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*CANADA Yearly Meeting of FRIENDS,
held at Pickering, Ontario, by adjournments
from the 27th of 6th month, to the 2nd of 7th
month, inclusive, 1879.*

1. In the absence of the Clerk, William Wetherald was appointed Clerk for the day.

2. REPORTS are received from all the Quarterly Meetings, by which it appears that the following Friends have been appointed their Representatives in this Meeting:

From Pelham Quarterly Meeting—William Wetherald, Simcoe Woodrow, Albert C. Stover, James F. Barker, Herbert Nicholson.

From Yonge Street—Thomas Moore, Benjamin Moore, Joshua N. Richardson, Cyrus R. Sing, Charles Starr, Benjamin Cody, Wing Asa Rogers, Seth Wilson, Eleazar Lewis.

From West Lake—Harvey Y. Brundage, Townsend Garrett, Gilbert Jones, Stephen W. White, Esli Terrill.

3. The foregoing Representatives being called, are present except three.

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4. THE following Caretakers have been appointed by the Quarterly Meetings—viz., James Stover, George Haight, Edmond Wright, William Nelson Starr, Clarkson Rogers, James Kately, Joseph John Moore, James Richardson, Anthony T. Haight, Stephen W. White, and Robert H. Saylor; who are present except two.

They are instructed to have a watchful supervision of the meeting-house and grounds, to facilitate the work of committees, to make arrangement for meetings, to keep order among outsiders, and to encourage our own members to be prompt and punctual.

5. We have at this time, the acceptable company of Ministers of the Gospel, and other dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings; some of whom have produced extracts from the minutes of the meetings to which they belong, declaring their unity with them; viz,

- S. Elizabeth Malleson, Minister, New York Y. M.
- Joseph Hobson..... " Ohio..... "
- William H. Charles,..... " " "
- Mary Roberts,..... "Indiana..... "
- Emily Davis,.....Elder, " "
- Andrew D. Tomlinson,...Minister,...Western..... "
- Solomon Allen,.....Elder,..... " "

To clear the way for them to make full proof of their ministry, and, (in conjunction with women Friends) to prepare certificates of their attendance and service, we appoint Esli Terrill, Benjamin Cody, James F. Barker, and Joshua N. Richardson.

6. The general Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for the current year has been received and read. In order

that our absent friends may receive benefit from its sound doctrine and sage counsel, the printing committee is directed to procure a reprint of 700 copies in pamphlet form, apportion and forward them to the Monthly Meetings.

7. Welcome and practical Epistles have been received from London, Dublin, New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings.

8. We appoint the following Friends to prepare and produce to a future sitting, an epistle to each of the above named Yearly Meetings: John Wetherald, Charles Walker, Simcoe Woodrow, James Kitely, Thomas Walker, Thomas Clark, Charles Starr, Charles Gideon Bowerman, Harvey Y. Brundage, Asa Wing Rogers, Joseph John Moore, John Dorland, Herbert Nicholson, Benjamin Moore, James F. Barker, John Wright, Benjamin Cody, Christopher Dale, Henry James, Stephen Cronkhite, Franklin Haight, and Alexander Derbyshire.

9. The Minutes of the Representative Meeting have been received and read;

To the Yearly Meeting;

At a meeting of the Representatives of Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Pickering, the 25th of 6th month, 1879.

We have the acceptable company of our dear Friends Joseph Hobson of Ohio, and William Allen.

The Friends appointed to give attention to matters coming before the Legislatures, likely to affect the interest of Friends in the cause of humanity, report a watchful care, but that nothing has appeared to claim any action on their part.

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We have no report from the friends appointed to confer with the Minister of Education.

John Wright, who was appointed last year to act in conjunction with a committee of Pickering Monthly Meeting to have the necessary repairs made on meeting house, reports that they had a thorough examination made, and found the foundations and timbers to be all in good condition. They had done all they considered necessary, at a cost of about \$40, and drew on the treasurer for the amount.

The Friends appointed to get information of the lack of the standard writings of Friends in the libraries of our Preparative and Monthly Meetings, report attention to the subject. The committee is continued, and is instructed to send in, next year, as full a report as can be obtained.

Henry Lapp is appointed to act in conjunction with a Friend appointed by the Boarding School committee to audit the accounts of the treasurer of the Boarding School funds, and report to the Yearly Meeting.

This meeting is united in suggesting the propriety of holding the business sessions of the Yearly Meeting at One, P. M. instead of Ten A. M. as at present, for the purpose of giving committees a better opportunity of transacting the business coming before them, and enabling the members of the Representative meeting to meet on 6th day morning instead of 4th day as they now do.

The time for which the members of this meeting were appointed has expired.

The Clerk is directed to lay the proceedings of this meeting before the Yearly Meeting.

JOHN WRIGHT, *Clerk.*

10. We approve the proceedings of our Representative meeting, and reserve its suggestions for future action.

11. Benjamin Cody, Ira Clark, Royal Rogers, Christopher Dale, Albert C. Stover, Herbert Nicholson, William P. Barker, Charles Walker, Esli Terrill, John Vermilyea,

Stephen W. White, and Alexander Derbyshire — are appointed a nominating committee to propose the names of eighteen Friends, to constitute our Representative Meeting for the next three years.

12. In conjunction with a committee of the Women's Meeting, we appoint Gilbert Jones, James Kitely, Charles G. Bowerman, Charles Starr, William Dale, William V. Richardson, Stephen W. White, and Benjamin Cody, to consider, and report on, the suggestion of the Representative Meeting that we hold the business sessions of our Yearly Meeting at One P. M., instead of at Ten A. M.

13. Minute No. 16 of last year reads as follows: "In the report from Pelham Quarterly Meeting, a suggestion is made to hold the Yearly Meeting occasionally at some place other than Pickering. The subject is referred to the Representative Meeting, which is requested to inquire what legal obstacles, if any, stand in the way of adjournment to any other place within our limits."

In the absence of official report from the Representative Meeting, Thomas Clark stated that eminent counsel have been consulted, who advise, that we may hold our Yearly Meeting wherever we please, without prejudice to Trusteeships, or other material interests of the Church.

14. The Women's Meeting unites with us in a proposition, to print the minutes of both Meetings in one pamphlet. We constitute the Clerks for the time being, a standing committee on Printing; and we recommend that the Minutes be printed from year to year on a page of the same size, and in a form suitable for binding.

15. The Representatives from the Quarterly Meetings

are directed to attend to the following subjects :

First,—To propose at our next sitting the name of a Friend for Clerk, and one for Assistant.

Second,—To propose two Friends to serve as Messengers to the Women's Meeting.

Third,—To audit the Treasurer's accounts, and to determine the amount they consider needful to be raised for the Yearly Meeting's use the present year.

16. The Meeting then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Seventh-day Morning, 6th Mo. 28th, 1879.

17. Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

18. Herbert Nicholson, on behalf of the Representatives, proposed William Wetherald for Clerk, and John Wright for Assistant ; who being separately considered and united with, are appointed accordingly.

19. James Richardson and Henry Wilson were appointed Messengers to the Women's Meeting.

20. After a season of fervent prayer, we turned our attention to an inquiry into the state of the Church, as shown in the answers to the Queries. After adopting summary answers to four of them, a recess was taken for thirty minutes.

