is directed to be inserted in the Y. M. Minutes.

At the request of some Friends of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, this meeting accepts the trust of disposing of a

number of Books containing Friends' writings, and directs its Librarian to take charge of the same, sell them, and forward the proceeds thereof to the Friends in question.

The Committee, appointed to take into consideration the proposed change in the time of holding Norwich Quarterly Meeting, recommend that the request of that meeting be granted ; with which this meeting unites.

The Committee to propose the names of Friends to constitute the Representative Meeting nominate the following :

Jonathan P. Ward.  
Adam H. Garratt.  
Arza Wiltsie.  
Stephen Roberts.  
Arnoldi Haight.  
John S. Cruis.  
Joseph Cody.  
Granville C. Sutton.  
Joseph Henderson.  
Joshua Clayton.

Gilbert Jones.  
Allan M. Dorland.  
Thomas Robinson.  
Francis Starr.  
George Rorke.  
Edward Cornell.  
Harvey H. Haight.  
George Pollard.  
Joshua Waring.  
Joshua N. Richardson.

This meeting is united in appointing the Friends named, as members of that meeting for the term of three years.

They are directed to meet and organize.

The Committee to prepare returning minutes have produced the following :

Our esteemed Friend, Daniel T. Dye, a minister acceptably attended this meeting with a minute of unity and concurrence from North Branch Monthly Meeting of Friends, Iowa, held the 22nd of 5th month, 1890, and endorsed by Bear Creek Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at North Branch, Iowa, 5th month 24th, 1890.

The Clerk is directed to transcribe the same and sign it on the behalf of this meeting and furnish the Friend with a copy.

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Having been enabled to transact the business that has come before us in much harmony and love, and having renewedly been recipients of the condescension and love of our Heavenly Father in granting us the overshadowing of His presence during the different sittings of this meeting, we now conclude, purposing to meet here at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

GEORGE RORKE, Clerk.

## APPENDIX.

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

### IOWA.

Held from the 25th to the 30th day inclusive, of 9th month, 1889.

DEAR FRIENDS,—Whilst being permitted in the good providence of God to meet together in this our annual gathering, we have been refreshed in each other's presence, for "as iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of a man his friend." We have felt it to be no small privilege, thus to be enabled to come up from our several homes, and take sweet counsel together, and as children of one common Father be favored to partake of the crumbs dispensed to us from His heavenly table.

In deliberating upon the subjects that have claimed the attention of this meeting much harmony and condescension have been manifested, and although much weakness and many shortcomings seem to exist within our borders, yet a hope has been revived amongst us, that we are not cast off, and that "He who will not break the bruised reed nor quench the smoking flax," may yet extend His gracious visitations towards us.

The reading of your acceptable Epistle, and those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, has also been a source of comfort and encouragement to us. A feeling of that union, that binds together even stronger than an outward brotherhood, was felt amongst us, when these letters of love were read, and desires were begotten within us, that we might all be favored so to walk under the guidance of the Holy One, that though sensible of infirmities, we might be helpers one of another, so that our fellowship would be truly beneficial, that so walking in the light, we might be made instruments in spreading the principles of Truth on earth.

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We have had the acceptable company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose presence and labors have been edifying. We have also been encouraged by the attendance of many youths, and trust that their coming amongst us may prove profitable to themselves, and bring them to realize the responsibilities which they will be called upon to assume, when the fathers and mothers of Israel, that are, shall have passed away.

With desires for our mutual establishment in the ever blessed Truth, we remain, your Friends and brethren.

Signed on behalf of said meeting.

CLARKSON T. PENROSE, Clerk.

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### KANSAS.

Held from the 10th to the 15th day inclusive, of the 10th month, 1889.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :*

DEAR FRIENDS,—Again we are assembled as a Yearly Meeting. Our numbers are few, and we have felt our inability to carry on the Lord's work to His glory. But we have been encouraged by the remembrance, that Gideon was not permitted to fight the battle for the deliverance of Israel with a great army, lest Israel might feel that they had wrought their own deliverance, and fail to give the glory to the Lord their God, who enables one to chase a thousand, and two to put ten thousand to flight.

Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings in our circle of correspondence, but Ohio ; the reading of which has been comforting to us.

We have been encouraged in the belief that a goodly number of our young people have been brought by the touches of divine visitation, to a willingness to bow their necks to the yoke of Christ. In this obedience they are being prepared to assume the places of responsibility of those who have borne the "burden and heat of the day" and have been called from works to rewards. May all

such visited children stand faithfully in their ranks in righteousness, that a succession of standard bearers may be found to uphold before men the precious doctrines of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The cross is both the way of life and the way to victory. In that cross and faith which is the power of God, let us all stand, and fight the good fight of faith, till we overcome by the blood of the Lamb. In the love of Christ, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

CYRUS W. HARVEY, Clerk.

