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OF CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT PICKERING,
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29TH TO 7TH MONTH 4TH, 1888.

I. Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments from 6th month 29th to 7th month 4th, 1888.

II. Reports have been received from the Quarterly Meetings by which it appears that the following Friends are appointed Representatives, of whom twenty-one are present ; a reasonable excuse offered for the absence of one.

PELHAM.—Henry A. Sutton, William P. Barker, Albert C. Stover, James Gillam, Peter Kirkley, Howard Nicholson, Elisha C. Taylor, Mary Stephenson, Esther Woodard, Marianna H. Treffry.

YONGE STREET.—Cyrus R. Sing, Rebecca Lamby, Benjamin Moore, Elizabeth Cody, Elias Rogers, Marianna Hughes, Samuel Hughes, Isaac James, W. V. Wright, Emma Richardson, W. J. Dale, Thomas Harris, Elizabeth Hobson, Charlotte Rogers, Elizabeth Brown.

WEST LAKE.—Abram Saylor, John M. Hodgson, S. W. White, Robert H. Saylor, Clark Bowerman, May Wistar, Cinderella Saylor, Elizabeth Garratt, Lydia Dunn, Sarah Foster.

III. The following are appointed Caretakers: - They are reminded of their duties, viz. : to exercise a loving care over the members in attendance, facilitate the work of Committees, and gather Friends punctually at the various Sessions of this

Yearly Meeting—James H. Stover, Marianna H. Treffry, James Gillam, Henry A. Sutton, Albert Wright, Elizabeth Cody, Allan Cody Phoebe Jane Wright, Joseph C. Cody, William J. Dale, Thomas Harris, Corey Cronk and Andrew Dorland.

IV. We have with us in acceptable attendance the following Friends with Credentials from their respective Meetings :

Henry Stanley Newman, Minister,	. . .	London.
Alexander M. Purdie,	"	. . . New York.
Mary G. Underhill,	"	. . . New York.
Asa C. Tuttle,	"	. . . New England.
Jesse McPherson,	"	. . . New England.
William Allen,	"	. . . Ohio.
Amos M. Kenworthy,	"	. . . Indiana.
Sarah A. Kelsey,	"	. . . Western.
Thomas Gregory,	Elder	. . . London.

With much gratitude to God we acknowledge His goodness in sending to our Annual Meeting these messengers of the Cross. Already we have profitted much by their loving counsel, and we trust that throughout the Sessions of the Yearly Meeting, they may be true to their commission, and declare to us the whole counsel of God, as He shall direct.

Samuel Rogers, Charles J. Treffry, Hannah J. Cody and Emma Richardson, are directed to prepare and present to a future Session returning minutes of their services.

V. We appoint Rufus Garratt, Edmond Wright and Benjamin Moore, in conjunction with the Caretakers, a Committee on Gospel Service, and direct them to take charge of all arrangements for Gospel Meetings, and to facilitate in every way the service of the visiting Ministers.

VI. We have read at this time the General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting. We are instructed by the

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counsel contained therein, and direct Elias Rogers and Thomas Harris to procure a reprint of 1,000 copies for distribution in our Subordinate Meetings, apportion to the same and draw on Treasurer for cost.

VII. We appoint C. J. Treffry, S. W. Hill, Elizabeth Spencer, Esther Woodard, Benjamin Moore, Benjamin Cody, Hannah J. Cody, Alma G. Dale, Rufus Garratt, S. W. White, Sarah Foster, and Eliza Brewer, a Committee to bring forward the names of twelve Friends, four from each Quarter, to act as Nominating Committee and report.

VIII. On Minute from Pelham appears the following: This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meetings permission to change the hour of Quarterly Meeting, on Seventh day to 10 a.m. instead of at 11 as at present. We approve and authorize them to make the proposed change.

IX. On Minutes from West Lake appears the following:— This meeting believing a change is necessary to accommodate Moscow Friends in attending the Quarterly Meeting more easily, we are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to allow the Quarterly Meeting to be held at Cold Creek in 12th month and in Bloomfield in 3rd month, at the usual hours. We approve the proposed change and direct our members to be guided accordingly.

X. The representatives are directed to meet and propose to our next sitting the names of Friends to serve this Meeting as Clerks, also two Messengers.

XI. Adjourned to meet in separate session at 10 a.m. seventh day.

SEVENTH DAY, 6TH Mo., 30, 10 A.M.

XII. Met pursuant to adjournment.

XIII. Cyrus R. Sing on behalf of the Representatives proposes the names of Howard Nicholson and Thomas Harris to serve this Meeting as Clerks which being separately considered are united with, and they are appointed to that service for one year. Henry A. Sutton and Henry Wilson are appointed Messengers.

XIV. The consideration of the condition of the members composing this Meeting, as shown by the answers to the Queries, has been entered upon and concluded, and the following summary adopted.

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

1st. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship, with exceptions from one quarter in regard to those held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed.

2nd. With some exceptions Friends are preserved in love one toward another. When differences arise care is taken to end them.

3rd. Our meetings for transacting the affairs of the Church have been regularly held, and we believe the discipline is seasonably and impartially administered.

4th. As far as known our members are in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively, with time for waiting upon the Lord with thanksgiving and prayer.

5th. With a few exceptions coming from two Quarterly Meetings in regard to the use, our Friends appear to be clear of the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal.

6th. With few exceptions we believe Friends are just in their dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements.

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7th. The answers to this query are clear with the exception that one meeting reports trust funds in the hands of those who have separated from us, and another calls attention to needed care respecting title deeds.

XV. On Minute from West Lake appears the following:—

“A Report was received from West Lake Monthly Meeting, informing this of the indebtedness incurred by the late law suit, on their Trustees, amounting to the sum of \$1913. This Meeting, after careful deliberation upon the matter, consider that the action was of necessity, in order to establish our Society on a sound basis, on account of the separation among Friends, and now request the Yearly Meeting, as sympathizers with them, to take such steps as will relieve the Trustees of said indebtedness.”

We refer the subject to our Representative Meeting, to take action thereon and report.

XVI. The Committee appointed (Minute VII.) to bring forward names of Friends to constitute our standing Nominating Committee, report:—

“We propose the names of following Friends to act as a Nominating Committee.” Approved and appointed.

S. W. Hill, C. J. Treffry, Marianna Harris, Louisa C. Nicholson, Isaac James, Hannah Moore, Allan Cody, Emma Richardson, S. W. White, Robert H. Saylor, May D. Wistar, Sarah Foster.

XVII. Epistles from London, Dublin, New York, New England, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, North Carolina and Kansas have been read. Iowa Epistle not having come to hand.

We direct the Nominating Committee to bring forward Names of Friends to serve as Committee on Correspondence.

XVIII. Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2 p.m.

XIX. Met pursuant to adjournment.

XX. The Nominating Committee propose the following Friends to serve as Committee on Correspondence, which we approve, and instruct them to draft Epistles to those Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and present to a future sitting.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE.

William Wetherald, William V. Wright, Andrew Dorland, Rufus Garratt, H. A. Sutton, Albert Wright, William J. Howard, Samuel Rogers, Benjamin Moore, Benjamin Cody, Abraham Saylor, Cyrus R. Sing, William J. Dale, Albert Colquhoun and Edwin Moore.

XXI. The Delegation to the Conference of Yearly Meetings at Richmond, Ind., report as follows, and the Declaration of Faith issued by that body has been read, and after a full expression of judgment, we are united in receiving the Report and in adopting the Declaration of Faith, and we direct that it be printed with the Minutes, and that 5,000 copies be also printed separately in pamphlet form; the Clerk to hold such subject to the call of those of our members as may require them. And they are hereby directed to apply to him; and we direct it to the prayerful attention of our members.

To Canada Yearly Meeting, 1888—

We, your Delegation, appointed last year to attend the Conference of Yearly Meetings at Richmond, Ind., commencing Ninth month, 23, and ending Ninth month, 27, 1887, Report that we all attended and gave due consideration to the momentous questions which were deliberated upon by that body.

We here express the satisfaction felt by us at the spirit manifested, and the conclusions arrived at by the Conference, and we commend to the prayerful consideration of our mem-

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We recommend its adoption by this Yearly Meeting, not as a Creed binding men's consciences, but as an Exposition of the Truth in Christ Jesus.

Signed, HOWARD NICHOLSON,
 HANNAH JANE CODY,
 SAMUEL ROGERS.

XXII. Adjourned to meet in joint session, at 10 a.m.,
Second day.

SECOND DAY, 7TH Mo., 2nd.

XXIII. Met pursuant to adjournment.

XXIV. Minute 22, 1887.

One Quarterly Meeting reports as follows:—

“Only two of the Monthly Meetings have reported concerning the use of Tobacco. One reported two and the other sixteen who use it. One of the Meetings say they would strongly recommend its disuse, but would not approve of disciplinary action.”

We again earnestly and tenderly advise our members to abstain from, and to discourage and discountenance, as far as possible, the use of tobacco.

XXV. Minute 58, 1887. William J. Dale reports the business, to which they were appointed, attended to.

XXVI. The Bible School Committee present the following

cheering report, with tabulated statement of schools under their care, which is accepted by this Meeting, the Committee released, and the Nominating Committee instructed to bring forward names of Friends for a new Committee.

We your Committee on Bible School work, present the following statistical report from which we gather that the interest in Bible School work is increasing. A Conference has been established in Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting. The work is now under the care of such a Conference in each of the Quarterly Meetings, and we would encourage our members to look on the fields about their own doors, and see if there are not opportunities of extending this branch of work in places where there is need.

SQUIRE W. HILL.
ANNIE D. SAYLOR.
PHOEBE J. WRIGHT.