21. Resumed after recess, and finished reading and answering the Queries. To many of us it has been a sol-

em and heart-searching engagement. The Clerks are instructed to offer at a future sitting an abstract of the spoken exercise of the meeting.

22. SUMMARY OF ANSWERS TO THE QUERIES.

First,—Meetings on First-days are well attended. Much slackness prevails in the attendance of mid-week meetings. The hour is nearly observed,—not quite clear of unbecoming behavior: two accounts say some care is taken.

Second,—With exception, direct or implied, in every report, Friends are preserved in love one toward another. When difficulties arise due care is taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction are discouraged but not so fully avoided as is desirable.

Third,—With some exceptions in the several parts of this query, Friends do endeavor to train up their children, and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us; and in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment which it enjoins. They are good examples in these respects themselves; and do endeavor to guard their children, and all others under their care, against corrupt conversation, and the reading of pernicious books.

Fourth,—Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures, in their families collectively.

Fifth,—With some exception, Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks, except for medicinal purposes, and are clear of frequenting taverns, two instances excepted. We know of none attending a place of diversion.

Sixth,—The circumstances of the poor, and of those likely to require assistance, are inspected and some relief afforded them. We believe all are advised and assisted in suitable employments; and their children and all others under our care are being educated for the ordinary duties of life, as far as we know.

Seventh,—Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof.

Eighth,—With some exceptions Friends are just in their dealings, punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts, they are labored with for their preservation and recovery.

Ninth,—Care is taken, in most cases seasonably, to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our discipline.

23. The committee recorded in Minute No. ELEVEN, make the following REPORT ;

We, the committee to nominate Friends, to serve as Representatives of the Yearly Meeting, propose six from each Quarterly Meeting, as follows ;

From Pelham.— Albert C. Stover, John R. Harris, Alfred R. Spencer, William Wetherald, Charles Walker, James F. Barker.

From West Lake. — Jonathan P. Ward, Gilbert Jones, Anthony T. Haight, Stephen W. White, Thomas Clark, Simon Terrill.

From Yonge Street. — John Wright, Benjamin Cody, Ira Clark, Joshua N. Richardson, George Rorke, Smith Clark.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN W. WHITE.

24. We unite with, and adopt the report ; and constitute the Friends above named our Representative Meeting for the next three years.

25. On the minutes of Pelham Quarterly Meeting we find the following ;

“We request the Yearly Meeting to take the necessary steps, to have the Society of Friends in Ontario, incorporated.”

We appoint Cyrus R. Sing, Gilbert Jones, James F. Barker, and Thomas Clark, to examine, and report on, our present state and position, as a corporate body.

26. Pelham Quarterly Meeting also says as follows ;

“We request the Yearly Meeting to have our Book of Discipline revised.”

We are nearly all of one mind, that a revision of our Book of Discipline is advisable ; and that *now* is the right time to enter upon the service.

27. We appoint a committee of two from each Quarterly Meeting, viz. ; James F. Barker, Simcoe Woodrow, Seneca Doan, William Nelson Starr, Esli Terrill, Stephen W. White ; who are instructed to confer together, and advise in what way we shall engage in so weighty a work as a revision of discipline ; whether by the appointment of a joint committee on revision ; or by referring the service to our Representative Meeting, for its action, and report of progress next year.

28. After a season of fervent prayer and silent waiting upon the Lord, we adjourned until 10 o'clock on Second day morning.

Second-day Morning, 6th Mo. 30th, 1879.

29. Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

30. Pelham Quarterly Meeting informs us, that the mid week meetings in Norwich Monthly Meeting, are now held at *Ten* o'clock instead of eleven as formerly.

31. Statistical statements furnished by the Quarterly Meetings are less defective than usual. Reports of statistics are of real value only when they are full and accurate.

Preparative Meetings.....	22
Indulged Meetings.....	6
Families.....	277
Parts of Families.....	264
Members.....	1586
Children of school age.....	245
Births.....	28
Deaths.....	23
Received by Request.....	33
Received by Certificate.....	2
Certificates of Removal issued.....	3
Resigned membership.....	6
Disowned.....	2
Ministers recorded.....	1
Elders appointed.....	6

32. The executive committee of the Book and Tract Association, present their annual REPORT ;

To the Yearly Meeting ;

The supply of tracts in the depository at the time of our last Yearly Meeting, has been exhausted.

During the year, we have purchased leaflets, children's and other tracts, to the amount of \$70, from the Willard Depository, from David Taber of New York, and from Frank Wadsworth of Maine.

We recommend that a new committee be appointed, and that \$50 be granted from the funds of the Yearly Meeting, for the purchase of tracts.

The financial statement of our Treasurer follows ;

Wm V. Richardson, in @ with Book & Tract Association.

1878—5th Mo 24—To Cash on hand.....	\$15 26
7th “ 17—To Yearly Mtg's Treasurer...	50 00
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1878—7th Mo. 17—By Sec. of B. and T. A.....	\$26 00
9th Mo. 12—By Sec. of B. and T. A.....	35 00
1879—6th Mo. 28—By Balance on hand.....	4 26
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On behalf of the Committee,

J. T. RICHARDSON, *Sec.*

33. The above report is approved and adopted ; and in accordance with the suggestion contained therein, we appoint John R. Harris, Herbert Nicholson, Benjamin Cody, Charles Starr, Esli Terrill, and Stephen W. White, in conjunction with a committee of the Women's Meeting, to propose names for a new committee of the Book and Tract Association.

34. We further direct that \$50 be appropriated from the funds of the Yearly Meeting for the use of the Book and Tract Association through the medium of its committee.

35. As directed in Minute No. TWENTY-ONE, the Clerks present an essay, which, with some change is adopted, and is directed to our subordinate Meetings as a

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

Dear Friends—The presence of the LORD JESUS CHRIST, as head over all things to His church, has been

sensibly felt among us, in pardoning love and sanctifying grace ; and we want our small meetings and remote members to share the counsel and comfort we have abundantly received.

The Psalmist exclaims, "Create in me a clean heart, O God! and renew a right spirit within me." "Blessed are the pure in heart." Before we can be of real use in the Church, we must be at rest as to the fundamental truth "Ye must be born again." Being justified by faith our usefulness and peace are in direct proportion to our consecration and obedience.

The Lord Jesus gives us just what we trust him for ; and when with renewed hearts and dedicated lives we *trust* for the baptism of the Holy Ghost, and the full assurance of faith, he does for us "exceeding abundantly, above all that we can ask or think."

Answers to the first query must always be defective and discouraging, if, in the attendance of meetings, we think only of performing a duty, or of offering a sacrifice, or of bribing God to bless us because we are consistent Friends. "Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power." Our Father welcomes a service of reverent gladness. When the joy of the Lord is our strength, we no longer obey in fear of penalty, or in hope of reward. We occupy a higher platform of Christian grace, and are glad to go to meeting—glad to worship in silence or in speech—and glad to exert a sanctified common sense, in a willingness to be ourselves burdened rather than to burden others.

As consecration to God fits us for His service in the church, it fits us also for the performance of our secular duties. The dedicated heart is the only channel through which the Holy Spirit flows in active labor. In the constraining love of Christ, acceptable service begins ; and every act of humble faithfulness brings such an increase of peace, and joy, and love, that in the love wherewith he loved us, we love one another with a pure heart fervently. It follows then that a *working* church will be a *loving* church ; and as we take heed to ourselves and to the flock of God, with hearts filled with the love of Jesus

and working faithfully in his vineyard, there will be no room for suspicion or distrust, and nothing shall hurt or destroy in the mountain of the Lord.