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### NEW ENGLAND.

Held from the 15th to the 17th day inclusive, of 6th month, 1890.

#### *To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :*

DEAR FRIENDS,—Your affectionate and brotherly epistle so kindly and promptly responding to our first one to your Yearly Meeting, has been read to our great comfort and joy; confirming us in the belief that you have the cause of Truth and the salvation of souls at heart, and that the Lord's servants shall see eye to eye when He shall bring again Zion.

Our number is much smaller than yours, so that it is with trials and embarrassments that we continue to hold our Yearly Meeting. Many of the fathers and mothers in our Israel have been removed from works to rewards, even such as have borne the burthen in the heat of the day, and whom the Lord did own and dignify with a large portion of labor in the church militant. Let your intercession be raised for us as ability is afforded, that a succession of standard bearers may be found among us. We have learned something of your peculiar and painful trials, even of your perils among false brethren. Some of our older members know how to sympathise with you and to feel with and for you by a similar experience.

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The wormwood and the gall, our souls have them still in remembrance, and are humbled in us.

Our Friends who were with you last year, were comforted in mingling with you in your annual assembly and brought a very good report to us of your meeting. In this we rejoice—for it is the sweet privilege of the Lord's dear children not only to suffer with each other but to rejoice in one another's prosperity.

We of ourselves can do nothing towards maintaining our ancient principles and testimonies, much less the spread and propagation of Christianity in the world. But we are comforted in believing that it is the Lord's will to continue His gracious regard towards the workmanship of His hands ; and that He will still raise up from among the dear youth, judges as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning—even such as dare not go forth in the armour of Saul, but like the stripling David trust in the Lord God of Israel, and await His commands.

Be encouraged dear brethren to cast all your care upon the Lord, and wait for His putting forth and going before, keeping a single eye to the pointing of His finger ; but when He commands be valiant for the Truth. And to the middle aged and young we would say, be not unduly discouraged and cast down, *nothing* is *too* hard for the Lord. He is able to do exceeding abundantly for you, even more than you can ask or think ! But many have at times to sit in low places, and suffer desertion and poverty of spirit, that they may learn in whom are all their fresh springs. We do not write thus because you are unmindful of these things, but to encourage you to persevere in the pathway of holiness, the end of which is everlasting life. Amid the many commotions in the world, the snares and the temptations laid for the unwary—we find by our own painful experience that our only safety is in watchfulness unto prayer, and we entreat you to be gentle and tender with the erring, remembering the pity and the compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of men, while in that prepared body in which He came

to do His Father's will, and to suffer the just for the unjust, that He might bring us unto God. His great mission was and is to call sinners to repentance. True He came not to save us *in* our sins, but *from* our sins. Yet we believe it is profitable to review our own experience as individuals, and recount the times and seasons when we have stepped aside or been unfaithful, yet have been followed with the reproofs of instruction which are the way of life. Are we not then ready to exclaim with the Royal Psalmist, "Surely goodness and mercy have followed me all the days of my life?" and if we can only add, "I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever!" what more need we ask?

We have received epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence, and we have felt as they were read in this meeting that they were instrumental in encouraging us to make renewed efforts to serve the Lord in our day and generation, even in the way of His requiring and in bringing us into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ, as expressed by Him when He said in speaking to His chosen apostles, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ 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.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

JOHN W. FOSTER, Clerk.

OHIO.

Held from the 30th day of the 9th month to the 4th day inclusive, of the 10th month, 1889.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

DEAR FRIENDS,—We have again been permitted to assemble for the purpose of transacting the important

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and weighty affairs of a Yearly Meeting ; and it is under a sense of our utter inability to accomplish anything, that can advance the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, or redound to the glory of the "Giver of every good and perfect gift," without His immediate help.

Every human effort to promote the Lord's work will be futile.

It is our part to coöperate with the teachings of the Holy Spirit in transacting weighty affairs of the church ; otherwise we shall only mar the work, and fail to advance the Redeemer's Kingdom.

In consideration of the state of society, our meeting was brought under exercise for the spiritual welfare of all its members, and more especially for that class who have young families around them, that they might be enabled to train them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

The practice of daily reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, with our families collected, and the mind withdrawn from the cares of the world, we believe will conduce largely towards our own spiritual growth, and also be a means of preservation to our children.