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BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT, 1887-88.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No of Classes.	Children on Roll.	Adults on Roll.	Total on Roll.	Average Attendance.	Are Teachers and Off- cers punctual in atten- dance.	Have you a Teachers' Meeting?	No. of Friends teaching in other Schools.	Does the interest in your School evince a growth in Spiritual things.	What Lesson Helps Used?	No. Books in Library.	Papers Taken.	How is Money for Sup- port of Schools raised?	Collected for Foreign Missions.	No. of Weeks School kept open.	Superintendent.	Secretary.	
Moscow	5	18	6	24	20	Yes	No.		Yes	F. Quarterly	55	3	Collections.	24.00	20	Mary L. Gowdy.	Frank Woolf.	
Colebrook	5	60	26	65	45	Yes	Yes		Yes	& S. S. Times	36	2	Subscription.		52	G. H. Benn.	Seburn D. Cronk	
Wellington	5	39	10	23	13	Yes	No.		Yes	F. Quarterly	36	2	Subscription.		9	Bart. Wistar.		
Bloomfield	2	13	5	23	15	Yes	No.		Yes	F. Qu. rterly	66	4	Subscription.		52	A. M. Dorland.	John M. Hodgson	
Sunbury	2	21	5	26	15	Yes	No.		Yes	F. Qu. rterly	36	2	Subscription.		52	Andrew Jackson.	J. C. Dunn	
Coldcreek	6	32	26	58	52	Yes	No.	2	Yes	Leaf	66	3	Subs. & Ent'm't		52	W. A. Rogers		
Swathmore.	8	78	10	88	54	Yes	B. Cl's		Yes	D. C. Cook's	66	3	Contributions.		52	C. R. Sing.	Robt. Holmes.	
Heathcote	4	52	9	61	21	Yes	No.		Yes	Leaf	50	2	Contributions.		17	Benj. Moore.	Martha J. Moore	
Tecumseth	4	22	10	32	26	1 ex.	No.		Fairly	F. Quarterly	50	2	Subscription.		52	Elizabeth Brown	Benj. Hughes	
Yonge Street.	4	34	25	59	16	Fairly	No.	8	Yes	F. Quarterly	300	2	Subscription.		52	Wm. N. Starr.	E. Lewis	
Whitchurch	3	35	14	49	26	Yes	No.		Yes	F. Quarterly	50	2	Subscription.		52	Wm. N. Starr.	E. Lewis	
Whitchurch	4	24	15	39	22	Yes	No.	1	No.	Illustrator	50	1	Offerings.		48	Alma Gould Dale	Chas. Starr.	
Uxbridge.	4	24	15	39	22	Yes	No.	1	No.	Illustrator	50	1	Offerings.		48	Alma Gould Dale	Chas. Starr.	
Pickering.	5	46	8	54	34	Yes	No.		Yes	F. Quarterly	63	3	Preparative Mee- ting.		52	Stephen Cronk.	M'gta Thompson	
Pickering Har.	5	45	16	61	40	Yes	Yes		Yes	F. Quarterly	63	2	Subscription and Xmas. Tree.		52	W. W. Sparks.	Thos. Mansfield.	
Sackville St., Toronto.	9	140	10	150	91	Yes	Yes		Yes	Leaf	88	3	Contribution.		52	Elias Rogers	T. Marks	
Pelham	7	64	42	106	83	Yes	Yes		Yes	Leaf	88	3	Contribution.		52	S. W. Hill	T. Marks	
North Norwich	5	45	35	80	49	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	Leaf	175	2	Prepar. Meeting.		52	Edward Pohoe	William Bishop.	
Mildale	5	32	38	70	50	Yes	No.	2	Yes	Rev. & Mess. Quarterly	100	4	Prepar. Meeting.		52	C. J. Treffry	Geo. E. Nobbs.	
Rockwood	4	42	10	40	25	Yes	No.		Yes	Cook's	100	4	Contribution.		52	J. R. Harris.	William Harris.	
Beesbrook	4	30	30	62	38	Yes	No.		Yes	Cook's	100	4	Contribution.		52	J. H. Stover	Peter Kirkley	
Eppingham	5	32	30	62	38	Yes	Yes		Yes	Quarterly	110	4	Subscription.		52	Warren Cross	Andrew Daboll.	
Hibbert	3	30	14	44	31	Yes	Yes		Yes	Quarterly	110	4	Subscription.		52	A. A. Colquhoun	L. A. Colquhoun	
Beaconsfield	5	42	28	70	51	Yes	No.		Yes	Quarterly	150	2	Meeting		50	Chas Walker	A. T. Walker	
23 Schools	109	976	394	1370	885													

WESTLARK YONGE STREET PELHAM

XXVII. From the Representative Meeting we receive the following:—

“At a meeting of the Representatives of Canada Yearly Meeting, held 29th of 6 mo., 1888. The Committee on Birthright membership reported as follows, which was accepted by the Meeting. The Clerk was directed to forward the Report and conclusion of this Meeting to the Yearly Meeting.”

BENJAMIN CODY,
Clerk.

REPORT.

The Committee on Birthright membership report that, after hearing from the various subordinate Meetings, they recommend that no change be made with regard to Birthright membership.

C. J. TREFFRY,
Chairman.

We unite in their decision, and regard it as our judgment that no steps be taken at present in this direction.

XXVIII. Adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

XXIX. 2 p.m. About the time adjourned to, the Meeting again convened.

XXX. On Minute from West Lake appears the following:

“This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to consider the advisability of holding its sittings at Bloomfield next year.”

We appoint S. W. Hill, Louisa Nicholson, Samuel Rogers, Hannah Moore, S. W. White and May D. Wistar to consider on the subject and report.

XXXI. The Home Mission Committee report.

We thankfully recognize the work done, accept the Report and release the Committee.

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sider the subject, and to bring forward names of Friends to form a Home Mission Committee for the coming year, which shall consist of one man and woman from each Monthly Meeting, who shall appoint from their own numbers or others a Central Executive Committee, to consist of three members, from one, or contiguous Meetings.

And we here record the value we attach to the information kindly afforded by our Friend H. S. Newman, of the Home Mission Committee of London Y. M., as to means employed and results achieved within the borders of London Y. M.

A subscription list being opened, the sum of \$365 was subscribed, and a collection amounting to \$21.70.

To Canada Yearly Meeting:

We, your Home Mission Committee, report that we have attended to the charge confided to us by you a year ago, and that considerable work has been done and desirable results attained by those who have labored under our care.

Full reports have not been rendered by all the workers, but we trust that the labor expended in most of the meetings and the various places has commended itself to those most interested in the different localities.

Appended you will find Financial Report, and we recommend that a new Committee be appointed, and that the funds necessary for the carrying on of the work be raised in the usual way.

JOHN R. HARRIS,

Chairman.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1887-8.

1887.		<i>Receipts.</i>		
6th mo.	29	To balance on hand.....	\$	80 65
12th mo.	17	" Whitchurch Meeting, per Chas. Starr.....		50 00
	26	" Cold Creek " " H. Nicholson.....		10 00
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1st mo.	17	To Wellington Meeting, per Lucy Cronk.....		3 00
6th mo.	27	" Proceeds Subscription List.....		497 00
				\$ 640 65
1888.		<i>Expenditures.</i>		
6 mo.	27	By total amount of assistance to workers.....	\$	628 70
"	"	" Post Office Order.....		30
"	"	" Balance on hand.....		11 65
				\$ 640 65

The Committee have assisted twelve workers during the past year, and the Subscription List taken up at last Yearly Meeting has been paid with the exception of \$10.00.

Signed,

JOHN R. HARRIS,

Treasurer.

We have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Home Mission Committee with the vouchers therefor, and find them correct.

WM. C. WRIGHT, }
S. W. WHITE, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF MEETINGS HELD AND VISITS PAID

BY WORKERS UNDER THE CARE OF H. M. COMMITTEE, 1887-88.

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BY WORKERS UNDER THE CARE OF H. M. COMMITTEE, 1887-88.

NAME OF WORKER.	NAME OF MEETING.	SPECIAL MEETINGS HELD.	REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED.	VISITS PAID.
Joseph E. Bowerman	Golebrook	Two weeks.....14 Total.		
"	Petworth	Four ".....28		
"	Sunbury	One ".....7	Three every First day, with slight exception.....	40
W. H. Deller	Moscow	Four Meetings.....4-53		
	Whitchurch		From 8/8 '87 to 3/8 '88. First day a. m., and fourth day noon-56	No account kept.
Edwin Moore	Newmarket			
"	Whitchurch, Pickering and Tecumseth	2		
"	West Lake Qy.	Special and Regular.....16		86
Howard Nicholson	Yonge St. M. M.	.....52-70		6
"	Kingston M. M.	0		23
"	Cold Creek	.....12		29-58
Wm. Allen and Albion Gibson	Norwich - Hatchley School House	.....15-27		
"	Norwich	.....12		
"	Beaconsfield	.....14		
		.....16	{ All regular meetings were attended during stay at these meetings.	
William Allen, R. Garratt and Albert Colquhoun	Milldale	Two weeks.....		
Wm. Allen and Rufus Garratt	Hibbert	Three weeks.....		
"	Rockwood	.....33		
"	Heathcote	.....6		
"	St. Vincent	.....15		
"	Morley	.....12		
"	Sydenham	.....4		
"	Tecumseth	.....15		
"	Varonna	.....11		
"	Moscow, Pilworth and Colebrook	Three weeks attending the regular meetings and visiting families.		

During the work in each meeting families were visited but no record kept of number.

XXXII. The College Committee, by Elias Rogers, Secretary, made a verbal report of matters coming under their charge, with a statement of the indebtedness resting upon that Institution. We direct the Representative Meeting to deliberate on the subject, and propose to this Meeting some plan whereby existing difficulties may be met.

XXXIII. Adjourned to meet on third day a.m., at 10.

THIRD DAY, 7 Mo., 3, 10 A.M.

XXXIV. Met pursuant to adjournment.

XXXV. We appoint the Clerks our Printing Committee, and direct them to have 800 copies of the Minutes printed, and draw on Treasurer for cost.

XXXVI. The following form of Returning Minute was proposed and adopted, and the Clerk authorized to sign on behalf of the Meeting.

RETURNING MINUTE.

Our Friend Henry Stanley Newman, with Minute from his Monthly Meeting, acceptably attended this Meeting.

XXXVII. The following Statistical Report has been read and approved. Quarterly Meetings are directed to send up Statistical Reports from each Preparative Meeting in future.

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STATISTICAL REPORT FROM MONTHLY AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS,
 FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST OF 6TH Mo., 1888.

NAME OF MEETING.	Number of Families.	Parts of Families	Number of Members.	Children of School Age.	Births since last Report.	Deaths.	Received by Request.	Received by Certificate.	Certificates of Removal Issued.	Resigned Membership.	Disowned.	Ministers Recorded.	No. of Preparative Meetings.	No. of other Meetings.
Norwich Monthly	17	57	183	26	3	2	19	0	2	2	0	0	4	
Pelham Monthly	19	41	155	31	1	1	44	1	13	1	5	0	2	1
Pelham Quarterly			338	57	4	3	63	1	15	3	5	0	6	1
Yonge St. Monthly	25	18	123	20	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Pickering "	13	20	116	15	1	0	9	0	4	0	0	2	2	2
Grey "	11	37	111	27	1	0	12	5	1	0	0	0	4	3
Toronto "	15	17	112	19	0	1	14	13	1	0	6	1	1	1
Yonge St Quarterly		92	462	81	2	3	39	18	6	0	6	4	10	6
Cold Creek Monthly														
Bloomfield	21	12	100	7	1	1	7	1	0	2	0	0	2	
Kingston	10	28	99											
West Lake Quarterly		73	309	17	2	5	20	1	1	2		1	7	
Total for Yearly Meeting	153	263	1109	155	8	11	122	20	22	5	11	5	23	7

XXXVIII. The Nominating Committee propose that the following Friends constitute the Home Mission Committee for the ensuing year in accordance with minute xxxi. We approve the same, confide to them the subscription list and cash on hand for the furtherance of the work, and enjoin them to a faithful carrying out of the duties enjoined upon them.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

John M. Hodgson, Mary L. Gowdy, Annie D. Saylor, Stephen W. White, Ella Terrill, John Terrill, Sarah A. Dale, Isaac James, Elizabeth Brown, Benjamin Cody, Martha Rogers, Thomas Harris, Hannah Moor³, James Harris, Mary W. Hill, William Harris, Francis E. Nobbs, Moses Corless.

XXXIX. The following Friends whose names are proposed by the Nominating Committee are constituted our Bible School Committee, whom we direct to a prayerful conscientious performance of duty—Hannah Jane Cody, Bessie Dorland, Emma R. T. Haight.

XL. The following interim report from the Representative Meeting (re Minute xv.) has been laid before us and considered, and we are united in the judgment that the report be adopted with the distinct understanding that West Lake Quarterly Meeting carry the debt, the Yearly Meeting paying interest on \$815.28 at 6% until such time as the Yearly Meeting is in a position to discharge the liability.

At a meeting of the Representatives of Canada Yearly Meeting held 6 mo. 30, '88, the subject referred by the Yearly Meeting to this concerning the indebtedness of West Lake Monthly Meeting claimed our attention. After hearing explanations from West Lake Friends and considerable interchange of sentiment, further action was deferred until next session.