We can teach only "that we do know," and train only in paths ourselves have trod. So we earnestly entreat all our dear Friends, to "be reconciled to God by the death of his Son;" and in full surrender of the self-life, receive by faith the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We ask you to do this definitely and practically; because, when this experience becomes a present possession, we are prepared to teach our children the principles of the Christian religion, as professed by us; and to live in the simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins.

We tenderly enjoin our older Friends, to look well to their younger brethren and sisters who are alive in the truth. Do not be fearful of bringing them into active service. Do not have the same repetition of a few names on all your committees. In choosing Representatives, mingle the ardor of devoted youth, with the prudence of serene old age. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, find a place for youthful energy and zeal in all the service of the church. And, dear young Friends, "let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom;" in order that ye may be fitted and willing to answer the call of the church.

We rejoice to hold the faith of our forefathers, and accept the Bible as a final court of appeal, upon all disputed points of doctrine. But not as an armory of weapons for controversy, do we entreat you to study the Sacred Scriptures. They tell of the unyielding sternness of the Law, and reveal the Covenant of Grace. Apart from the Bible, our Father in Heaven does not give a special revelation of the *facts* of the Gospel. There only do we

learn of man's ruin in the Garden—of the Redeemer's birth at Bethlehem—of his devoted life and perfect example—of his agony in Gethsemane, and death upon the cross—of his resurrection and ascension—of his sending the Comforter, and of his coming in the clouds. The Lord alone inspired the writers, and preserves the book. Study then “the record that God hath given of his Son, —read it with your families—pray over it, for and with your households—and ask the Holy Spirit to bring every “thought into subjection to the obedience of Christ.”

No one ever intends to become a drunkard. From the ranks of moderate drinkers, the army is recruited; and year by year, led by the drinking usages of society, thousands sink into a drunkard's grave. By precept and practice, let us maintain a living testimony against the use of all intoxicants; and use every justifiable means to place upon our statute-book, a measure to prohibit their manufacture and sale.

In our Yearly Meeting, perhaps none are rich, and few are very poor. Let us not then, restrict to our own community, our service to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. Relieving the wants of the body, often opens the way for a word in season, of warning or guidance or comfort.

“They shall beat their swords into plough-shares, and their spears into pruning-hooks,” was one of the prophetic glories of the kingdom of Christ. Our testimony against all war, because foreign to the spirit, and hostile to the claims of the Gospel, is very precious to us. May all our dear Friends, dwell in “the peace of God that passeth all understanding,”—there only can we maintain a real testimony against wars and fightings.

In these days of lax commercial morality, it behoves us to be especially careful, to be just in our dealings and punctual in fulfilling our engagements; lest we bring discredit on the profession of our faith, by loose unbusiness-like practices.

Finally brethren, "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

36. The committee recorded in Minute No. TWELVE, present the following REPORT;

To the Yearly Meeting;

We the committee to consider the proposition of the Representative Meeting, to change the hour of holding the business sessions of the Yearly Meeting, propose—that the first business session shall convene at *One* o'clock P. M., instead of at *Ten* A. M.—that the remaining sessions continue as heretofore, subject to adjournment from day to day—and that the Representative Meeting convene at *Ten* o'clock on Sixth-day morning, instead of on Fourth-day.

On behalf of the Committee,

BENJAMIN CODY.
MARGARET WARD.

37. The report is adopted—and we further direct that the Yearly Meeting for Discipline shall open in joint session. After a season of worship, silent or vocal, the opening minute of each meeting shall be read by the Clerk thereof, the Representatives in each meeting shall be called, the certificates of visitors shall be read, and a joint committee appointed, to facilitate their service, and to prepare certificates of their attendance.

38. The committee recorded in Minute No. TWENTY-FIVE, REPORT through Thomas Clark, "We recommend the Yearly Meeting to refer the matter committed to us, to the Representative Meeting for further action."

It is so referred accordingly.

39. The Bible-school Association submits its Annual REPORT ;

To the Yearly Meeting;

In making their annual report, the committee feel they have much to encourage them in the work.

Nearly all the schools have been kept open throughout the year : and our members appear to be more generally interested than heretofore in this labor of love : we trust there is steady advance toward a higher standard of Bible instruction.

Our treasurer informs us, that because of lack of funds in the Yearly Meeting's treasury, he has not been able to grant requests for aid ; but \$50, appropriated by our last Yearly Meeting are now in his hands for distribution ; and \$5 set apart for Whitchurch, which the school there declines to accept. We need a supply of blank reports.

Reports from 19 schools are appended.

JAMES F. BARKER, *Sec. Com.*

For a tabular statement of Bible-schools see page opposite.

40. The report is approved and adopted. The Printing committee is directed to provide 500 blanks for the use of the Association.

Bible-school	Teachers	Classes	Children on Roll	Adults on Roll	Members under 16	Average Attendance	Members on Roll	Weeks open	Library Books	Paper taken	Books lent	Fr'ds teaching other Bible-sch'ls
Haldimand.	5	5	40	10	2	28	4	28	175		203	
Uxbridge	3	3	23	10		15	9	51		1		
Mariposa	7	8	73	6	18	32	43	52		1		
Tecumseh	4	4	52	0	8	28	4	50	67	2		
Pickering	5	5	68	20	9	34	33	51	206	2	489	3
Hilliker's Cr'n's	5	5	33	14		25		52	100			1
Rockwood	6	6	82	12	9	37	7	52	200	3	1074	1
Pelham	6	6	49	38	15	26		52	264	1	171	1
Beaconsfield	6	6	48	25	7	49	14	52	280	2	500	
Norwich	7	7	60	30		72		52		1		
Yonge Street	7	7	51	33		40	45	52		2		
Sydenham	3	3	16	8		12	10	52		2		9
Peel	4	4	50	14	10	28	14	52	90	2	70	
Heathcote	5	5	81	14	32	31	40	52		2		1
Milldale	7	7	96	58	9	74	60	51	300	1	1347	2
Wellington	6	6	42	32	15	40	33	28	154	2		5
Whitchurch	4	4	29	22	9	32	17	50	135	1	155	1
Toronto	9	9	95	26	4	62	12	52	150			4
Huntington	4		29			18				1		
Totals	103	100	1017	372	151	36	345	49	2121	24	4009	26

41. The Meeting then adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third-day Morning, 7th Mo. 1st, 1879.

42. Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

43. The Pastoral Committee REPORT :

To the Yearly Meeting;

In view of the fact that the harvest truly is plenteous, we regret that so little has been done by the committee ; on the other hand we rejoice that *something* has been done, and that our labor of love has been blessed to many, who have expressed their gladness and gratitude, that the Yearly Meeting had not been unmindful of the small meetings and remote families within its limits.

All the meetings in West Lake Q. M. have been visited ; 24 appointed meetings and one General meeting have been held within its limits. In Yonge Street Q. M. some of the meetings have been visited, and a few appointed ones have been held. In Pelham Q. M., local committees have, to some extent, superseded ours. Great interest was shewn in the meetings, and still the cry is heard, "Come over and help us."