And while we believe that "all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, and for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works," we dare not place them above the Spirit that gave them forth.

The careful perusal of the sacred writings may as the mind is turned inward to the source whence all good flows, be like a preparation of the fallow ground for the reception of the good seed.

Notwithstanding our many shortcomings and deviations from the strait and narrow way, causing mourning and sorrow to the traveller Zionward, we still have cause for thankfulness that we are not a forsaken people ; but feel that we have had at this time, a little fresh evidence that the Shepherd of Israel is still watching over

His flock in this place, ready and willing to hand forth the bread and water of life to every truly hungry and thirsting soul.

We have had the company of a number of Friends from neighboring Yearly Meetings, whose labors and solid deportment have afforded us strength and encouragement.

Now in conclusion, dear Friends, may *we* with *you* join hand in hand, and put shoulder to shoulder in our labor to rebuild the broken down walls of our Zion, with a single eye to Him, who is the "healer of breaches, and the restorer of paths to dwell in."

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

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

BARCLAY STRATTON, Clerk

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WESTERN.

Held from the 6th to the 11th day inclusive, of 9th month, 1889.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

DEAR FRIENDS,—The reading of your epistle has again brought you into affectionate remembrance, with renewed desires for your welfare in common with our own.

Although we have been brought out from those who walked not according to the gospel, we must not rest in a fancied security, nor abate our vigilance against our souls' enemies.

We, as a Society have tasted of the mercies of our Heavenly Father, and have been nourished by Him with the bread and water of life; yet we should ever remember that the food of yesterday will not suffice for to-day; but it is only as we abide humble and teachable before Him, that we can experience the fresh incomes of His tender love, receive strength to do His will, and be instructed in the mysteries of His kingdom.

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We believe that the principles and doctrines of the Christian religion, were entrusted to this Society to uphold in their purity and simplicity. Great is our responsibility, and great is the need of care, that we enter not upon any thing, either as individuals or as meetings, without divine direction and help. But our reward also will be great, if we remain steadfast and faithful to our trust, striving as He shall enable us, to adorn those doctrines with holy lives and conversation.

“Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirits.”

Signed on behalf of the meeting aforesaid.

ALBERT MAXWELL, Clerk.

# CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS.

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Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, held at Pickering, Ontario, Canada, from the 20th of Sixth Month to the 24th of the same inclusive, 1890.

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The Assistant Clerk being absent, Rachel W. Haight is appointed to that service for the day.

The Representatives being called are present except six. No reason assigned for their absence.

They are, FROM NORWICH—Anna H. Moore, Avis Peckham, Isabella Henderson and Mary Pollard.

Caretakers—Margaret Clayton and Emma Waring.

FROM YONGE STREET. — Rachel W. Haight, Sarah Lapp, Margaret E. Boone, Mary Bowerman, Esther Cody and Sarah C. Richardson.

Caretakers—Elizabeth P. Moore, Lydia Clayton and Emma Starr.

FROM WEST LAKE—Mincha Haight, Matilda Branscombe, Abigail Garratt, Dorothy Bowerman, Margaret Ward, Sarah A. Wood, Mary E. Jones, Sarah E. Wiltsie.

Caretakers—Phebe Jane Leavens and Elizabeth Hutchinson.

We have the company of several dear Friends, from other Yearly Meetings, which has proved strengthening to us, and their labors in the Gospel very acceptable. We desire their encouragement. Some of these produced Minutes of Unity and Concurrence from their respective meetings.

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to meet a like committee of Men Friends, to have under consideration the subject of preparing Returning Minutes, and act as way may open therefor, and report to a future sitting.

Epistles from Western, Iowa, Ohio and New England have been received and read much to our comfort and encouragement in the path of duty.

We regret that the Epistle from Kansas has not been received at this time.

We appoint Mary C. Starr, Marianne Richardson, Isabella Henderson, Anna H. Moore, Anna Crawford, Matilda Branscombe, Margaret E. Boone, Mary Robinson, Sarah A. Wood, Mary Ann Valentine Junr. and Sarah Leavens, to prepare essays of Epistles in reply and produce at a future sitting.

Received, at this time, from the different Quarterly Meetings certain amounts, for the Yearly Meeting's use, to be expended either for board or travelling expenses as may be required by the committee hereafter appointed.

We appoint Sarah Leavens, Rachel W. Haight, Mary Pollard and Marianne Richardson to audit the Treasurer's Account, and report to a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together on the appointment of Clerks, at the rise of this meeting, and report to-morrow morning.