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MEETING OF FRIENDS.

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It is the judgment of this Meeting that the Yearly Meeting assume \$815.28 of the debt, and remit the unpaid quotas of West Lake Quarter amounting to \$684.72.

BENJAMIN CODY,
Clerk.

XLI. The following report from the Representative Meeting has been laid before us and deliberately considered. We accept the report and reappoint the Committee having charge of all legal matters, who are Samuel Rogers, John R. Harris, Cyrus R. Sing, Charles J. Treffry, and Elias Rogers, and hereby reauthorize them to sell and convey the Yearly Meeting House and grounds attached thereto situated at Pickering, and this Meeting assents to such sale and conveyance, and appoints Thomas Harris in connection with the trustees of said property to execute deed and to testify the assent of Canada Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends to such sale.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

At a meeting of the Representatives of Canada Yearly Meeting, the Committee having charge of legal matters made a report and produced an agreement for the sale of the Yearly Meeting House, and grounds attached, and this Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to sanction said sale.

BENJAMIN CODY,
Clerk.

XLII. We direct the Printing Committee to have 500 copies of statistical blanks printed with necessary amendments therein made, and draw on Treasurer for cost.

XLIII. The Nominating Committee is instructed to bring in names of Friends to constitute the Representative Meeting for three years.

XLIV. Adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

XLV. About the time adjourned to the Meeting convened.

XLVI. The Committee appointed Minute xxx. (Bloomfield) report.

We have considered the subject confided to us and are united in the judgment that the proposed change is not advisable at this time.

We accept the Report and release the Committee.

XLVII. The Representatives report as follows :

We herewith present the Treasurer's Report with the Report of the Auditors, and would recommend that the sum of \$700 be raised for the Yearly Meeting's use the ensuing year, and that the Quarterly Meetings pay their proportions of the same to the Yearly Meeting Treasurer immediately after the first Quarterly Meeting in the New Year.

And we are united in recommending that Charles J. Treffry be appointed Treasurer.

Approved and adopted, the attention of subordinate Meetings called thereto, and the appointment of Treasurer confirmed.

In releasing our late Treasurer, Elias Rogers, we would place on record our appreciation of the efficient way in which he has carried our Yearly Meeting through many financial difficulties, and to express the regret with which we lose his services.

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1st Mo. 10th,	To Cash received from J. R. Harris, Pelham quota	50 00
2nd Mo. 12th,	To Cash received from E. Lewis, Gray M. Meeting	72 00
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8th Mo. 11th,	" " Yearly Epistles	12 50
8th Mo. 18th,	" " Y. Reports, etc.	48 40
9th Mo. 21st,	" S. Rogers, duty on N.Y. Yearly Meeting. Books through T. Kimber	12 34
9th Mo. 21st,	Paid S. Rogers, Discipline	21 80
10th Mo. 4th,	" J. T. Dorland, exp. to Richmond Conference	13 70
10th Mo. 4th,	Paid P.O. exp., order to J. T. Dorland	10
10th Mo. 13th,	" Hannah J. Cody, exp. to Rich. Con.	40 00
10th Mo. 12th,	Paid B. Cody, costs incur'd in securing railway reduced rates	2 50
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2nd Mo. 29th, " Exp. P.O. Order.....	20	
6th Mo. 27th, " H. Nicholson account, sundry exp., postage, etc.	5	45
6th Mo. 27th, Paid Treas. Pickering College, amount due him on that account.....	907	64
6th Mo. 27th Balance due Y.M. by Treas., E. Rogers,	315	12
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Pickering, 6th Month 29th, 1888.

We have examined the Treasurer's Cash Account and find it correct

Pickering, 7th Month 3rd, 1888.

S. W. WHITE,
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XLVIII. The Nominating Committee propose the following Friends as per Minute xliii. We approve the same and constitute them The Representative Meeting of this Yearly Meeting for three years :

Albert C. Stover, Holbrook,
Charles Walker, Beaconsfield,
James H. Stover, Norwich,
Peter Kirkley, Norwich,
John R. Harris, Rockwood,
Charles J. Treffry, Hawtrey,
Squire W. Hill, Ridgville,
Edward Cohoe, Norwich,
Whitson Beckett, Effingham,
Albert Colquhoun, Gowrie,
Stephen W. White, Bloomfield,
Robert H. Saylor, Bloomfield,
Anthony T. Haight, Wellington,
Allan Cody, Newmarket,
William J. Dale, Pickering.

Paul Haight, Wellington,
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Abram Saylor, Bloomfield,
John M. Hodgson, Sunbury,
Cory B. Cronk, Wellington,
Rufus Garratt, Wellington,
Jeremiah Clark, Grafton,
Benj. Moore, Heathcote,
Benj. Cody, Newmarket,
Samuel Rogers, Toronto,
Elias Rogers, Toronto,
Thomas Harris, Toronto,
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XLIX. The following Reports from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society have been read and listened to with deep interest. We approve the work already done, adopt the Reports and encourage the Sisters to renewed effort in the work the Lord has laid upon them. This being the last opportunity that we shall have of meeting with William V. Wright and his wife, previous to their departure to their new field of labor, we unite in bidding them God speed.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society presents the following extracts and reports, for your information and approval.

"The Committee to bring forward names of officers for the ensuing year, presented the following, which were united with separately: President, Marianna Harris; Recording Secretary, Annie Dorland Saylor; Corresponding Secretary, Phœbe J. Wright; Treasurer, Alma G. Dale; Editorial Secretary, Sarah A. Dale.

Several letters were read, giving information of the work in Mexico, and the Executive were left at liberty to increase the support to Antigno Morelos Mission.

The following resolution was presented and approved by the Executive.

Resolved,—That this meeting ratify the minute made over a year ago, relative to proposed work in Japan, and send out W. V. Wright as our Missionary. He for the present to work in connection with the Friends Mission, in Tokio, and that we pay expense of outfit and transit, of himself and wife, and that we become responsible for his support as long as he is engaged in Missionary work in that land, under our direction; such support not to exceed \$60 a month. If he should engage in teaching his earnings to be the property of our Society, and further, that he give five consecutive years to the work, and, if from any cause, excepting ill health of himself or wife, he withdraws from the work, he shall refund such part of transit-money as shall be agreed upon and further, that he report regularly to the Society and keep a record of all matters connected with the mission, which shall be the property of our Society.

The following medical certificate has been presented by William V. Wright, and is satisfactory :

"I have much pleasure in certifying to W. V. Wright, B. A., being in sound health, and in a good state for a missionary to any foreign land.
(Signed,) JAMES REA, M. D.

The resolution proposed by the Executive Committee on behalf of W. V. Wright, was laid before this meeting, and after careful consideration, was moved, seconded and carried.

The proposed plan of co-operation, presented by the delegates to the Union Missionary Conference of Friends, was adopted by our Society. Departments were created, and superintendents appointed."

ANNIE D. SAYLOR,
Recording Secretary.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"In looking back upon the work of the past year we have abundant cause for thankfulness to our Heavenly Father, for the way in which He has sustained and guided us in our feeble efforts in His cause.

In the foreign field, it has, perhaps, been more a year of preparation than of active missionary work. The prospect of work in Japan is encouraging and we are thankful for the privilege of sending out our missionary under very favorable circumstances.

The church in Mexico, with the prospect of our withdrawal from the missionary work there, have formed a Home Mission Association, and have taken up one of our stations, Quintero, as their mission field. We feel glad that they are able to undertake this work, and while they may no longer require our material aid yet we trust we will always feel a deep interest in the work of Francisco Pena and his wife, among his countrymen in this place.

At Antigno Morelos, the work has gone steadily forward under José M. Garza, and though, perhaps the most vigorous station in Southern Tamaulipas, this place is in need of more hearty

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support from those who are supporting it, and we believe we have a responsibility in this work which we should largely share.

In our juvenile department a plan of work is being arranged but not yet completed, by which some orphan children will be placed under the care of the mission in Japan, and educated with the view of their becoming Christian teachers among the Japanese.

At home, throughout our Auxiliaries, we find quite an increase in the membership. Two more Auxiliaries have been formed and we think a very much greater interest is manifested in the work generally, yet we would appeal to our friends not to slacken their zeal, but rather give increased diligence to the furtherance of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, in foreign lands, not forgetting, that there are at least three ways of doing so, by giving our interest, our money, and our prayers."

PHOEBE J. WRIGHT.

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S F. M. S. OF FRIENDS IN
CANADA, FOR YEAR, ENDING 29TH 6TH MON., 1888.

Balance from last year.....	\$148 06
Yearly Meeting Collection.....	62 82
West Lake, quarter.....	144 72
Pelham, quarter.....	121 74
Yonge Street, quarter.....	301 75
Donation from Iowa.....	50 00
Donation from Phil. to W. V. Wright.....	25 00
Interest on Bank Deposits.....	17 14
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Work in Mexico	\$320 00
W. V. Wright's Preparatory Course.....	100 00
" " expenses to Phila.....	44 13
" " for visiting meetings, and books.....	50 00
Printing of Constitutions.....	7 75
Cor.-Sec. Act. for '86-'87.....	4 00
" " '87-'88.....	5 30
Executive Committee expenses.....	12 90
For collecting W. V. Wright's subscription list.....	5 21
For postage and drafts for Society.....	4 51
Balance of funds in Bank.....	174 33
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Bible School Account.

Balance from last year.....	\$39 85
Pelham, quarter.....	68 65
Yonge St. "	40 20
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W. V. Wright's Subs. List.

West Lake, quarter.....	\$91 50
Pelham, quarter.....	224 50
Yonge St., quarter.....	632 00
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Total from all sources.....	\$1987 99

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Norwich.....	33	24	12	2	10	Yes.	Missionary Boxes.	Dont know.	Striving to do what we can, but we earnestly strive to do more.
Pelham	17	17	11	3	3	Yes.	Missionary Boxes.	3	Work limited, more might be accomplished, we desire to do what we can.
Rockwood.....	9	8	8	..	..	Not quite.	Missionary Boxes.	3	Yes.—What we can.
St. Vincent....	6	15	12	1	2	Yes.	Boxes, Collections and Donations.	1	Yes.—Not quite satisfied, hope to do better in the future.
Heathcote	5	6	5	1	..	Quarterly.	Mite Boxes and Donations.	1	Not all we would wish.—Doing what we can.
Tecumseth ...	8	8	8	..	..	A few exceptions.	Voluntary Subscriptions.	6	Some think they are, others think they are not.
Yonge Street .	9	16	16	..	..	Yes.	Collection.	4	Our Aux. is in good working order, we are doing what we can.
Toronto	26	29	..	..	..	Yes.	Open Meeting.	.....	Yes.
Uxbridge.....	18	18	6	10	2	Yes.	All Free-will Offering.	12 or 14	Yes.—God helping us we do what we can for F. M.
Pickering.....	17	21	13	2	6	Yes.	Envelope Collect'n	3	Yes.—More might be accomplished with a more earnest effort.
Moscow.....	....	..	..	..	..	....	.....	.....	.....
Sunbury	7	11	6	5	..	Yes.	Collections.	0	Yes.
Wellington ...	15	17	16	1	..	Yes.	Donations and Collections.	6	Yes.—Lack of interest in some members.
Bloomfield ...	13	12	1	11	..	Yes.	Collections.	2	Yes.—Cannot conscientiously say we are doing what we can.
Cold Creek	17	11	6	..	Yes.	Mite Boxes & Q'tly Missionary Tea.	1	In good working order, and we do what we can for the heathen.
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L. A minute from the Representative Meeting has been presented, and has claimed our attention. (Minute marked L on fyle.) We unite in the adoption of the Report and endorse the action taken.