We are united in asking that the committee be continued, with the addition of Catharine Saylor, William Robinson, Wing Asa Rogers, Henry James, Howard Nicholson, Ellen Atkins, Benjamin Moore, Duncan Wood and Justus Cohoe. We further recommend that meetings may be appointed under the authority of this committee, with the concurrence of three of our number.

JAMES F. BARKER, *Sec. Com.*

44. We unite with the above report. The Friends named therein are added to the committee ; we sanction the appointment of meetings under the restriction named, and encourage the committee to be zealous and faithful.

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45. The nominating committee recorded in Minute No. THIRTY-THREE, REPORT as follows :

To the Yearly Meeting,—

We propose the following Friends to constitute the Executive committee for the Book and Tract Association; James Richardson, Adelia Cronk, Emma Richardson, Lizzie Doyle, Stephen Cronk, James Kitely, Lucinda Doan, William Nelson Starr, Hannah Jane Cody, Asa Wing Rogers, Mary H. Bowerman, Benjamin Moore, Lizzie Rorke, Phebe Ellis, Harvey Y. Brundage, Elizabeth Garrett, Duncan Wood,, John Dorland, Jr., Mary Jane Bowerman, Stephen W. White, John Hudson Jr., Margaret Ward, Alexander Blanchard, Alfred R. Spencer, Ellen Atkins, Charles Walker, Jane Cramer, James Harris.

On behalf of the committee,

JOHN R. HARRIS,
HANNAH WRIGHT.

The report is adopted ; and the Friends named therein, are the committee of our Book and Tract Association.

46. The committee recorded in Minute TWENTY-SEVEN, REPORT as follows ;

To the Yearly Meeting;

We, your committee to determine how the revision of our Discipline shall be made, are united in recommending that it be done by the Representative Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

MARY H BOWERMAN.
STEPHEN W. WHITE.

With the concurrence of the Women's Meeting, the report is adopted, and the Revision of Discipline is referred to the Representative Meeting.

47. The following Friends are appointed to receive documents for their respective meetings :

Alfred R. Spencer, Ridgeville; Herbert Nicholson, Norwich; Seneca Doan, Newmarket; Edmond Wright, Pickering; Joseph Cody, Cambray; Thomas J. Rorke, Heathcote; Stephen W. White, Bloomfield; Jonathan P. Ward, Kingston; Amos Blanchard, Farmersville, Esli Terrill, Wooler; James Kitely, Stirton.

The representatives are directed to report at a future sitting, what, in their judgment, will be a fair per-centage of documents to which each Monthly Meeting is entitled

48. The committee recorded in Minute No. FIVE, present certificates of attendance for all the visitors named in that minute. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting. They are after the following form:

Our beloved Friend Joseph Hobson, a minister from Gilead Monthly Meeting, Ohio, acceptably attended this meeting with satisfactory credentials.

49. As directed in Minute No. FIFTEEN, the Representatives REPORT;

To the Yearly Meeting;

We have examined the Treasurer's Accounts and find them correct; \$450 will be required for the Yearly Meeting's use this year. We draw the attention of the Yearly Meeting to the item of \$50, charged for the care of the meeting-house; and submit the following abstract.

For the Representatives;

HERBERT NICHOLSON.

For Abstract of Treasurer's account see page opposite.

50. The report is approved and adopted. The Quarterly Meetings are directed to raise their respective proportion of \$450, and forward to the Treasurer. The question of payment for the care of the meeting-house, is referred to Pickering Monthly Meeting.

John Wright, Treasurer, in Ac't with Canada Y. M.

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6-27. Balance on hand.....\$236 97

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6-26. Allen Dorland, on West Lake Quota..... 156 76

6-24 Eleazer Lewis, on Yonge Street Quota..... 220 00

" Herbert Nicholson, on Pelham Quota..... 148 50

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6-7. W. V. R. for books and tracts.....\$ 50

" Team at station, during Y. M..... 18

" Board and Car-fare for Ministers..... 27 90

" C. Dale, expenses for Library..... 5 80

8.30. Printing Women's Minutes..... 25

" Printing Men's Minutes and Epistles..... 60

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1-20. Repairing sheds, &c..... 15 08

2-20. ½ year's int. on \$2000 (Boarding school)..... 80

5-25. Repairs on Mt'g-house and whitewashing.... 31

6-9. Printing Railroad certificates..... 5

27. Taking care of Meeting-house..... 50

" B. Cody, for Bible-school committee..... 50

" Balance on hand..... 344 45

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51. After a recess of thirty minutes, Friends met in joint session. The Boarding-school committee present a

REPORT OF PICKERING COLLEGE.

Since our last report, Pickering College has been opened and conducted under Professor Burgess, and the teachers and officers mentioned in our former report. 46 pupils have been in attendance, of whom 31 were boarders, and

15 were day pupils. The average attendance has been 26.84. During the school year there have been

Receipts from Boarders.....	\$2771.60
“ Day pupils.....	334.50
Total receipts.....	\$3106.10
Expense for Salaries.....	1940.
“ Labor.....	386.49
“ Fuel.....	681.37
“ Supplies.....	942.61
Total Expenditure.....	\$3950.47
Excess of Expenditure over Receipts.....	844.37

With an average of 35 pupils, the income would have equalled the expenditure; with a higher average, the income would have exceeded the expenditure.

Your committee has spent during the year—

In furnishing the College	\$2052.32
“ Gymnasiums and Carpenter work	454.55
“ Side-walks	80.
“ Draining and Grading	120.65
“ Printing and Telegraphing	121.42

The college is insufficiently furnished for the number of pupils we may reasonably expect to attend. \$500 will be required for this purpose,—400 more for additional improvements,—and \$100 for printing and incidentals,—making a total of \$1000. Your committee recommend, that the Trustees be authorized by the Yearly Meeting to raise this amount at once by way of loan.

We have issued a new catalogue, containing the college Faculty and Curriculum, and other valuable information.

We recommend that an

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE

To succeed the old Boarding-school committee, be appointed annually by the Yearly Meeting, and that it consist of three men and three women from each Monthly Meeting; that the members resident therein, shall constitute an Educational Committee for each Monthly Meeting; whose duty shall be to advocate the interests of Pickering College within its limits, and whom we recommend to meet as frequently as the interests of the college may require.

We further recommend that a committee of Six, to be called the

COLLEGE COMMITTEE,

Shall be nominated by the Educational Committee from *its own members or others*, who shall have special care and oversight of Pickering College and its interests; and who shall meet from time to time, upon the call of its own Chairman or Secretary. Two of its members shall retire annually, after the manner of the election of public school trustees in a new section; but they shall be eligible for re-election. The College committee shall report annually to the Educational committee, and the latter to the Yearly Meeting.

Professor Burgess as Principal, his amiable and gifted wife as teacher, and our dear friend S. Elizabeth Malleson as matron, retire from the official staff of the college. We appreciate the faithful effort to fill their onerous positions, and refer with gratitude to the religious influence exerted upon the students.

The staff of College officers now consists of

JOHN E. BRYANT, M. A., Gold Medalist of Toronto University—Principal, and Teacher of Mathematics, Physics, and Commercial branches.

S. PERCY DAVIS, B. A., Gold Medalist of Toronto University—House Master, and Teacher of Classics, and Natural Sciences.

LYDIA N. BOWERMAN, Graduate in Arts of Earlham College—History, English, and Mathematics.

ANTOINETTE REAZIN, Graduate in Arts of Earlham College—Modern Languages.

JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON, Superintendent.

SARAH E. RICHARDSON, Matron.

To the efficient system of High Schools and Colleges which adorns our young country, there was no special need to add Pickering College, merely as an instrument of secular education. The presence and power of a vital religious element, together with such a staff of teachers as are now engaged, can alone warrant us to ask the patronage, and claim the confidence of the community. We are offering board and tuition for \$150 per annum, without extras; and

we earnestly ask every member of the Society of Friends to take an active interest in the support of our college; because we believe that it can be confidently recommended, and with a good supply of pupils, is destined to take an honorable position among the institutions of our country.

We append the auditors' report for the past year, and a general statement of account.

Auditors' Report for 1878-9.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	\$ 450 06
Borrowed on Mortgage,	3000 00
For Board and Tuition,	2771 60
From day pupils,	334 50
Subscriptions,	80 00
On quotas,	90 00
Interest,	26 00
Rent,	50 00
Total receipts,	<u>\$6802 16</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Furnishing college,	\$2052 32
Paid salaries,	1940 00
Labor,	386 49
Supplies,	942 61
Fuel,	681 37
Printing and Telegraphing,	121 42
Building,	454 55
Side-walk,	80 00
Draining and Grading,	120 65
Balance, 6th Mo. 27th 1879,	22 75
	<u>\$6802 16</u>

We have examined the Treasurer's books, and find them correct, with a balance in his hands of \$22.75.

HENRY LAPP,
CHRISTOPHER DALE, } *Auditors.*

We append a general statement of receipts and expenditures from 7th Mo. 1869 to 7th Mo. 1879, which we commend to the attention of the Yearly Meeting.

**Statement of Receipts and Payments by Boarding-school
Committee, from 7th month 1869, to 7th month 1879.**

RECEIPTS.

From Trustees of West Lake Boarding School Property, including interest	\$8896	17
“ David Sands’ donation of \$500 and interest	125	74
“ London Y. M. Subscription	5577	
“ Dublin Y. M. “	924	66
“ Canada Y. M. “	3708	07
“ Philadelphia and N. Y. subs’ns	4229	12
“ Quotas on Quarterly Meetings	1598	70
“ Interest accrued	1739	30
“ Rent of school ground	50	00
“ Cash borrowed on mortgage	3000	00
	<u>\$30348</u>	<u>76</u>

PAYMENTS.

Paid Gervase Cornell, for first school site	\$	927	67
“ Contractors for college building		24445	
“ For architect’s plans, and superin- tending building		580	34
“ “ Insurance and incidentals		178	70
“ “ Fencing		489	80
“ “ Printing and advertising		162	80
“ “ Grading and ditching		120	60
“ “ Gymnasium, sidewalk, etc.		534	55
“ “ Furnishing college		2052	32
Add excess of payments over receipts in running the school first year		844	37
		<u>\$30336</u>	<u>15</u>

Of \$3500 directed to be raised by the Yearly Meeting, Pelham has paid \$ 111.00	Yet due \$834.00
Yonge Street “ 1066.11	“ 193.80
West Lake “ 421.59	“ 873.41
Amount yet due on subscription list	829.30

On behalf of the committee,

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52. The report was examined in detail, and after much change and condensation, it stands as above.

The trustees are authorized to raise \$1000 by way of loan, for further improvements, furnishing, etc.

In accordance with a suggestion in the report, the following Friends were appointed in joint session, to nominate three men and three women in each Monthly Meeting to form the Educational committee of Pickering College—viz. Stephen Cronk, Hannah Wright, Benjamin Cody, Hannah Jane Cody, Asa Wing Rogers, Mary H. Bowerman, Benjamin Moore, Elizabeth Rorke, Esli Terrill, Elizabeth C. Garrett, Stephen W. White, Mary Ann Dorland, Margaret Ward, Lorena Brown, William Cohoe, Sarah Jane Barker, William Wetherald, and Hannah Taylor.

53. The meeting then adjourned until 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Fourth-day afternoon 7th Mo. 2nd, 1879.

54. Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment.

55. As directed in Minute No. FORTY-SEVEN, the Representatives REPORT:—We recommend that documents be divided among our Monthly-meetings in the following proportion, viz., Pickering, 8 per cent; Yonge Street, 12; Mariposa, 7; Grey, 10; Peel, 3; Cold Creek, 12; West Lake, 11; Kingston, 5; Leeds, 5; Norwich, 18; and Pelham, 9.

For the Representatives,

BENJAMIN CODY.

The report is adopted, and the printing committee advised accordingly.

56. The committee recorded in Minute FIFTY-TWO, present the following REPORT :

We, the nominating committee to propose an Educational committee for Pickering college, are united in offering the following :

For Norwich—Charles Treffry, Howard Nicholson, Justus Cohoe, Sarah Nicholson, Gulielma Cohoe, Sarah Jane Barker.

For Pelham—J. R. Harris, Sarah M. Wetherald, Ellen Atkins, Job R. Moore, Thomas Hill, Hannah Taylor.

For Pickering—Emma Richardson, Sophia Dale, Christopher Dale, Mary Adelia Cronk, Clarkson Rogers, Robert Richardson.

For Grey—Cyrus Sing, Harris Knight, Thomas Rorke, Elizabeth Rorke, Hannah Moore, Sarah Rorke.

For Yonge-street—Francis Starr, James Kitley, Benjamin Cody, Martha Rogers, Rachel Doyle, Hannah Jane Cody.

For Mariposa—Smith Clark, Wing Asa Rogers, Vincent Bowerman, Susannah Rogers, Hannah Reazin, Lydia H. Bowerman.

For Cold Creek.—Thomas Clark, Marmaduke Terrill, William H. Mullett, Elizabeth C. Garrett, Margaret Swetman, Sarah Wood.

From West Lake—Charles G. Bowerman, John T. Dorland, Jr., Anthony T. Haight, Margaret Jane Hubbs, Lydia Hubbs, Lucy Cronk.

For Kingston—Jonathan P. Ward, John M. Hudson, Philip E. Ward, Margaret Ward, Elizabeth Webb, Jane Hogle.

For Leeds—Justus Robinson, Arza Wilson, James Blanchard, Sarah Wiltsie, Marilda Blanchard, Letitia Rogers.

On behalf of the Committee,

MARY ANN DORLAND,
STEPHEN W. WHITE.

The report is adopted, and the Friends above named are our Education committee for the current year.

57. Epistles have been read and adopted, addressed to

the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa and Kansas. The Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting.

58. The printing committee are instructed to have 700 copies of the Minutes printed, and distributed according to Minutes FORTY-SEVEN and FIFTY-FIVE.

59. During the sittings of this Yearly Meeting, nothing has occurred to disturb our harmony, or hurt our brotherhood in Christ. We reverently believe that our meeting has been blessed, in the conversion of sinners, in the consecration of believers, and in the vigor of a united church. In the tenderness and strength of our Lord we bid each other farewell—and adjourn to meet again at the same time and place next year, if the Lord will.

WILLIAM WETHERALD, *Clerk.*

The following information was received after Y. M.

James T. Richardson, Pickering P. O. is Secretary and Treasurer of the Com. of Book and Tract Association.

James F. Barker, Otterville, is Secretary of the Bible-school and Pastoral Committees.

Christopher Dale, Pickering, is Secretary of the Educational Committee.