We appoint Anna H. Moore, Mary Jane Rogers, Deborah Robinson, Levina Merrills, Isabella Henderson, and Esther Cody to prepare a Summary from the Answers to the Queries and produce at the next meeting.

He who is the Crown and Diadem of all rightly gathered Assemblies has truly condescended to our low estate and His life giving presence has been felt to be in our midst, to the comfort and strengthening of many hearts. Under this feeling of love and fellowship, we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING—6th Mo. 21st. 1890.

The meeting convened near the hour adjourned to.

Matilda Branscombe, on behalf of the Representatives reports, they have conferred together and are united in proposing Eliza H. Varney for Clerk and Rachel W. Haight for Assistant, with which this meeting unites, and they are appointed to that service for one year.

The Committee appointed to prepare a summary to the Answers to the Queries has produced one. These with their answers, as they came from the different Quarterly Meetings have been read and considered, together with the Summary.

During the reading and answering of the Queries much good counsel was given. We believe the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much. The subject of prayer rested largely on this meeting, and Paul's deliverance from prison was feelingly alluded to for our encouragement. May the promise be verified "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee. When thou walkest through the fire thou shalt not be burned neither shall the flame kindle upon thee." How necessary for mothers to be themselves convinced of the principles of the gospel as held by Friends, before they can effectually train their children in them. They have need to take up the cross daily and know of being clothed upon with the Spirit of Truth that they may be living ensamples, not only to their own loved children, but also to the flock of Christ; living up to the doctrines of the Scriptures of Truth with the help of God's Holy Spirit in the heart, to the advancement of the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth. We have cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that there are no differences known amongst us, and for His deliverance to His people in the day of trouble. Let us not be forgetful of these things and settle down at ease in Zion, but be faithful to our God, while time and opportunity are afforded us. May we prize our privileges in this Society, as there is no other where women have so much Gospel liberty; and as we are faithful to the manifestations of the Holy Spirit, we shall become established in the Truth, and as we patiently bear the cross,

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Rachel W. Haight, Marianne Richardson and Elizabeth Richardson are appointed to prepare a salutation of love to the absent ones, who, through afflictions, infirmities of age or from any other cause, have been unable to mingle with us at this time.

A letter was received and read from the few Friends residing in the North West, who are members with us. It is put into the hands of a Friend for a reply, to be produced at a future sitting.

Many prayers and desires have arisen for the covering of the Lord's Holy Spirit over this meeting. We acknowledge that they have been answered, and to His Holy Name would we ascribe praise.

This meeting now adjourns to meet on Second day Morning at 10 o'clock.

#### SECOND DAY MORNING—6th Month 23rd. 1890.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

The Epistle from Kansas was received and read at this time and contained much instruction and fellowship in the Truth.

Essays of the Epistles have at this time been produced, read and approved of, for Ohio, New England and Iowa, also a letter to our members in the North West. Sarah Leavens is appointed to copy and forward this letter, and the Clerk is directed to sign it.

The Friends appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account report ;

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :

We your Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's Account have examined it and found it correct.

It is as follows:—

Balance on Hand from last year . . . . .	\$67.75
From West Lake Quarterly Meeting . . . . .	10.75
"    Norwich    "    "    . . . . .	4.75
"    Yonge Street    "    "    . . . . .	21.30
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Total . . . . .	\$104.55
Paid Committee 6th Month 1889 . . . . .	19.00
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Balance on Hand, . . . . .	<u>\$ 85.55</u>

On behalf of the Committee,

SARAH LEAVENS.

The report being satisfactory, we appoint Mary Pollard, Abigail Garratt and Sarah C. Richardson to draw funds from the treasury to defray the expenses of all those now in attendance who may need assistance, and report next year. Sarah E. Richardson is re-appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The First day School report being produced was read and approved. It is as follows:

Way has not opened for the establishment of any schools since last report, there still being two schools; one at Pickering and one at Mariposa. We recommend the appointment of a new committee.

Pickering reports, No. on Roll 35, those not Friends 18, Friends 17, Teachers 3, Average Attendance 22, School open all the year, and conducted according to the order of Friends.

NELSON CHAPMAN, Superintendent.

Mariposa reports, No. on Roll 66, Adults 10, Friends 16, Classes 5, Teachers 5, Average Attendance 32, Papers taken 3, School open all the year and conducted according to the order of Friends.

ALLAN N. CODY, Superintendent.