LI. On the proposal of the Nominating Committee we appoint William J. Dale and Thomas Harris, to fill the vacancies on the College Committee, caused by the retirement of members whose term of service has expired. They to serve for three years.

MINUTE OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

LII. William J. Dale and Benjamin Moore, are appointed to attend to, and settle all incidental expenses, of the Yearly Meeting, and are authorized to draw on the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer to the amount of seventy-five dollars for that purpose.

We endorse the action taken and proposed.

LIII. The following point of information has reached us from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders. Has been presented to this Meeting, a minute liberating our dear Friend, William V. Wright for Missionary service in Japan. The Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting, when presented after having been endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting.

SAMUEL ROGERS,
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LIV. Adjourned to meet at 1 p.m. to-morrow in separate session.

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LV. Met pursuant to adjournment.

LVI. Epistles to London, Dublin, New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas and Ohio, have been read and approved. The Clerk is instructed to sign on behalf of the Meeting and forward.

LVII. The Subject of the College having been brought before us by the Representative Meeting, we are united in the following Minute, a copy of which, signed by the Clerk, is to be given to each of the friends set apart for such service.

The importance of re-opening and sustaining Pickering College has claimed the prayerful attention of this Meeting, and after a full consideration of the subject we are united in the judgment that under existing circumstances our financial situation should be laid before the Co-ordinate Yearly Meetings, and appoint Samuel Rogers and John Richard Harris to lay our position fully before the Yearly Meetings of London and Dublin, and such others as best wisdom may direct.

LVIII. As the Yearly Meeting of 1888 draws to a close, and the time of separation approaches, we record with reverent thankfulness the overshadowing presence of our God which has rested upon the various Sessions and which has enabled us to deliberate on, and arrive at conclusions upon subjects on which a great variety of opinion has prevailed, in most loving unity, to His High and Holy Name be all the praise.

Adjourned to meet at Pickering next Year at the usual time, if the Lord will.

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*Of Women Friends held at Pickering by adjournments from
6th Month 29th to 7th Month 4th, 1888.*

1. Opened in joint session on sixth day, 6th mo. 29th.
2. By reports received from the Quarterly Meetings it appears the following friends were appointed as representatives to this Meeting, viz :
PELHAM—Mary Stephenson, Esther Woodard, and Marianna H. Treffry.
YONGE STREET—Rebecca Lambie, Elizabeth Cody, Marianna Hughes, Emma Richardson, Elizabeth Hobson, Elizabeth Brown, Charlotte Rogers.
WEST LAKE—May D. Wistar, Cinda Saylor, Elizabeth C. Garratt, Lydia Dunn, and Sarah Foster.
Eight of these were present, a satisfactory reason given for the absence of two.
- 3 The Friends appointed as caretakers by the Quarterly Meetings being called were present except one, they were from Pelham, Marianna H. Treffry. Yonge Street, Elizabeth Cody and Phoebe Jane Wright.
4. We have at this time the company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, with satisfactory credentials from their respective Meetings, viz :

Henry Stanley Newman, a Minister from London Yearly Mg.			
Asa Tuttle,	"	"	New England "
Jesse McPherson,	"	"	" "
Mary G. Underhill,	"	"	New York, "
Alexander M. Purdy,	"	"	" "
William Allen,	"	"	Ohio, "
Sarah Kelsey,	"	"	Western, "
Amos Kenworthy,	"	"	Indiana, "

Hannah Jane Cody and Emma Richardson were appointed a committee in conjunction with men Friends to prepare returning Minutes for the Friends in attendance with Minutes and report to a future session.

5. The London General Epistle was read containing much loving counsel and encouragement, may it incite us to more diligence in the work of the Lord.

The Meeting then adjourned to meet in separate session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING.

6. The meeting convened about the time adjourned to.

7. May Wistar, on behalf of the representatives reported that they were united in proposing, that Hannah Jane Cody be appointed Clerk, and Anna D. Saylor Assistant Clerk, which being separately considered were united with and they were appointed to that service for one year.

8. They also proposed Hannah Moore and Sarah Foster for Messengers, they were united with, and appointed to that service the ensuing year.

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9. Epistles from London, Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Iowa, Western and Kansas were read at this time; comforting, encouraging and counselling: these sisterly greetings have come to us, may our hearts be lifted in thanksgiving to God for this blessing, and may our epistolary correspondence linking together as it does the sister Yearly Meetings be kept and guarded by Him.

10. The Queries were read with answers from the three Quarterly Meetings. For summary answers see Men's Minutes.

The Advices were also read.

11. The committee to bring forward the names of twelve Friends to serve as a Nominating Committee proposed the following, which were united with and appointed to that service, viz:

Squire W. Hill,	Charles J. Treffry,
Marianna Harris,	Louise Nicholson,
Isaac James,	Hannah Moore,
Allen Cody,	Emma Richardson,
Stephen W. White,	Robert Saylor,
May Wistar,	Sarah Foster.

they were requested to propose to next session the names of Friends for a Committee on Essays.

12. The meeting then adjourned to meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in joint session.

AFTERNOON.

13. Friends met according to adjournment.

14. The Nominating Committee proposed Alma G. Dale, Marianna H. Treffry, Sarah Ann Dale, Charlotte Rogers, Phebe J. Wright, Anna K. Howard, Abbie Elsworth, Marga-

retta Thompson, Adelia Hughes, Adelia Cronk, Sarah Ann Duncan, Louisa Nicholson, Hannah Moore, Lavina Dorland, Sarah Foster, and Emma Richardson—a committee to prepare essays of epistles to the different Yearly Meetings with which we correspond; the nomination was approved and they were directed to produce the essays to a future sitting.

15. The report of the Delegates to the Conference at Richmond, Indiana, was read; after prayerful deliberation the report was accepted, and the Declaration of Faith issued by the Conference was read and adopted. For report see Men's Minutes.

16. The meeting then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on second day morning in joint session.

SECOND DAY MORNING.

17. 2nd of 7th mo. the meeting convened at the hour adjourned to.

18. For action of this meeting on the use of Tobacco see Men's Minutes.

19. A very encouraging report from the Committee on Bible Schools was read.

For this report, and other business of this session, see Men's Minutes.

20. Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p.m.

AFTERNOON.

21. Friends met at the time adjourned to.

22. The Committee on Home Missions brought in a satisfactory report. For action of the meeting see Men's Minutes.

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23. The College Committee gave a brief statement of the standing of the College. The subject was referred to the Representative Meeting for its action.

24. The meeting then adjourned to meet in joint session at 10 a.m.

THIRD DAY MORNING.

25. The meeting convened according to adjournment.

26. The Clerks were appointed a Printing Committee and were directed to have 800 copies of minutes printed, and call on the Treasurer for funds to defray expense.

27. For further business of this session see Men's Minutes.

28. Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock p.m. joint session.

AFTERNOON.

29. Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

30. The Women's Foreign Mission Society made a very full and satisfactory report of their labor for the past year; for it and the Financial Report see Men's Minutes.

31. The meeting adjourned to meet to-morrow in separate session at one o'clock p.m.

FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON.

32. Friends met in separate session at the hour adjourned to.

Essays of Epistles addressed to London, Dublin, New England, Ohio, Baltimore, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Western, New

York, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings were received, read and adopted. The Clerk was directed to transcribe, sign on behalf of the Meeting, and forward to their respective Meetings.

And now at the close of this Annual Meeting, we lift grateful hearts to our Father in Heaven for the blessings bestowed on us at this Yearly Meeting, as well as for those which have been poured out on us during the past year. And we pray God, to enable us to keep inviolate the promises of allegiance given, and the covenants made with our Heavenly Father during this Yearly Meeting, that we may not only grow stronger in Christ Jesus, but do more efficient work for Him in the coming year, than we ever have in the past, and many souls be brought to trust in Him through our instrumentality. Thus commending each other to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build us up, and to give us an inheritance among all them which are sanctified, we adjourn, to meet here again next year at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

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EPISTLES

Addressed to Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, 1888.

LONDON.

Dear Sisters :

Though nearly twelve months have passed away since your letter to us was penned, yet it comes with freshness of feeling, the more so because we have with us your friend John T. Dorland, jr., who is as a living epistle from you. We trust that his labors may be greatly blessed, especially to our younger members, consecrated as he is to his Master's service, whilst still in the strength of early manhood. We are also glad to welcome again our dear friend Samuel Rogers from your Yearly Meeting. We rejoice to hear of your interest in Foreign Mission work. Our own is continually increasing, and we desire more to realize the importance of obeying our Lord's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our hearts are with you in the great Temperance cause, and we believe the subject is gaining an increasing hold on the people of our country. The eyes of Christians are being opened to see how important is the subject to the well-being of our nation. We need to keep clear of those things which ruin or injure so many both in body and soul if we would be examples of the believers "in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."

We have had much advice on the importance and privilege of the regular reading and study of Holy Scripture, and we recognize this as very helpful to the Christian life.

We have been earnestly reminded what a very important and responsible share of the work of the church falls upon those who have the early training of the lambs of the flock.

Many words of loving encouragement have been spoken to these, impressing upon all, but especially upon mothers, the need of speaking to the little ones, even at a very early age, of the Saviour's love, and praying with and for them. One aged minister told us that his mother's words, spoken eighty years ago, were still remembered, and the impression then made never left him, though he had in youth strayed for a time from the narrow path.

We would also send a message of love to the boys and girls of your Yearly Meeting, reminding them what a blessed thing it is to decide for Christ while yet in the brightness of their youth. A word of love and sympathy, privately given, is often valued by these, though we believe that the unconscious influence of consistent, Christ-like lives at home and elsewhere, makes the deepest impression.

To those among you who are in affliction or bereavement, or suffering from loss of property or any other trial, we desire to offer our loving sympathy, reminding you of the words of Him who changes not, "I know their sorrows," and also "All things work together for good to them that love God." Though our trials may be hard, and the way they come to us bitter, yet if God permits them, He will over-rule them all, and what "thou knowest not now, thou shalt know hereafter."

The great foundation truth of salvation through a crucified and risen Saviour, as well as His keeping power, has been largely dwelt upon at this time; we trust for the deepening of believers in their spiritual life, and the awakening of the luke warm or indifferent to the joys of this wonderful salvation.

May you, with ourselves, follow Christ more closely, and knowing more of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, bring forth fruit to the praise of His glory.

We remain, with love, your friends.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting,

MARIA RICHARDSON,

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Dear Sisters :

As we have again gathered as a Yearly Meeting for a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord, and have read your loving epistle, many hearts have been filled with joy and thankfulness on your behalf. Though you have passed through deep trials, we rejoice that your experience has proved the truth of the promise, "When thou passest through the waters I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee." And in the trial of our faith do we not learn fresh lessons of the love and sympathy of our Heavenly Father, who makes all things work together for good to those who love Him, and causes us to be more than conquerors through Him who hath loved us.

We desire gratefully to acknowledge the presence at this time of many of God's messengers, amongst them your dear brothers Jno. T. Dorland and Samuel Rogers, whose ministrations are, we rejoicingly believe, being blessed to many precious souls, and we trust, that while they may be the means in His hand of bringing glad tidings of joy and peace, they themselves may be richly blessed and strengthened in their labor for the Master. We long that all may be satisfied, and that those who have not yet felt their need may be aroused to realize it.