Henry Reazin is Chairman, and John Wright is Secretary of the College Committee; whose members are,

For 3 years, Henry Reazin, Robert M. Richardson.
 2 " John R. Harris, Francis Starr.
 1 " John Wright, Benjamin Cody.

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*Canada Yearly Meeting of Women-Friends,
held at Pickering, Ontario, by adjournments,
from the 27th of 6th month, to the 2nd of 7th
month, inclusive, 1879.*

 Please note, that the word See with figures, in brackets, refers to Minutes printed on the preceding pages.

1. The Representatives being called, sixteen were present; satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence of two.

FROM PELHAM QUARTERLY MEETING—Miranda Gillam, Sarah Jane Barker, Eliza Cohoe, Sarah T. Barker, and Margaret Johnston.

FROM YONGE STREET—Hannah Jane Cody, Hannah Brown, Martha Rorke, Martha Rogers, Mary C. Starr, Lizzie Doyle.

FROM WEST LAKE—Eliza H. Varney, Margaret Jane Hubbs, Sarah L. Richardson, Catharine Saylor, Angelina Haight, Mary Anne Dorland, Eliza Brewer, Margaret Waid, Jane Cronk, Mary E. Jones, Phebe Dorland, Jane Bonisteel, and Sarah Wiltsie.

2. The Caretakers being called, five were present; a satisfactory reason given for the absence of one.

FROM PELHAM—Alice Mott, and Isabella Stover.

FOR YONGE STREET—Marianne Richardson, and Florence J. Lambie.

FOR WEST LAKE—Susannah Haight, Sarah L. Richardson, Margaret Jane Hubbs.

3. We have in attendance at this time dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, with Minutes of unity from their respective Meetings. (See 5.) We welcome these as the Lord's messengers, and lift our hearts in thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven who has thus graciously remembered His little flock in this place.

Eliza Brewer, Rachel Doyle, Elizabeth Richardson, Hannah Cornell, Sarah T. Barker, Sarah Jane Barker, and Elizabeth C. Garrett, were appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee of men Friends in preparing returning minutes, and produce them to a future sitting.

4. Epistles from London, Dublin, New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Kansas were received and read, and our hearts were strengthened and encouraged through the counsel and instruction which they contained. Sarah M. Wetherald, Jane Cramer, Isabel J. Kitely, Rachel Doyle, Angelina Haight, Mary W. Hustler, Mary C. Starr, Sarah Jane Barker, Lydia H. Bowerman, Lydia Bowerman, Martha Rogers, Elizabeth C. Garret, Hannah Lapp, Mary H. Bowerman, Mary R. Cody, Emma Richardson, Mary Ann Richardson, Isabel Stover, Anna Crawford, Miranda Gillam, Lavina Hubbs, and Rachel Webb were appointed to prepare essays of epistles in response, and produce them to a future sitting.

The London general epistle was also received and read to our comfort and encouragement.

5. The Meeting was brought into much exercise on account of Intemperance; and we were encouraged to do whatsoever our hands find to do to suppress this terrible evil; using our influence in all our callings to win souls to the only *sure refuge from sin*.

6. Men Friends suggested the propriety of printing the minutes of both meetings in one pamphlet ; and the Clerks to form a Printing committee : with which this meeting united.

7. Sarah T. Barker, Rachel Doyle, Hannah A. Taylor, Elizabeth Richardson, Adelia Cronk, Catharine Hoag, Margaret Ward, and Elizabeth C. Garrett, were appointed to unite with a committee of the men's meeting, to take into consideration the making a change of time of holding the sessions of our Yearly Meeting from 10 o'clock A. M. to 1 P. M.

8. The Representatives were requested to meet at the rise of this meeting, to consider and propose to next sitting, the names of suitable Friends to serve this meeting as Clerks the ensuing year ; also to propose the names of two Friends to serve as messengers.

9. With the acknowledgment that the Lord's canopy of love has been mercifully spread over this first sitting of our Yearly Meeting, we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Seventh-day Morning, 6th Mo. 28th, 1879.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

10. Eliza Brewer, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting that they were united in proposing Hannah Jane Cody for Clerk, and Margaret Jane Hubbs for Assistant ; after being separately considered, the nominations were approved by the meeting, and they were appointed to that service for one year.

Martha Rogers and Susannah Haight were appointed to serve as messengers the ensuing year.

11. The Queries, with answers from the different Quar-

terly Meetings were read ; they claimed our careful consideration ; a summary of the answers is as follows :

First—All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although some Friends are deficient in the attendance of mid-week meetings. The hour is nearly observed, no unbecoming behavior to remark ; except that one meeting notices some instances of sleeping.

Second—Friends are mostly preserved in love one toward another ; when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction discouraged but not altogether avoided.

Third—We believe most Friends endeavor to train up their children, and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us ; but in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment which it enjoins, a greater care is necessary. Most Friends are good examples in these respects themselves. We trust they endeavor to guard their children, and all others under their care, against corrupt conversation, and the reading of pernicious books.

Fourth—We believe nearly all Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

Fifth—Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks, except for purposes strictly medicinal, as far as we know ; some instances of attending places of diversion, and some care taken.

Sixth—The circumstances of the poor, and those who appear likely to require assistance are inspected, and relief afforded them. They are advised and assisted in suitable employments ; and all children under our care are in a way to be educated for the ordinary duties of life.

Seventh—Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions, or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof.

Eighth—As far as we know Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession, with one exception. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts, they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery.

Ninth—Care is mostly taken seasonably, to deal with

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offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to discipline.

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

While considering the state of our Society, as brought before us by the answers to the Queries, the impressive question was brought home to each of us, "In how much art thou responsible for deficiencies in these answers?"—and we were reminded, that if any neglect the attendance of our meetings, something is wrong in the heart; and Friends were encouraged to go to such in the love and promptings of the Truth,—ask them if they are satisfied with their experience,—shew them they are not living up to their privileges, and entreat them to join with us in worshipping our Father in Heaven; who is so willing to meet with, and bless even the two or three.

God is love;—are we his children? do we, in truth, love our enemies, and pray for them? Like the Apostle, are we able to say, "Being reviled we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; being defamed we entreat." If we have love to God supreme, we shall have *love* as the mainspring of all our actions towards our fellow-creatures; and shall then be able to go to the erring in the spirit of Christ, encouraging, counselling, and restoring.

If we, as laborers, thus work under the direction of the Great Husbandman, submitting to his teachings, just putting forth our hands as *He* bids, we shall not only be strengthened ourselves, but shall be a strength to the Lord's "tender plants" around us.

And although trials and discouragements surround us, so that at times it may appear to some of us, as if night and a storm were over us, yet as we look away from the billows and the tempest, to Him who can still their raging, we shall hear his loving voice saying, "Be of good cheer—It is I—Be not afraid." Thus submitting to, and trusting in, the eternal God as our Refuge, we shall know, that underneath are the everlasting arms.

12. The Men's meeting informs us, that in their judgment a revision of the Book of Discipline is advisable; they have appointed a committee to decide whether such revision

shall be referred to the Representative Meeting, or a Committee of Revision be appointed. Mary H. Bowerman, Hannah Jane Cody, Catharine Hoag, Sarah Jane Barker, Sarah T. Barker, Elizabeth C. Garratt, and Margaret Jane Hubbs, were appointed to unite with their committee, in considering the subject, and report to a future sitting.