On behalf of the Committee,

JAMES T. RICHARDSON.  
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This meeting unites with the report and appoints as a new committee, Esther Cody, Mary C. Starr, Mary Jane Rogers, Marianne Richardson, Emma Starr, Anna H. Moore, Anna Crawford, Lizzie R. Rorke, Sarah C. Richardson, Sarah Leavens, Abigail Garratt, Mary Pollard, Cordelia Moore and Sarah Jane Stringham. They are to serve in that capacity for one year and act in conjunction with the like committee of Men Friends.

Under the most precious covering this meeting now adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

THIRD DAY MORNING—6th Month 24th. 1890.

Friends convened at the hour adjourned to.

The Essay of an Epistle to Kansas was read and adopted, also one to Western.

The Committee appointed to aid the Assistant Clerk in preparing a Salutation of Love to absent members produced one which has been read and approved. This meeting directs the Clerk to sign it and have it printed with the minutes.

This meeting is united in appointing Marianne Richardson to assist the Clerk of this meeting in preparing the minutes for printing.

Came from the Representative Meeting to this, a Memorial concerning our beloved friend Lydia P. Stover, a minister, belonging to Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends, who departed this life the 22nd of 1st mo. 1889. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." She was truly a mother in Israel, who being dead, yet speaketh. The memory of the just is blessed. This meeting would approve of this memorial being printed in the Minutes of this meeting having the concurrence of Men Friends therein.

*The Testimony of Norwich Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, concerning Lydia P. Stover, a Minister, deceased.*

"And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, "Write, 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." This, our much esteemed Friend, Lydia P. Stover, was born in Oneida County, N.Y. State, in the year 1818. She was the daughter of William and Avis Hakes. Avis Hakes was a lineal descendant of the first Friends, who suffered loss of property and imprisonment in Boston, and banishment therefrom for conscientious adherence to their simple manner of worship. We can truly say, the religious concern of her parents, to train up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, was not bestowed on her in vain. She lived in the home of her childhood until her 43rd year; when she was married to Jesse Stover, of Norwich, Ontario, Canada. Removing to the place of his residence she there filled the place of a faithful wife and companion until her death, being always more concerned for the comforts of others than for her own. Divine visitations were extended to her in early life, which she was made willing to accept.

This dear Friend, at one time was plainly shown in what way she was to make a certain part of her dress, which she felt to be a very heavy cross, but on contemplating the subject, this language was very forcibly brought to her mind, "See thou make all things according to the pattern shown thee in the mount." We believe it was the greatest concern of her life to live according to what was made manifest by the Holy Spirit in her own heart, believing that like as God spake to Israel on Mount Sinai by Moses, so now He speaketh to those on Mount Zion by His Son.

She was recorded a minister soon after her marriage; and her religious labors were appreciated by us. Although her communications were mostly short, yet they were accompanied with fervency of spirit. She suffered much reproach along with some others, at the time of the late separation, but she was undaunted in the cause of Truth, which she so much loved.

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Although in much weakness of body she was seldom absent from our meetings, often making a great effort to be present.

Her health declining, the last year of her life, she was mostly confined to her home, but not to her bed, until the last week of her life in which time she suffered much. She bore her suffering cheerfully, being resigned to her Heavenly Father's will, often expressing a very humble opinion of herself. To a friend who was present, she quoted the passage, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows;" then after a pause, said, "Oh, how good the Lord is." These are they, who like her, have their lamps trimmed and burning, who are favored to fully adopt the language, "O death! where is thy sting? O grave! where is thy victory?"

This dear Friend departed this life the 22nd day of First month, 1889.

The minutes of the Representative Meeting were received and read at this time and were satisfactory to us.

The Committee on Returning Minutes have produced one for Daniel Dye, which this meeting directs the Clerk to sign.

(For Copy see Men's Minutes.)

We have been favored to sit together as in heavenly places in Christ Jesus through all the sittings of this Yearly Meeting; and have been comforted by the presence and labors of the stranger Friends who are with us. We desire to acknowledge the goodness and mercy of our God in permitting us thus to mingle together, and that we may not forget the blessings that have been so abundantly poured out upon us. May it be as bread cast upon the waters, found after many days. May we not only be hearers of the word but doers also; so that the good seed God hath sown in our hearts may bring forth some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred

fold to the glory and honor of His great name. May we ever be found walking in that "wisdom, whose ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are peace."

With hearts filled with thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the many favors received, and commending each other to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to keep us from falling, and present us faultless before the throne of His glory, we conclude this meeting to meet here again next year, if the Lord permit.

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Clerk.