Our annual gathering has been a very solemn and interesting time, when we have felt our dependence on the Great Head of the Church, to whom alone must the gathering of the people be, and once again He has graciously fulfilled His promise that He will not send empty away those who look to Him.

It has interested us much to hear of the various branches of Mission work in which you are engaged, and the mention of the brother who has offered himself for foreign service has enlisted our sympathy. The benefits derived from your weekly Bible Classes have given rise to the desire that something similar could be organized amongst us, that the simultaneous study of the same subject might conduce to the strengthening of the Church and fellowship with one another.

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We have been reminded how great is our influence as wives, sisters and mothers, and how necessary it is for us to live out, in our home life, the religion that we profess. May you, with us, realize this more and more, and God grant that it may never be said, that through want of whole-hearted consecration, we have hindered any of our dear ones on their heavenward journey.

We realize afresh that though the ocean separates us, we are bound together in one common tie of sisterhood, that we have much probably of the same experience of life, of its joy and its sorrow, of its weal and its woe. May we, as under the rule of one earthly sovereign, our beloved Queen, also be subjects of the same King of kings, who is Lord over all. We acknowledge one Saviour, whose precious blood was shed for the redemption and sanctification of all men, whose love is universal, and who, as we have been reminded, is very near to each of us, who, though we cannot see Him, is only out of sight, to carry on His ministry of intercession on our behalf, and who will come again to receive us unto Himself. Till then may we and you follow on, yielding to Him all that He calls for at our hands, following where he leads, looking to Him as the Author and Finisher of our faith, that believing, we may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, receiving the end of our faith even the salvation of our souls.

In His love we remain,

Your Sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

ELIZA JANE RICHARDSON,

Clerk.

BALTIMORE.

Dear Sisters:

In again meeting in our Annual Assembly, we are cheered by the tokens of Christian love from others on both sides of the Atlantic.

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So may we stand shoulder to shoulder in the warfare with evil, assured of victory "because greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world."

In the Session of our Meeting in which the results of the Conference at Richmond were reported, we were baptized together into sympathy for our Friends everywhere; and felt drawn in fellowship of spirit very near to all

We rejoice in the belief that the Conference was blessed and owned by the Great Master of Assemblies, and we thank God and take courage in the assurance that the Society we love has even better days in store for it—founded as it is on the rock Christ Jesus. We have felt that we are all one in Him, and that we are called upon as His followers, to be one another's helpers in the Lord.

The view taken by our English and Irish Friends of the progress of the Lord's work in this country, as it has come under their observation, has led us to feel that the Lord has done marvellous things whereof we are glad, and their wise counsels and earnest exhortation that we may not His work have sunk deep into our hearts, and we rejoice in the belief that as faith and patience have their perfect work, we shall more and more realize that amidst all the diversities of our surroundings and circumstances we are still graciously owned as a united people.

We have felt afresh the value and power of our testimony to silent waiting on the Lord as a basis for worship—and as a need of personal experience. In the silence of the flesh, the still small voice of the Spirit of God is heard. It is a profound spiritual truth that in quietness and confidence shall be your strength. An assential principle of our Society is that to every living member the Holy Spirit entrusts some precious gift for the building up of the body of Christ, and it is the duty of the Church to make full use of all its members and to develop their gifts.

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Pastoral Committee, which endeavors so to organize the work that the gifts of our members may be used to the best advantage. A growing interest is manifested in the work of our Committee on Home and Foreign Missions and Temperance, and we have this year reorganized a Committee on Peace.

"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always by all means."

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."

We are your Sisters.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

MARY WHITALL THOMAS,
Clerk.

OHIO.

Dear Friends :

We greet you in the love of Christ, the only bond that binds in one all true believers. We come together with praying hearts, earnestly desiring that the will of God might be done, and that we might see Jesus only, and loving as brethren that Christian harmony might prevail; and have again realized in a remarkable degree, a loving spirit of condescension, the manifest fruit of a deep work of grace upon individual hearts, as the result of the faithful continued preaching of the gospel, showing the necessity of justification through the atoning sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ, and also the definite experience of the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Whatever other qualifications we may possess without this we are not truly fitted to discharge our duties in the Church, whether it be as ministers of the gospel, or as laborers in other departments of Church work for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom.

Our dear friends from Ireland, James N. Richardson, Thos. W. Fisher and George Grubb, together with earnest workers and ministers from other Yearly Meetings, are with us, whose gospel labor have been instructive and edifying.

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The reports of our Home and Foreign Missionary Boards are encouraging, and while we rejoice to have those among our young people as well as older who are dedicated to the work of the Lord, in fields at home, it is with gratitude to God that we send forth our dear sister Hattie Butler, whom He has evidently called and qualified to be a missionary to China. We pray that He who hath said, "ask of Me and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession," may go with her abundantly blessing her labor in bringing many souls to Christ.

The prohibition of the liquor traffic is engaging our increased attention, also social purity and kindred departments of work.

The duties of parents in regard to the proper education and training of their children, have claimed our prayerful consideration; and while we desire for them a thorough secular education, we covet above all else, for our youth, an early and saving knowledge of God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

The presence of a large number of young people who have testified to the power of Jesus to save from all sin, has cheered our hearts.

As the epistles from other Yearly Meetings have been read, we have felt the value of this correspondence, and trust these farternal greetings may not be withheld by any; but continue to be instrumental in "building us up in the most holy faith" uniting our hearts in Christian fellowship.

We have united in holding our meetings in joint session, and have therefore issued but one epistle which the meeting desires both clerks to sign.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

On behalf of the Meeting,

EDWARD G. WOOD }
 ELIZABETH L. HILL, } *Clerks*

INDIANA.

Dear Sisters :

We have once more been favored of the Lord, to assemble as a Yearly Meeting, for the transaction of business, and for the preaching of the Word. It is in some respects the most remarkable Yearly Meeting that has ever been assembled here or indeed in the world.

There have been present with us members from London and Dublin, and from all the Yearly Meetings in America, most of whom were appointed as delegates to the Conference which preceded our Yearly Meeting. Their religious instruction and counsel have been very helpful and blessed to us.

The subject of social purity, and the proper training of children, requiring an equal standard of virtue for both sexes, was brought up in one of our business sessions, and a public meeting of women for the further consideration of this very important subject was appointed. The deepest interest was manifested, and mothers were warned as to the dangers which beset their children, even when very young, and were exhorted to properly care for, and instruct them in matters pertaining to their physical and moral nature.

The Peace question was brought prominently before us, and the great advantages to be gained by international arbitration.

We were much rejoiced and comforted by the reading of epistles from our sisters of other Yearly Meetings, and we believe with you, that each one of us may live a life hid with Christ in God,—that Christ “is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption.”

The report of our Women’s Foreign Mission Association was very encouraging. The work in Mexico has progressed in most respects satisfactorily, though somewhat hindered by severe storms, and by contagious diseases among the children. The report of the Committee on the Ministry evinced a large amount of labor performed, in a wise and judicious manner, and much good resulting to our branch of the church. Our ministers were exhorted to be loyal to our own religious society.

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Reports of the Committee on Home Missions, Bible Schools, Education, Temperance, and other subjects, bespoke labor and care on the part of those having the work in charge, and a good degree of success was attained in each.

In closing this communication we bid you God speed, in your earnest labors for our blessed Redeemer, and commend you to the grace of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

NAOMI W. HARRISON,

Clerk.

WESTERN.

Dear Sisters :

We salute you in the love of the Gospel and the fellowship that binds together God's dear children. Though widely separated by broad plains, mountains and rivers, we are brought near to each other in spirit by our correspondence and by that invisible cord which God uses to bind together His children. The Great Head of the Church and Leader of His people has guided the footsteps of many of his devoted servants to this place. Some of these have braved the dangers of sea and land to be with us. These messengers have proclaimed the glad tidings of a full salvation to anxious hearers.

Under the ministration of these ambassadors, some have been enabled, through faith, to realize a cleansing from all unrighteousness. Much interest has been manifested in our various departments of church work.

The field is the world, and the channels are continually opening to us from its remote parts, with the cry, "Come over and help us." Much solicitude has been expressed, that the sisters of our branch of the Church might find their respective places in the various avenues for promoting Christ's kingdom, and heed the first call, "Go into my vineyard and labor," remembering that there is neither male nor female in Christ Jesus.

We are not to live to ourselves, but to Him "who gave

himself for us," that we may be able to bring "out of his treasure things new and old." We fear that many in our sisterhood of Yearly Meetings, who are the recipients of noble talents, and are called to the ministry of the word, are not heeding the call. There never has been such an appeal for the ministry from woman as at the present. Then may you with us "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty," that our ranks in righteousness may be filled to the glory of God the Father, and at last hear the language, "She hath done what she could."

Consecration is one of the greatest needs of our lives. The first mission of the mother is to mould the character of her children; hence she cannot be too timely in sowing the seed of the Kingdom and guarding it from the enemy, believing that if a child is started in a straight path it will seldom turn aside to a crooked one. The subject of Social Purity has become a theme of interest with us. In our attempt to work in this cause, we should first be pure ourselves and then try to help others to bring their lives up to the standard of the pure in heart, remembering the command, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

Finally, dear sisters, "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might," "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting,

MARGARET A. EVANS,
Clerk.

IOWA.

Dear Sisters:

We greet you, in this our annual message, as beloved in the Lord Jesus, our only Saviour. In many respects our lines of work are the same, but in this vast western land of ours, though we seek ever to bear in mind and practice the Gospel principles of our Society, yet in carrying them out in our dif-

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We have enjoyed at this time the labor and presence of Friends from afar, some being our missionaries from Jamaica and other distant parts of our home field, all bearing testimony to the hunger of unsaved souls for the bread of life. Are we not receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, that we may rightly divide the word unto these? Jesus Christ being given as our foundation and corner-stone, let us as wise master builders be careful that we build thereon no speculative theories of man that will not stand the fire, but such as shall abide; for any doctrine or belief that detracts from the power of the atonement, dishonors the Godhead. The Lord has set before us an "open door and no man can shut it," if we are faithful in entering in to possess and use our redeemed privilege in Jesus. There has been a deep exercise for mothers, that in the multiplicity of our cares we do not neglect the training of our children morally and religiously, teaching them the true purpose of life, above all, purity of thought and action, that their hearts may be prepared ground for the Holy Spirit to work in; remembering that we ourselves must be ensamples to the home flock over which God has made us overseers.

The evangelistic work broadens and deepens on our hands, and we are realizing the privilege of giving of our abundance, or our poverty, to the Lord.

We are also doing more, year by year, in the home and foreign missionary field, and the Lord is adding His blessing.

Our women are working in the Prohibition cause in all its various lines, largely in connection with the W. C. T. U.

Is there not danger of our testimony for Peace becoming too much a dead letter, as we unthinkingly follow with the multitudes to the various celebrations and ceremonies that encourage the practice of war and foster its spirit in the minds of our young people and children?

The Scripture School is more and more the nursery of the

Church, and as we sustain our prayer meetings, we find that the pulse of the Church beats stronger with spiritual vitality.

We do not plead for uniformity, but we do plead for simplicity of attire as women professing godliness, that we may be loyal in all particulars of our consecration.

In conclusion, may we all be kept by power divine, remembering the "Hail Mary" that was spoken by the Lord's lips on earth, has come down to us of this day as a precious benediction, with the other precious words, "whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother."