13. Then adjourned until Second-day morning at 10 o'clock, if the Lord permit.

Second-day Morning, 6th Mo 30th, 1879.

About the time adjourned to, Friends again convened.

14. A satisfactory report of the Book and Tract Association was read. (See 32) All were encouraged to greater diligence in this means of forwarding the cause of the Redeemer. Hannah Wright, Sarah Wright, Elizabeth C. Garratt, Mary Ann Dorland, Hannah Taylor, and Eliza Cohoe were appointed a nominating committee to unite with a similar committee of the men's meeting to bring forward names of Friends to serve as a committee of the Book and Tract Association.

15. A satisfactory statistical statement was made. (See 31.)

16. The committee to take into consideration the proposition relative to changing the hour of meeting at the different sessions, made the following report. (See 36 and 37.) All of which was fully united with.

17. Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Third-day Morning, 7th Mo. 1st, 1879.

Under a solemn covering, the meeting again convened.

18. Essays of Epistles for New York, New England, Baltimore, Indiana and London were read and adopted.

19. After recess, the meeting met in joint session. The report of the Boarding School committee (See 51) was read paragraph by paragraph, and after alteration was adopted. (For further action in joint session, see 52.)

20. Then adjourned, to meet to-morrow afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

Fourth-day afternoon, 7th Mo. 2nd, 1879.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends met.

21. A satisfactory report from the committee to visit subordinate meetings, families, etc., was read and adopted. (See 43.)

22. The committee to propose names to constitute a Book and Tract association made a report, (see 45) which was adopted and the committee appointed.

23. A very satisfactory report from the committee on Bible-Schools, was read and adopted. (See 39 and 40.)

24. The committee on returning minutes report they have prepared minutes of acceptable attendance for the Friends in attendance with minutes. The Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting.

25. Essays of Epistles to Dublin, Iowa, Western, Ohio, North Carolina, and Kansas Yearly Meetings, were read and adopted; and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward to their respective meetings.

26. The report of the Committee to propose names to serve as an Educational Committee, was read and united with, and the committee appointed. (See 56.)

27. The committee appointed on revision of our Discipline, offer a report with which this meeting concurs. (See 46.)

28. With feelings of heartfelt thanksgiving to our Father in Heaven, who has spread the canopy of His love over us during the various sittings of this meeting, and has enabled us to transact the business in harmony and love, and who has so strengthened and encouraged us by His presence, that amid the weakness of the flesh, we were enabled to exclaim: "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit saith the Lord of Hosts;" and in a measure of the love of Christ which binds together His children however widely separated, we bid each other farewell, purposing to meet here again next year, if the Lord permit.

HANNAH JANE CODY, *Clerk.*

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*Epistles addressed to Canada Yearly Meeting
of Women-Friends, 1879.*

LONDON.

DEAR FRIENDS,—

The reading of your acceptable epistle, brought you near to our hearts, in loving remembrance, with earnest desires that you may know the grace of God to abound yet more and more towards you. May we all be living branches of Christ the true Vine, ever abiding in His love, and thus bring forth fruits of the Spirit; Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness Goodness, Faith, Meekness, Temperance. "If these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

May we all be found seeking the privileges that are promised to the meek and lowly; for the meek shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace; and following the example of Him who was meek and lowly of heart, we shall seek to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill His law. In the love which should link together in one the hearts of His followers, may you realize that for His sake you can embrace all, whatever their race,

color, or circumstances ; for are we not all one in Him, and there is no respect of persons with God.

You, no doubt, dear Friends, have your share of proving and trial. In loving sympathy we would remind you, that in all the conflicts of life, God is the unfailing refuge of His church and people ; and though He may at times feed them as with the bread of affliction, and give them tears to drink in great measure, yet He will turn to them again, and cause His face to shine upon them, and they shall be saved. For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will He forsake His inheritance.

We have heard with much interest of the establishment of your Yearly Meeting School. We trust it will be the means of promoting the true interests of the body, by providing for the careful oversight and religious training of the young, whilst it affords the opportunity for their intellectual culture. Still, let us never forget, that home influence should be the most powerful that can be exerted, and is felt throughout life. The mother, whose earnest concern it is, to train up her children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, occupies a most important sphere.

Earnest and faithful has been the counsel handed to us, from sitting to sitting of our annual gathering ; a large share has been addressed to the young, encouraging them to entire consecration to the Lord, to trust Him wholly, and to follow Him unreservedly.

How sweet are the touches of our Heavenly Father's love to the young heart, even to that of the little child ! May the dear children come now, in the morning of their days, and yield themselves in willing obedience to the gentle pleadings of their Saviour's love ; so will they be led safely along, and know more and more of the exceeding greatness of His power towards them who believe.

We rejoice in hearing of the manifold blessing which rests upon your labors in the Scripture school and Tract distribution. We, too, have cause for thankfulness in the goodness of our God, in owning the work of Christian love, carried on by our members. Our desire is, that all we do may be to His glory, and for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom upon the earth.

In conclusion, we would say in the words of the Apostle,

"Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all them who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity." We remain your affectionate sisters.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting,

LUCY WALKER, *Clerk.*

DUBLIN.

DEAR SISTERS,—

Once more, by our Heavenly Father's continued care, we have gathered together in our Yearly Meeting; and once more, as we have read your words of sisterly greeting, we have realized how indissoluble is the bond which unites the hearts of those who have been redeemed by the same precious blood; and under the anointing of the same Holy Spirit, have been made partakers of all spiritual blessings in Christ. Most deeply do we feel with you the need of the continual prayer, "Lord increase our faith." But dear Friends, let us remember that greater even than the faith which can remove mountains, better than that heavenly hope which is as an anchor of the soul, is that blessed charity, which "suffereth long and is kind, which beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things." While as yet we but "see through a glass darkly," it may well be that there must exist much diversity in thought and sentiment, so that our truest bond of union will be found not in complete uniformity of opinion, but in earnest love to Christ, our common Lord and Master, and in loyal devotedness to His service, ever remembering His own test of discipleship, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another."

The many vacant places in our midst at this time, tenderly remind us of those, to whom through the discipline of suffering, and bodily weakness, the Master's voice has spoken, "Come ye apart and rest awhile," as well as of those who from our earthly gathering have been taken home, to join the blood-bought throng who stand before the throne of God and "serve Him day and night in His

temple."

The gospel message of recouiliation unto God, through the sacrifice of Jesus, has been earnestly and fully proclaimed in our meetings, and we would thankfully acknowledge the labors of honored servants of the Lord from your land, who have determined to know nothing among us, save "Jesus Christ and Him crucified." We have been reminded not only of the redeeming love of Him who was "wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities," and has made peace for us by the blood of His cross, but have been exhorted so to yield ourselves wholly and habitually, to the government of our King, that our peace may indeed "flow as a river, and that of that government and of that peace there may be no end." An earnest desire that the young may early be brought to decision for Christ has been awakened in many of our hearts, and to those of us who are enabled humbly and rejoicingly to say, "Lord thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love thee,"—the injunction has come with solemn power, "Feed my lambs." Dear sisters, let us as mothers, as teachers, as followers of the Lord Jesus, by our example, by our words of loving invitation, by our trusting expectant prayer, seek to lead our children to the feet of Jesus, so that, if in early years, they should be removed to the Heavenly fold, or spared to a life of useful service, the blessed conviction may be ours, "Whether they die, they die unto the Lord; whether they live therefore or die they are the Lord's.