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## *An Address to our Absent Members*

FROM

Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

DEAR SISTERS,—While feasting on the Divine Manna as we have been privileged to do, we have desired for you, that some of the fragments might be gathered up that you also may partake with us of the same. We were admonished to pray for one another; remembering that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much; and that, as we abide in the true vine we shall receive sap and nourishment therefrom, and know of a growth in grace, and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; and that when we go from this place we should not forget the duty of prayer, but continue to put up our petitions to Him who is ever ready to hear and answer prayer, and who will strengthen and support His trusting children through all the storms and trials permitted to cross their pathway.

The importance of the mother's influence in training the lambs committed to her care was dwelt upon; to do this she must first know of a thorough grounding in the principles of self-denial and full consecration of heart and all she possesses to the Lord, knowing that He doeth all things well for those who love and serve Him with full purpose of heart. We must be learners in the school of Christ, before we can successfully teach others; whether we are in the position of mothers or otherwise. Mothers are often placed in tried positions where a double portion of the Holy Spirit is necessary to enable them to discharge the duties devolving upon them in a spirit of kindness, firmness and cheerfulness. Let us be careful not to be encumbered with many cares like Martha, to the neglect of that which is the more important. No one is so near to the child as the mother;

and may these not forget to pray with and for their children. And whilst mothers were thus admonished, the children were reminded of the command to obey their parents.

Those placed in positions where they may not enjoy that religious fellowship which is so strengthening, are yet encouraged to faithfulness in improving opportunities of reading the Holy Scriptures to those around them, although there may be a disposition to disregard or even to disbelieve the truths contained in this precious Book. Be not discouraged in well-doing. Your efforts though small may yet bear fruit; ever remembering the promise, "That the foundation of the Lord standeth sure, having this seal, the Lord knoweth them that are His." Let us remember that if we are not willing to take up the cross and follow Him as He requires, the crown will not be ours. What are we to do to become Christians? We are to come to the Saviour and cease from man whose breath is in his nostrils. Come to Him who died an ignominious death that we might live. The Master desires that we should become as passive clay in His hands, that he may fit and fashion us for His service, thus enabling us to go on from strength to strength until we attain the stature designed; and at the end our eyes shall feast on the good things prepared for those who love and serve Him unto the end. The end crowns all.

It is not for us to mark out the pathway for our feet, but in doing His will we shall be kept from all harm, and made to acknowledge Him, "God over all blessed forever." We should prize the many privileges we enjoy as a society, and be faithful to its principles. Remembering how our forefathers suffered for the maintenance of these principles we should appreciate them. "Others have labored and we have entered into their labors."

The young were exhorted to be faithful in their calling, and to cheerfully give themselves up to the service of the Lord, who loves a cheerful giver. God's promise is, "they that hunger and thirst after righteousness shall be

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We were encouraged to double our diligence and exhorted to take heed to the things that we have heard, taking to our homes a remembrance of them.

Signed by direction of this meeting,

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## APPENDIX.

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

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#### *To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :*

DEAR SISTERS,—Through the tender mercies of our Heavenly Father we have been permitted once more to meet in this our annual gathering and although feeling our unworthiness, He has been pleased to spread His canopy of love over us from day to day, to the humbling of our own hearts, causing us to feel the unity of the Spirit which is the bond of peace. The reading of your very acceptable epistle and others from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, was truly refreshing to us, and comparable to a brook by the way. These messages from our dear sisters have caused us to feel, we are sisters united together in Him, who is head over all to His church. May you with us be encouraged to increased faithfulness in the work of the Lord, that there may be a growth in grace and in the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Do not these times loudly call for us as a Church and people to arise and shake ourselves from the dust of the earth? that our lights may so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven. We deeply sympathise with you in the loss of so many valued helpers in the cause of Truth, yet we believe that our loss is their eternal gain, and that the same great power that was their Light, Guide and Strength, is the same yesterday, to-day and for ever, who can and will raise up others to fill their places in the Church militant, if there be a willingness to come under the refining power of His Holy Spirit. We have at this time the very acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and gospel labors are to us refreshing and edifying.

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Our meeting this year is larger than usual, many of the dear young people are in attendance whose countenances bespeak the love of Jesus in their hearts. May you with us be cheered with the hope that ere long there will be those whom the Great Husbandman will anoint and appoint to labor in His harvest field, for truly the harvest is great but the laborers are too few.

With a salutation of love we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

ALMEIDA R. WROE, Clerk.

KANSAS.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:*

DEAR SISTERS,—We have again assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and though our numbers are small we feel a great responsibility resting upon us, and we believe prayers have gone forth to the throne of grace, that all self righteousness may be laid aside, that all may be done to the glory and honor of the Lord our God.