JANE BLAIR,

Clerk.

KANSAS.

Dear Sisters:

Once again, through the mercies of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to gather in our Annual Meeting. We gratefully acknowledge that the Lord has wonderfully manifested His presence and power in our midst.

We are glad to greet you, dear sisters, and to know from the reading of your acceptable Epistle, that the same arm of power, that has been around us, has been your strength in time of trial, that the same hand that has been extended to *us* has been leading you. Our hearts overflow with gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father at this time, for turning the feet of so many of His servants to our Yearly Meeting, some of them young in years. We have been especially cheered by the presence of dear Friends from across the Atlantic, and they with other Ministers, by the power of the Holy Ghost, have preached the unsearchable riches of Christ and with definite clearness pointed out the way of life and salvation.

We realize, dear sisters, that the grace of God is sufficient for us, in the many cares and duties of every day life, enabling us to do all things as unto Himself.

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"Social Purity" should be instilled into the minds of her children, early in life, by every mother, that they may grow up to be strong and pure-minded men and women.

Mission work has claimed a considerable share of our attention, and with you we have been awakened to a deeper interest in this field of labor, and we are indeed thankful that two of our members have felt the call to the mission field: one to Alaska as a missionary, the other to the training school in Chicago, to prepare for the work.

The Temperance work is steadily progressing in our State, and we find that Prohibition does prohibit, though there is no time to slacken our efforts in banishing this great evil from our land. Now, in conclusion, we would say: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

LYDIA M. HENSHAW,

Clerk.

The Report of the Delegation to Richmond Conference of the Yearly Meetings of Friends has been read and accepted, and, after a full expression of judgment, we are united in the adoption of the Declaration of Faith issued by that body. And we direct it to the prayerful attention of our Members.

Taken from the Minutes of Canada Yearly Meeting.

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It is under a deep sense of what we owe to Him who has loved us, that we feel called upon to offer a declaration of those fundamental doctrines of Christian truth that have always been professed by our branch of the Church of Christ.

OF GOD.

We believe in one holy,¹ almighty,² all-wise,³ and everlasting⁴ God, the Father,⁵ the Creator⁶ and Preserver⁷ of all things; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, by whom all things were made,⁸ and by whom all things consist;⁹ and in one Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son,¹⁰ the Reprover¹¹ of the world, the Witness for Christ,¹² and the Teacher,¹³ Guide,¹⁴ and Sanctifier¹⁵ of the people of God; and that these three are one in the eternal Godhead;¹⁶ to whom be honor, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

1. Isa. vi. 3, lvii. 15.

2. Gen. xvii. 1.

3. Rom. xi. 33, xvi. 27.

4. Ps. xc. 1, 2.

5. Matt. xi. 25-27.

6. Gen. i. 1.

7. Job vii. 20.

8. John i. 3.

9. Col. i. 17.

10. John xv. 26, xvi. 7.

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12. John xv. 26.

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14. John xvi. 13.

15. II Thes. ii. 13.

16. Matt. xxvii. 19, John x.

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N. B.—It should be understood that the quotations from Scripture are made from the Authorized Version, unless stated to be from the Revised Version.

THE LORD JESUS CHRIST.

It is with reverence and thanksgiving that we profess our unwavering allegiance to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time ; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He hath declared Him.¹ In Him was life,² and the life was the light of men.² He is the true Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world ;³ through whom the light of truth in all ages has proceeded from the Father of lights.⁴ He is the eternal Word⁵ who was with God, and was God, revealing Himself in infinite wisdom and love, both as man's Creator⁶ and Redeemer ;⁷ for by Him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible. Conceived of the Holy Ghost,⁸ born of the virgin Mary,⁹ the Word was made flesh,¹⁰ and dwelt amongst men. He came in the fulness¹¹ of the appointed time, being verily foreordained before the foundation of the world,¹² that He might fulfil¹³ the eternal counsel of the righteousness and love of God for the redemption of man.¹⁴ In Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.¹⁵ Though He was rich, yet, for our sakes, He became poor, veiling in the form of a servant¹⁶ the brightness of His glory, that, through Him, the kindness and love of God¹⁷ toward man might appear in a manner every way suited to our wants and finite capacities. He went about doing good ;¹⁸ for us He endured¹⁹ sorrow, hunger, thirst, weariness,²⁰ pain, unutterable anguish²¹ of body and of soul, being in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.²² Thus humbling Himself that we might be exalted, He emphatically recognized the duties and the sufferings of humanity as among the means whereby, through the obedience of faith, we are to be disciplined for heaven, sanctifying them to us, by Himself perform-

1. John i. 18.
2. John i. 4.
3. John i. 9.
4. James i. 17.
5. John i. 1.
6. Col. i. 13-16.
7. Col. i. 14.
8. Matt. i. 20.

9. Matt. i. 23-25, Luke i. 35.
10. John i. 14.
11. Gal. iv. 4.
12. I Peter i. 20.
13. Isa. xi. 1-5, Isa. lli. 13-25.
14. Isa. liii.
15. Col. ii. 9.
16. Phil ii. 7.

17. Titus iii. 4.
18. Acts x. 38.
19. Isa. liii. 4, Luke xii. 50,
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20. John iv. 6.
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5. I. John ii. 2.
6. Eph. i. 7.
7. Barclay's Apology, Propos.
v. and vi., §15, p. 141.

ing and enduring them, leaving us the one perfect example¹ of all righteousness² in self-sacrificing love.

But not only in these blessed relations must the Lord Jesus be ever precious to His people. In Him is revealed as true God and perfect man,³ a Redeemer, at once able to suffer and almighty to save. He became obedient⁴ unto death, even the death of the cross, and is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world;⁵ in whom we have redemption through His blood,⁶ the forgiveness of sins according to the riches of His grace. It is our joy to confess that the remission of sins which any partake of is only in and by virtue of His most satisfactory sacrifice and no otherwise.⁷ He was buried and rose again the third day,⁸ according to the Scriptures, becoming the firstfruits⁹ of them that sleep, and having shown Himself alive after His passion, by many infallible proofs,¹⁰ He ascended into heaven, and hath sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, now to appear in the presence of God for us.¹¹ With the apostles who beheld His ascension, we rest in the assurance of the angelic messengers, "This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."¹² With the apostle John, we would desire to unite in the words, "Amen; even so, come, Lord Jesus."¹³ And now, whilst thus watching and waiting, we rejoice to believe that He is our King and Saviour. He is the one Mediator of the new and everlasting covenant,¹⁴ who makes peace and reconciliation between God offended and man offending;¹⁵ the great High Priest whose priesthood is unchangeable.¹⁶ He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.¹⁷ All power is given unto Him in heaven and in earth.¹⁸ By Him the world shall be judged in right-

1. I. Peter ii. 21.

2. Matt. iii. 15.

3. Eph. iv. 13.

4. Phil. ii. 8.

5. I. John ii. 2.

6. Eph. i. 7.

7. Barclay's Apology, Propos. v. and vi., §15, p. 141.

8. I Cor. xv. 4.

9. I Cor. xv. 23.

10. Acts i. 3.

11. Heb. i. 3, ix. 24.

12. Acts i. 11, and see v. 7.

13. Rev. xxii. 20.

14. I Tim. ii. 5. Heb. ix. 15.

15. Geo. Fox's Epistle to the Governour of Barbadoes.

16. Heb. iv. 14, vii. 24.

17. Heb. vii. 25.

18. Matt. xxviii. 18.

17. Titus iii. 4.

18. Acts x. 38.

19. Isa. liii. 4, Luke xii. 50, Luke xix. 41, xxii. 44.

20. John iv. 6.

21. Luke xxii. 43, 44.

22. Heb. iv. 15.

eousness ;¹ for the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son, that all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father.² All that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of judgment.³ (R. V.)

We reverently confess and believe that divine honor and worship are due to the Son of God, and that He is in true faith to be prayed unto, and His name to be called upon, as the primitive Christians did, because of the glorious oneness of the Father and the Son ; and that we cannot acceptably offer prayers and praises to God, nor receive from Him a gracious answer or blessing, but in and through His dear Son.⁴

We would, with humble thanksgiving, bear an especial testimony to our Lord's perpetual dominion and power in His Church. Through Him the redeemed in all generations have derived their light, their forgiveness, and their joy. All are members of this Church, by whatsoever name they may be called among men, who have been baptized by the one Spirit into the one body ; who are builded as living stones upon Christ, the Eternal Foundation, and are united in faith and love in that fellowship which is with the Father and with the Son. Of this Church the Lord Jesus Christ is the alone Head.⁵ All its true members are made one in Him. They have washed their robes and made them white in His precious blood,⁶ and He has made them priests unto God and His Father.⁷ He dwells in their hearts by faith, and gives them of His peace. His will is their law, and in Him they enjoy the true liberty, a freedom from the bondage of sin.

THE HOLY SPIRIT.

We believe that the Holy Spirit is, in the unity of the eternal Godhead, one with the Father and with the Son.⁸ He is the comforter, "Whom," saith Christ, "the Father will send in my name."⁹ He convinces the world of sin, of right-

1. Acts xvii. 31.
2. John v. 22, 23.
3. John v. 28, 29.

4. Declaration of 1693, in Sewell's Hist., vol. II. 379.
5. Eph. 1. 22.
6. Rev. vii. 14.

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8. Matt. xxviii. 19, II Cor. xiii. 14.
9. John xiv. 26.

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We believe that the essential qualification for the Lord's service is bestowed upon His children through the reception and baptism of the Holy Ghost. This Holy Spirit is the seal of reconciliation to the believer in Jesus,⁵ the witness to his adoption into the family of the redeemed;⁶ the earnest and the foretaste of the full communion and perfect joy which are reserved for them that endure unto the end.

We owe no principle of spiritual light, life, or holiness, inherent by nature in the mind or heart of man. We believe in no principle of spiritual light, life, or holiness, but the influence of the Holy Spirit of God, bestowed on mankind, in various measures and degrees, through Jesus Christ our Lord. It is the capacity to receive this blessed influence, which, in an especial manner, gives man pre-eminence above the beasts that perish; which distinguishes him, in every nation and in every clime, as an object of the redeeming love of God; as a being not only intelligent but responsible; for whom the message of salvation through our crucified Redeemer is, under all possible circumstances, designed to be a joyful sound. The Holy Spirit must ever be distinguished, both from the conscience which He enlightens, and from the natural faculty of reason, which, when unsubjected to His holy influence, is, in the things of God, very foolishness. As the eye is to the

1. John xvi. 8.

3. Eph. ii. 1.

5. Eph. i. 13. 14.

2. John xvi. 14.

4. John xiv. 17.

6. Rom. viii. 15. 16.

body, so is the conscience to our inner being, the organ by which we see ; and, as both light and life are essential to the eye, so conscience, as the inward eye, cannot see aright, without the quickening and illumination of the Spirit of God. One with the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit can never disown or dishonor our once crucified, and now risen and glorified Redeemer. We disavow all professed illumination or spirituality that is divorced from faith in Jesus Christ of Nazareth, crucified for us without the gates of Jerusalem.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES.

It has ever been, and still is, the belief of the Society of Friends that the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God ; that, therefore, there can be no appeal from them to any other authority whatsoever ; that they are able to make wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. "These are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God ; and that believing ye might have life through His name."¹ The Scriptures are the only divinely authorized record of the doctrines which we are bound, as Christians, to accept, and of the moral principles which are to regulate our actions. No one can be required to believe, as an article of faith, any doctrine which is not contained in them ; and whatsoever any one says or does, contrary to the Scriptures, though under profession of the immediate guidance of the Holy Spirit, must be reckoned and accounted a mere delusion. To the Christian, the Old Testament comes with the solemn and repeated attestation of his Lord. It is to be read in the light and completeness of the New ; thus will its meaning be unveiled, and the humble disciple will be taught to discern the unity and mutual adaptation of the whole, and the many-sidedness and harmony of its testimony to Christ. The great Inspirer of Scripture is ever its true Interpreter. He performs this office in condescending love, not by superseding our understandings, but by renewing and enlightening them. Where Christ presides, idle

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2. Gen. iii. 1-7.

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MAN'S CREATION AND FALL.

It pleased God, in His wisdom and goodness, to create man out of the dust of the earth, and to breathe into his nostrils the breath of life, so that man became a living soul ; formed after the image and likeness of God, capable of fulfilling the divine law, and of holding communion with his Maker.¹ Being free to obey, or to disobey, he fell into transgression, through unbelief, under the temptation of Satan,² and, thereby, lost that spiritual life of righteousness, in which he was created ; and, so, death passed upon him, as the inevitable consequence of his sin.³ As the children of fallen Adam, all mankind bear his image. They partake of his nature, and are involved in the consequences of his fall. To every member of every successive generation, the words of the Redeemer are alike applicable, "Ye must be born again."⁴ But while we hold these views of the lost condition of man in the fall, we rejoice to believe that sin is not imputed to any, until they transgress the divine law, after sufficient capacity has been given to understand it ; and that infants, though inheriting this fallen nature, are saved in the infinite mercy of God, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION.

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."⁵ We believe that justification is of God's free grace, through which, upon repentance and faith, He pardons our sins, and imparts to us a new life. It is received, not for any works of righteousness that we have done,⁶ but in the unmerited mercy of God in Christ Jesus. Through faith in Him, and the shedding of His precious blood, the

1. Gen. ii. 7, i. 26, 27.

2. Gen. iii. 1-7.

3. Rom. v. 12.

4. John iii. 7.

5. John iii. 16.

6. Titus iii. 5.

guilt of sin is taken away, and we stand reconciled to God. The offering up of Christ as the propitiation for the sins of the whole world, is the appointed manifestation both of the righteousness and of the love of God. In this propitiation the pardon of sin involves no abrogation or relaxation of the law of holiness. It is the vindication and establishment of that law,¹ in virtue of the free and righteous submission of the Son of God Himself to all its requirements. He, the unchangeably just, proclaims Himself the justifier of him that believeth in Jesus.² From age to age, the sufferings and death of Christ have been a hidden mystery, and a rock of offense to the unbelief and pride of man's fallen nature; yet, to the humble penitent whose heart is broken under the convicting power of the Spirit, life is revealed in that death. As he looks upon Him who was wounded for our transgressions,³ and upon whom the Lord was pleased to lay the iniquity of us all,⁴ his eye is more and more open to see, and his heart to understand, the exceeding sinfulness of sin for which the Saviour died; whilst, in the sense of pardoning grace, he will joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.⁵

We believe that in connection with Justification is Regeneration; that they who come to this experience know that they are not their own,⁶ that being reconciled to God by the death of His Son, we are saved by His life;⁷ a new heart is given and new desires; old things are passed away, and we become new creatures,⁸ through faith in Jesus Christ; our wills being surrendered to His holy will, grace reigns through righteousness, unto eternal life, by Jesus Christ our Lord.⁹

Sanctification is experienced in the acceptance of Christ in living faith for justification, in so far as the pardoned sinner, through faith in Christ, is clothed with a measure of His righteousness and receives the Spirit of promise; for, as saith the Apostle, "Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."¹⁰

1. Rom. iii. 31.

2. Rom. iii. 26.

3. Isa. liii. 5.

4. Isa. liii. 6.

5. Rom. v. 11.

6. I Cor. vi. 19.

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1. II Cor. ii. 14.

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We rejoice to believe that the provisions of God's grace are sufficient to deliver from the power, as well as from the guilt, of sin, and to enable His believing children always to triumph in Christ.¹ How full of encouragement is the declaration, "According to your faith be it unto you."² Whosoever submits himself wholly to God, believing and appropriating His promises, and exercising faith in Christ Jesus, will have his heart continually cleansed from all sin, by His precious blood, and, through the renewing, refining power of the Holy Spirit, be kept in conformity to the will of God, will love Him with all his heart, mind, soul and strength, and be able to say, with the Apostle Paul, "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death"³ Thus, in its full experience, Sanctification is deliverance from the pollution, nature, and love of sin. To this we are every one called, that we may serve the Lord without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life.⁴ It was the prayer of the apostle for the believers, "The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit, and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."⁵ Yet the most holy Christian is still liable to temptation, is exposed to the subtle assaults of Satan, and can only continue to follow holiness as he humbly watches unto prayer, and is kept in constant dependence upon his Saviour, walking in the light,⁶ in the loving obedience of faith.

THE RESURRECTION AND FINAL JUDGMENT.

We believe, according to the Scriptures, that there shall be a resurrection from the dead, both of the just and of the unjust,⁷ and that God hath appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness, by Jesus Christ, whom He hath ordained.⁸ For, as saith the apostle, "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that every one may

1. II Cor. ii. 14.
2. Matt. ix. 29.
3. Rom. viii. 2.

4. Luke i. 74, 75.
5. I Thess. v. 23, 24.
6. I Jno. i. 7.

7. Acts xxiv. 15.
8. Acts xvii 31.

receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."¹

We sincerely believe, not only a resurrection in Christ from the fallen and sinful state here, but a rising and ascending into glory with Him hereafter ; that when He at last appears we may appear with Him in glory. But that all the wicked, who live in rebellion against the light of grace, and die finally impenitent, shall come forth to the resurrection of condemnation. And that the soul of every man and woman shall be reserved, in its own distinct and proper being, and shall have its proper body as God is pleased to give it. It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body ;² that being first which is natural, and afterward, that which is spiritual. And though it is said, "this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality,"³ the change shall be such as will accord with the declaration, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption."⁴ We shall be raised out of all corruption and corruptibility, out of all mortality, and shall be the children of God, being the children of resurrection.⁵

"Our citizenship is in heaven" (R.V.), from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body, according to the working whereby He is able even to subdue all things unto Himself.⁶

We believe that the punishment of the wicked and the blessedness of the righteous shall be everlasting ; according to the declaration of our compassionate Redeemer, to whom the judgment is committed, "These shall go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (R.V.)⁷

BAPTISM.

We would express our continued conviction that our Lord appointed no outward rite or ceremony for observance in His Church. We accept every command of our Lord in what we

1. II Cor. v. 10.
2. I Cor. xv. 44.
3. I. Cor. xv. 53.
4. I Cor. xv. 50.

5. Luke xx. 36. See also Declaration of 1693, Sewell's History, vol. II., 383-384.

6. Phil. iii. 20, 21.
7. Matt. xxv. 46.

believe to be its genuine question of the use of not as to the authority. We reverently believe so there is, under the even that whereby into the one body water, but a spiritual filth of the flesh,³ being the heart and the answer of a good rection of Jesus Christ power, as the risen outward water can being buried with Christ the Spirit alone the experience the announcement fulfilled, "He shall fire."⁵ In this view Lord as given in Matthew "And Jesus came authority hath been Go ye, therefore, baptizing them into the of the Holy Ghost ; soever I commanded unto the end of the believe, was not of the new covenant, or to in its nature essentially typical character. apostle Paul, who with apostles," to have done have been of the essence "Christ sent me not Whenever an external

1. Eph. iv. 4, 5.
2. I Cor. xii. 13. R.V.
3. I Pet. iii. 21.

believe to be its genuine import, as absolutely conclusive. The question of the use of outward ordinances is with us a question, not as to the authority of Christ, but as to His real meaning. We reverently believe that, as there is one Lord and one faith, so there is, under the Christian dispensation, but one baptism,¹ even that whereby all believers are baptized in the one Spirit into the one body.² This is not an outward baptism with water, but a spiritual experience; not the putting away of the filth of the flesh,³ but that inward work which, by transforming the heart and settling the soul upon Christ, brings forth the answer of a good conscience towards God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in the experience of His love and power, as the risen and ascended Saviour. No baptism in outward water can satisfy the description of the apostle, of being buried with Christ by baptism unto death.⁴ It is with the Spirit alone that any can be thus baptized. In this experience the announcement of the Forerunner of our Lord is fulfilled, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire."⁵ In this view we accept the commission of our blessed Lord as given in Matthew xxviii. 18, 19 and 20th verses: "And Jesus came to them and spake unto them saying, All authority hath been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. Go ye, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (R.V.) This commission, as we believe, was not designed to set up a new ritual under the new covenant, or to connect the initiation into a membership, in its nature essentially spiritual, with a mere ceremony of a typical character. Otherwise, it was not possible for the apostle Paul, who was not a whit behind the very chiefest apostles,⁶ to have disclaimed that which would, in that case, have been of the essence of his commission when he wrote, "Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel."⁷ Whenever an external ceremony is commanded, the particu-

1. Eph. iv. 4, 5.

2. I Cor. xii. 13. R.V.

3. I Pet. iii. 21.

4. Rom. vi. 4.

5. Matt. iii. 11.

6. II Cor. xi. 5.

7. I Cor. i. 17.

lars, the mode and incidents of that ceremony, become of its essence. There is an utter absence of these particulars in the text before us, which confirms our persuasion that the commission must be construed in connection with the spiritual power which the risen Lord promised should attend the witness of His apostles and of the Church to Him, and which, after Pentecost, so mightily accompanied their ministry of the word and prayer, that those to whom they were sent were introduced into an experience wherein they had a saving knowledge of, and living fellowship with, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

THE SUPPER OF THE LORD.

Intimately connected with the conviction already expressed is the view that we have ever maintained as to the true supper of the Lord. We are well aware that our Lord was pleased to make use of a variety of symbolical utterances, but He often gently upbraided His disciples for accepting literally what He had intended only in its spiritual meaning. His teaching, as in His parables, or in the command to wash one another's feet, was often in symbols, and ought ever to be received in the light of His own emphatic declaration, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life."¹ The old covenant was full of ceremonial symbols; the new covenant, to which our Saviour alluded at the last supper, is expressly declared by the prophet to be "not according to the old."² We cannot believe that, in setting up this new covenant, the Lord Jesus intended an institution out of harmony with the spirit of this prophecy. The eating of His body and the drinking of His blood cannot be an outward act. They truly partake of them who habitually rest upon the sufferings and death of their Lord as their only hope, and to whom the indwelling Spirit gives to drink of the fulness that is in Christ. It is this inward and spiritual partaking that is the true supper of the Lord.