We believe that all should strive to follow the advice of the apostle where he says, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service; and be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your minds, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

"We desire that all may be preserved in humility and thankfulness for the mercies of the Lord, and live in the peaceable Truth that is over all, that ye may answer God's grace, and His light and spirit in all; in a righteous, godly life and conversation. Let none be lifted up by their outward liberty, neither let any be cast down by suffering for Christ's sake; but all live in the seed, which is as wheat which is not shaken nor blown away by the winds and storms, as the chaff is. Let us strive to live

so near the fountain of light and life that we may know the voice of the true shepherd from that of the stranger and knowing the true voice, let us take heed and obey it, and the Lord will bless us therein though men may revile and persecute us. "Fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

We have a few Friends from other Yearly Meetings whose presence is comforting to us.

In the salutation of Christian love, we advise our younger Sisters, whilst seeking after the things which pertain to eternal life to lay aside everything that will hinder their progress Zionward.

Dear Sisters, in the love and fear of God, we bid you farewell.

Signed by direction of the meeting.

ELIZABETH A. PARKER, Clerk.

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NEW ENGLAND.

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:*

DEAR SISTERS,—Your very acceptable epistle of Sixth month last was received, and has been read in our meeting, and the love and sympathy therein expressed was very encouraging to us, and our hearts are bowed in reverent thankfulness for the bond of Christian fellowship that has thus been established between us, believing, that under the divine blessing, it will tend to the comfort and encouragement of all those among us, who are livingly concerned for the prosperity of the ever blessed and unchangeable Truth.

Our trials and afflictions have indeed been many; we realize our poor and stripped condition, and oft times our hands are ready to hang down, and our knees to smite together with weakness. But we have remembered that the Captain of our salvation was made perfect through suffering, and the disciple is not above his Mas-

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ter, nor the servant above his Lord. If we would reign with Christ, we must first be willing to suffer with Him.

It is when we feel our weakness, and that we have no might of our own, that we are led to draw near to God the true source of health and strength, "He giveth power to the faint, and to them that have no might he giveth strength."

As we become sensible of our dependence upon Him, we are made willing to humbly wait for the arising of the Divine light in our souls, showing us the way in which we should walk; and if we abide steadfast under the refining hand of the Lord, and patiently bear all the deep provings, that may be required to strengthen our faith, we shall be made "more than conquerors through Him that loved us," and shall rejoice that we are found worthy to suffer for His name.

The greater the conflicts which are permitted for the trial of our people, and through which we have to pass, whether of the flesh or of the spirit, as they are borne with patience, the greater will be our enlargement of heart, and the more will be our rejoicing in the aboundings of God's love towards us. Our faithfulness will be rewarded and support and safe keeping be granted in the hour of tribulation and temptation.

Many are the temptations and allurements, that an unwearied adversary places in our path on every hand to lead us astray. May we by close watchfulness walk so near to our Heavenly leader, that when we turn to the right hand or to the left, we may be able to hear His voice behind us saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it."

We rejoice to hear that there is an increasing interest manifested among you and your young people in spiritual things, and that there are those, who give evidence that they are under the preparing hand, for usefulness in the Church. "Let us not be weary in well doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." The promise is not to them that run well for a season, and then turn back,

but to those that endure to the end. "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

We have received very acceptable epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence.

With earnest desires that the tender feelings of love and sympathy under which we have been mutually brought may remain unchanged, and the unity be unbroken, we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

MARY A. GARDNER, Clerk.

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*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:*

DEAR SISTERS,—It is under an humbling sense of our own insufficiency for any good word or work, that we thus again salute you, being afresh reminded 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."

Since coming together at our annual gathering we have been comforted in the belief, that the Great Head of the Church has not been unmindful of us, and thankfulness has arisen from many hearts, for this renewed favor. We would acknowledge the reception of your acceptable epistle, and the kindly interest and Christian love therein manifested towards us.

In looking over the scattered remnants of our Society, now joined in the fellowship of correspondence, we feel encouraged in the belief, that these are endeavoring, in the ability afforded, to stand for the law and for the testimony, as delivered to our worthy forefathers to uphold before the world, and we are persuaded that if we are to be preserved as a distinct people, it will be upon the original ground, occupied by George Fox and his coadjutors. Their clear views of scriptural truths, were not obtained by intellectual research or study, but were the result of the immediate teaching of the Holy Spirit, unfold-

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ing them to their understandings, and sealing them upon their hearts, so that they found the Scriptures answering to their own experience, and that they "are profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

If we become established upon that rock, which was their sure foundation, even Jesus Christ, the head and chief corner-stone of the spiritual building, we shall not be swept away by the tide of worldliness, and the temptations of worldly conformity, with which we are everywhere confronted, and which are so destructive of that spiritual life, which is the crown and glory of the Church. We desire that those among you and us, upon whom the Lord's chastening and preparing hand has been laid, may be willing to bow low at His footstool, and to abide in the furnace all the appointed time, until He has perfected the work of which He is the author and finisher, that these may be prepared to bring forth fruit to the honor of His great name. "In me is thy help," was the language to Israel formerly of Him who remains to be the only source of strength to us, both as individuals and as a people.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, in the language of the Apostle, "we would commend you" with ourselves, "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."