The presence of Christ with His Church is not designed

1. Jno. vi. 63.

2. Jer. xxxi. 24, Heb. viii. 9.

to be by symbol or representation, but in the real communication of His own Spirit. "I will pray the Father and He shall give you another Comforter, who shall abide with you forever."¹ Convincing of sin, testifying of Jesus, taking of the things of Christ, this blessed Comforter communicates to the believer and to the Church, in a gracious, abiding manifestation, the REAL PRESENCE of the Lord. As the great remembrancer, through whom the promise is fulfilled, He needs no ritual or priestly intervention in bringing to the experience of the true commemoration and communion. "Behold," saith the risen Redeemer, "I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me."² In an especial manner, when assembled for congregational worship, are believers invited to the festival of the Saviour's peace, and in a united act of faith and love, unfettered by any outward rite or ceremonial, to partake together of the body that was broken and of the blood that was shed for them, without the gates of Jerusalem. In such a worship they are enabled to understand the words of the apostle as expressive of a sweet and most real experience: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread."³

PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Worship is the adoring response of the heart and mind to the influence of the Spirit of God. It stands neither in forms nor in the formal disuse of forms; it may be without words as well as with them, but it *must* be in spirit and in truth.⁴ We recognize the value of silence, not as an end, but as a means toward the attainment of the end; a silence, not of listlessness or of vacant musing, but of holy expectation before the Lord. Having become His adopted children through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, it is our privilege to meet together and unite in the worship of Almighty God, to wait upon Him

1. Jno. xiv.

2. Rev. iii. 20.

3. I Cor. x. 16, 17.

4. Jno. iv. 24.

for the renewal of our strength, for communion one with another, for the edification of believers in the exercise of various spiritual gifts, and for the declaration of the glad tidings of salvation to the unconverted who may gather with us. This worship depends not upon numbers. Where two or three are gathered together in the name of Christ there is a church, and Christ, the living Head, in the midst of them. Through His mediation, without the necessity for any inferior instrumentality, is the Father to be approached and reverently worshipped. The Lord Jesus has forever fulfilled and ended the typical and sacrificial worship under the law, by the offering up of Himself upon the cross for us, once for all. He has opened the door of access into the inner sanctuary, and graciously provided spiritual offerings for the service of His temple, suited to the several conditions of all who worship in spirit and in truth. The broken and the contrite heart, the confession of the soul prostrate before God, the prayer of the afflicted when he is overwhelmed, the earnest wrestling of the spirit, the outpouring of humble thanksgiving, the spiritual song and melody of the heart,¹ the simple exercise of faith, the self denying service of love, these are among the sacrifices which He, our merciful and faithful High Priest, is pleased to prepare, by His Spirit, in the hearts of them that receive Him, and to present with acceptance unto God.

By the immediate operations of the Holy Spirit, He, as the Head of the Church, alone selects and qualifies those who are to present His messages, or engage in other service for Him; and, hence, we cannot commit any formal arrangement to any one in our regular meetings for worship. We are well aware that the Lord has provided a diversity of gifts² for the needs, both of the Church and of the world, and we desire that the Church may feel her responsibility, under the government of her Great Head, in doing her part to foster these gifts, and in making arrangements for their proper exercise.

It is not for individual exaltation, but for mutual profit, that the gifts are bestowed;³ and every living church, abiding under the government of Christ, is humbly and thankfully to

1. Eph. v. 19.

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receive and exercise them, in subjection to her Holy Head. The church that quenches the Spirit, and lives to itself alone, must die.

We believe the preaching of the Gospel to be one of the chief means, divinely appointed, for the spreading of the glad tidings of life and salvation through our crucified Redeemer, for the awakening and conversion of sinners, and for the comfort and edification of believers. As it is the prerogative of the Great Head of the Church alone to select and call the ministers of His Gospel, so we believe that both the gift and the qualification to exercise it must be derived immediately from Him ; and that, as in the primitive church, so now also, He confers spiritual gifts upon women as well as upon men, agreeably to the prophecy recited by the apostle Peter, "It shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh ; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,"¹ respecting which the apostle declares, "The promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."² As the gift is freely received, so it is to be freely exercised,³ in simple obedience to the will of God.

Spiritual gifts, precious as they are, must not be mistaken for grace ; they add to our responsibility, but do not raise the minister above his brethren or sisters. They must be exercised in continued dependence upon our Lord, and blessed is that ministry in which man is humbled, and Christ and His grace exalted. "He that is greatest among you," saith our Lord and Master," let him be as the younger ; and he that is chief as he that doth serve. I am among you as he that serveth."⁴

While the Church cannot confer spiritual gifts, it is its duty to recognize and foster them, and to promote their efficiency by all the means in its power. And while, on the one hand, the Gospel should never be preached for money,⁵ on the other, it is the duty of the Church to make such provision that it shall never be hindered for want of it.

1. Acts ii. 17.

3. Matt. x. 8. See also Acts xx. 33-35.

5. Acts viii. 20, xx. 33-35.

2. Acts ii. 39.

4. Luke xxii. 26, 27.

The Church, if true to her allegiance, cannot forget her part in the command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."¹ Knowing that it is the Spirit of God that can alone prepare and qualify the instruments who fulfil this command, the true disciple will be found still sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening, that he may learn, and learning that he may obey. He humbly places himself at his Lord's disposal, and, when he hears the call, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" is prepared to respond, in childlike reverence and love, "Here am I, send me."²

PRAYER AND PRAISE.

Prayer is the outcome of our sense of need, and of our continual dependence upon God. He who uttered the invitation, "Ask and it shall be given you,"³ is Himself the Mediator and High Priest who, by His Spirit, prompts the petition, and who presents it with acceptance before God. With such an invitation, prayer becomes the duty and the privilege of all who are called by His name. Prayer is, in the awakened soul, the utterance of the cry, "God be merciful to me, a sinner"⁴; and, at every stage of the believer's course, prayer is essential to his spiritual life. A life without prayer is a life practically without God. The Christian's life is a continual asking. The thirst that prompts the petition produces, as it is satisfied, still deeper longings, which prepare for yet more bounteous supplies, from Him who delights to bless. Prayer is not confined to the closet. When uttered in response to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, it becomes an important part of public worship, and, whenever the Lord's people meet together in His name, it is their privilege to wait upon Him for the spirit of grace and supplications.⁵ A life of prayer cannot be other than a life of praise. As the peace of Christ reigns in the Church, her living members accept all that they receive, as from His pure bounty, and each day brings them fresh pledges of their Father's love. Satisfied with the good-

1. Mark xvi. 15.
2. Isa. vi. 8.

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ness of His house, whether as individuals, in families, or in congregations, they will be still praising Him,¹ heart answering to heart, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless His holy name."²

LIBERTY OF CONSCIENCE IN ITS RELATION TO CIVIL GOVERNMENT.

That conscience should be free, and that in matters of religious doctrine and worship, man is accountable only to God, are truths which are plainly declared in the New Testament; and which are confirmed by the whole scope of the Gospel, and by the example of our Lord and His disciples. To rule over the conscience, and to command the spiritual allegiance of his creature man, is the high and sacred prerogative of God alone. In religion every act ought to be free. A forced worship is plainly a contradiction in terms, under that dispensation in which the worship of the Father must be in spirit and in truth.³

We have ever maintained that it is the duty of Christians to obey the enactments of civil government, except those which interfere with our allegiance to God. We owe much to its blessings. Through it we enjoy liberty and protection, in connection with law and order. Civil government is a divine ordinance,⁴ instituted to promote the best welfare of man, hence magistrates are to be regarded as God's ministers who should be a terror to evil doers, and a praise to them that do well. Therefore, it is with us a matter of conscience to render them respect and obedience in the exercise of their proper functions.

MARRIAGE.

Marriage is an institution graciously ordained by the Creator Himself, for the help and continuance of the human family. It is not a mere civil contract, and ought never to be entered upon without a reference to the sanction and blessing of Him who ordained it. It is a solemn engagement for

1. Ps. lxxxiv. 4. 2. Ps. ciii. 1. 3. Jno. iv. 24. 4. Rom. xiii. 1, I Pet. ii. 13-16.

the term of life,¹ designed for the mutual assistance and comfort of both sexes, that they may be helpmeets to each other in things temporal and spiritual. To this end it should imply concurrence in spiritual as well as temporal concerns, and should be entered upon discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of the Lord.

PEACE.

We feel bound explicitly to avow our unshaken persuasion that all war is utterly incompatible with the plain precepts of our divine Lord and Lawgiver, and the whole spirit of His Gospel, and that no plea of necessity or policy, however urgent or peculiar, can avail to release either individuals or nations from the paramount allegiance which they owe to Him who hath said, "Love your enemies."² In enjoining this love, and the forgiveness of injuries, He who has bought us to Himself has not prescribed for man precepts which are incapable of being carried into practice, or of which the practice is to be postponed until all shall be persuaded to act upon them.

We cannot doubt that they are incumbent now, and that we have in the prophetic Scriptures the distinct intimation of their direct application, not only to individuals, but to nations also.³ When nations conform their laws to this divine teaching, wars must necessarily cease.

We would, in humility, but in faithfulness to our Lord, express our firm persuasion that all the exigencies of civil government and social order may be met under the banner of the Prince of Peace, in strict conformity with His commands.

OATHS.

We hold it to be the inalienable privilege of the disciple of the Lord Jesus that his statements concerning matters of fact within his knowledge should be accepted, under all circumstances, as expressing his belief as to the fact asserted. We rest upon the plain command of our Lord and Master, "Swear not at all";⁴ and we believe any departure from this

1. Matt. xix. 5, 6.

2. Matt. v. 44, Luke vi. 27.

3. Isa. ii. 4, Micah iv. 1.

4. Matt. v. 34.

standard to be prejudicial to the cause of truth, and to that confidence between man and man, the maintenance of which is indispensable to our mutual well being. This command, in our persuasion, applies not to profane swearing only, but to judicial oaths also. It abrogates any previous permission to the contrary, and is, for the Christian, absolutely conclusive.

THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.

While the remembrance of our Creator ought to be, at all times, present with the Christian, we would express our thankfulness to our Heavenly Father that He has been pleased to honor the setting apart of one day in seven for the purposes of holy rest, religious duties, and public worship; and we desire that all under our name may avail themselves of this great privilege as those who are called to be risen with Christ, and to seek those things that are above, where He sitteth at the right hand of God.¹ May the release thus granted from other occupations be diligently improved. On this day of the week especially ought the household of Friends to be assembled for the reading of the Scriptures, and for waiting upon the Lord; and we trust that, in a Christianly wise economy of our time and strength, the engagements of the day may be so ordered as not to frustrate the gracious provision thus made for us by our Heavenly Father, or to shut out the opportunity either for public worship, or for private retirement and devotional reading.

In presenting this declaration of our Christian faith, we desire that all our members may be afresh encouraged, in humility and devotedness, to renewed faithfulness in fulfilling their part in the great mission of the Church, and through the Church to the world around us, in the name of our Crucified Redeemer. *Life from Christ, life in Christ*, must ever be the basis of *life for Christ*. For this we have been created and redeemed, and, by this alone, can the longings of our immortal souls be satisfied.

1. Colossians iii. 1.

APPENDIX

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CANADA YEARLY MEETING convenes on the last Sixth Day in Sixth Month, at one o'clock, p.m.

Meeting of Ministers and Elders, Fifth Day previous at 10 o'clock.

SIXTH DAY, 6th Month, 28th,—

8 a.m.—Prayer and Praise Meeting, and every morning during Yearly Meeting.

10 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

10 a.m.—Meeting of the W. F. M. S.

1 p.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

SEVENTH DAY, 6th Month, 29th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

FIRST DAY, 6th Month, 30th.

10.30 a.m.—3 and 7 p.m. Meetings for Worship.

SECOND DAY, 7th Month, 1st,—

8 a.m.—Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Public Meeting of the W. F. M. S.

THIRD DAY, 7th Month, 2nd.

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

FOURTH DAY, 7th Month, 3rd,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Worship.

1.30 p.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Closing Prayer and Praise Meeting.