We remain in love, your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

SARAH H. BRANTINGHAM, Clerk.

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*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:*

DEAR SISTERS,—Being again permitted to come together in our annual assembly, we trust many hearts have been humbled under the renewed sense of the

loving-kindness of the Lord. Truly "His compassions fail not, they are new every morning; great is His faithfulness."

We received and read at this time, all the epistles from the different Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence. In the hearing thereof, our earnest desires have been raised to the God and Father of us all, that He may in the continued extension of His marvellous loving-kindness and power, condescend to bless you with all spiritual blessings, to the end that you may be faithful in every good word and work, and know a being joyful in His praise. In your tried and isolated state, we call your attention to the Lord's favored people formerly. Hath not "the Lord our God given you a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, . . . . a land wherein you shall eat bread without scarceness, and you shall not lack anything in it? . . . . and when you have eaten and are full, then shall you bless the Lord your God for the good land which He has given you."—Deut. viii, 7-10.

We desire that you may profit by the legacy that our Saviour left us, when He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you." The mind that is rightly stayed on the Lord is in peace. We take comfort in believing that there are those amongst you, who, like Simeon of old, can reverently bless the Lord, that their eyes have been opened to see His salvation. May such be strengthened to hold fast their hope. In every storm of trial or of conflict, may this hope be to them as an anchor to the soul, both sure and steadfast, entering into the eternal realities within the veil, and may they be so kept by the power of God, through faith unto the very end, as to witness the Lord Jesus in the fulness of His redeeming love, to be not only their hope, but their final rest and everlasting praise.

The business that claimed our attention, through the different sittings of this meeting, has been weightily considered, and judgment arrived at in unity and condescen-

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sion ; which has caused us to rejoice, and to praise our God.

We are reminded that watchfulness and obedience to all known duties, are essential on our part, that we may be enabled "to stand perfect and complete in all the will of God."

Signed on behalf of Western Yearly Meeting of Women Friends.

SARAH ANN JOHNSON, Clerk.

## Times for Holding Canada Yearly Meeting

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### 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.

*Correspondents* { ALLAN M. DORLAND, Wellington, Ont.  
WILLIAM V. RICHARDSON, Pickering, "  
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 inclusive at 10 a.m.; and from the 11th to the 3rd month inclusive at 11 a.m.

*Correspondent*—JESSE STOVER, Norwich, Ont.

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

YONGE STREET QUARTERLY MEETING is held in 2nd, 6th, 9th and 12th months, at 10 a.m.

In 2nd month at Yonge Street, on the 7th day coming after the third 7th day of 2nd month.

In 6th month at Yonge Street, on the first 7th day of the month.

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

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

Meeting of Ministers and Elders the day preceding at 3 p.m., except in 6th 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 first 4th day, 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 each Yearly Meeting, when it is held one week later.

*Correspondent*—JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON, Pickering.

MARIPOSA MONTHLY MEETING on the fourth 5th 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 Collingwood, 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 and 6th and 10th months at 11 a.m.; in 2nd and 6th month at Bloomfield; and in 10th month at Farmersville.

*Correspondent*—ALLAN M. DORLAND, 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*—ALLAN M. DORLAND, Wellington, Ont.  
Preparative Meeting at Bloomfield, second 5th day of every month, at 10 a.m.

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

KINGSTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Catarauqui, first 7th day after second 5th day in each month at 11 a.m. Meeting of Ministers and Elders the day preceding Monthly Meetings in 1st, 5th, and 9th months at 2 p.m.

*Correspondent*—JONATHAN P. WARD, Kingston, Ont.  
Preparative Meeting, the last 5th day in each month.

LEEDS MONTHLY MEETING, held at Farmersville 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 Farmersville.

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

*Correspondent*—STEPHEN ROBERTS, Le Rayville, Jefferson Co. N.Y.

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

*Correspondent*—THOS. ROBINSON, Shannonville.