The cause of total abstinence, is, we are glad to believe, gaining some ground amongst the Friends of this Yearly Meeting, and many who have hitherto held aloof are now taking an active share in the work. The Act, which was passed last year for closing the public houses on the whole of First-day, in Ireland, has been a great blessing to our land. Already the results in the diminution of drunkenness, have been most encouraging; we long for the day when we, like you, may have a law passed, which gives to the people themselves the power of choosing whether they will allow these sources of temptation to remain open in their midst or not. It is generally admitted that intemperance is alarmingly on the increase among women in this country, and that, in every class of society. With this sor-

rowful fact before us, we feel there is a pressing need for all Christian women seriously to consider their duty in this matter.

One of the most interesting features in our meeting this year, has been the introduction of reports on Sabbath-school work, Gospel meetings, the various Temperance organizations, and the Prison-Gate mission, which, up to this time had not come under the direct care of the Yearly-meeting.

And now, beloved Friends, commending you to God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified,—we are your affectionate sisters.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting, by

ELIZABETH JANE RICHARDSON, *Clerk.*

NEW ENGLAND.

DEAR SISTERS,—

In the reading of your epistle, as well as those from the other Yearly Meetings, we are made to realize the sweet fellowship existing among the followers of Christ, as well as the privilege it is, thus to comfort and strengthen one another, in the performance of all things that make for peace.

“Be ye perfect even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect,” comes to us with much force. May we give the strictest heed to this requirement of our Lord, that we may so live before the world, as to honor God, and adorn the doctrines we profess; remembering, that “all the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth, to them that keep his covenant and his testimonies.”

Our hearts are saddened at this time, by the remembrance of many dear Friends who have passed away from earth since our last meeting.

We believe that “the memory of the just is blessed,” and consoling is the thought that “they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.”

In the reading of the answers to the Queries, some remissness was shown in the attendance of our mid-week meetings. As it is believed they were set up in accordance with divine wisdom, we were much encouraged to the faithful discharge of our duty in this respect. That as in the

past, great blessings have been realized herein, we might hope for a continuance thereof in days to come.

Much concern was also expressed for the dear children, that parents may feel the importance of taking them to meeting, even when they are young.

The subject of detraction was dwelt upon, with earnest desires, that we may so conform to the example of our Saviour, as to be preserved from this great evil, that we sin not with the tongue.

May your coming Yearly Meeting, so closely following our own, be held in the power of God, who faileth not in supporting those who trust Him. His "loving-kindness is better than life," "His tender mercies are over all His works," to whose care and keeping we commend you, as we bid you farewell.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK.

DEAR SISTERS,—

We have again met in the beautiful village of Glens Falls, to transact the affairs of another Yearly Meeting.

With maternal interest do we remember you, desiring that the loving-kindness and tender mercies of our Heavenly Father may still be extended unto you, and that "grace and peace may be abundantly multiplied."

"As the dew of Hermon, and the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion" have we received the blessing from the Lord, and been refreshed throughout the different sessions of this meeting.

Matters of great importance, relating to the growth and prosperity of the Church, and the saving of immortal souls, have claimed our earnest attention. In addition to the business meetings, an educational meeting has been held each morning in an adjoining tent, where the Gospel has been proclaimed in all its fullness, by acceptable messengers, including Stanley Pumphrey and wife, and Helen Balkwill from England.

The sweet story of the cross has been definitely and touchingly told, and the fruit has given evidence, that much of the seed sown has fallen upon good ground, to

the honor and glory of the Great Husbandman.

We are endeavoring to give each field of labor in which our meeting is engaged, a due share of attention ; to this end, committees are in almost constant session, between meetings, while Bible-school, Educational, Temperance, and other meetings, are held on different evenings, which are largely attended and very interesting.

Our Missionary Board aims at the elevation of Freedmen and Indians, and we have encouraging accounts from both stations. "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," was the injunction of our blessed Lord, and while reports show that the glad tidings are reaching the remote corners of the earth, still the Macedonian cry is sounding in our ears, "Come over and help us."

The duties and responsibilities resting upon mothers, and the necessity of daily gathering their families about them, to wait upon the Lord, vocally asking His help and guidance, has been impressively enjoined. Instances were given where such services were signally owned and blessed by the conversion of children, and different members of families.

As these subjects are presented in all their varied aspects, and the needed work set in order, we are led to exclaim, "The harvest truly is great, and the laborers are few."

May you, dear sisters, with us, often be found at the stronghold of the Mercy-seat ; with confidence taking all our cares and anxieties to a prayer-hearing and a prayer-answering God ; remembering the promise, "Before they call, I will answer, and while they are yet speaking, I will hear."

Now unto Him who is able to do for you abundantly, more than we can ask or think, we again commit and commend you, desiring that He will keep you in all your ways, and finally, through great mercy, "present us all faultless before the throne of His glory with exceeding joy."

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

RUTH C. FLAGLER, *Clerk.*

BALTIMORE.

DEAR SISTERS,—

Your epistle of 7th month last, has been received, with others, from the different Yearly Meetings, in

correspondence with us, and acceptably read in our meeting at this time.

Under a feeling of our own great weakness and insufficiency, and yet amid abounding blessings we now address you, and the language of our spirit, in so doing is, "O! send out thy light and thy truth, let them lead us." In making this effort to convey from our assembly to yours, something of the exercise felt and the blessing enjoyed by us, the query arises, "Why is it that with such a bountiful table, as is now spread before us, we should find any hesitation or want of power in taking of the things of Christ and offering them to you?"

Let us be willing in the simplicity of little children, to ask of God, that he will give to you and to us, more of His Holy Spirit that we may know the things that are freely given us of God.

We have been strengthened and comforted, by having many gospel messengers from other Yearly Meetings, to minister among us; we feel them all to be embodied with us, united in one bond of Christian love, and many utterances of thanksgiving and praise have been poured forth in our gathering, which seemed to us, as the melody of the heart. The name of Jesus has been magnified in these ministrations, and in our public assemblies the efficacy of the atoning sacrifice on Calvary has been prominently set forth, while many hearts were raised in silent prayer, that through the quickening influence of the Holy Spirit, all might be led to "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

In dwelling upon the state of society as shown in the answers to the queries, many testimonies were given to the benefit and comfort experienced through life, from having early established the habit of regularly attending our meetings, and there seeking to "draw nigh unto God," claiming the promise that "He will draw nigh unto us." An exercise prevailed that each should feel an individual responsibility with regard to these queries.

We were especially urged to use our influence, in promoting the cause of temperance. Bible-schools and mission work of various kinds, are claiming our attention also. In each of these there is a place for every one who is willing

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to work for the Master, who also bestows power, and qualifies for every service; we desire that each may find their right allotment, and be faithful therein.

And now, dear sisters, we would crave for you, and for ourselves that He who ministereth seed to the sower, may minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruit of your righteousness.

Signed by direction of the meeting.

JULIA VALENTINE, *Clerk.*

OHIO.

DEAR SISTERS,—

We gratefully acknowledge that we have been privileged to sit together in heavenly places, in Christ Jesus, in our annual gathering, which has been largely attended.

Epistles have reached us from all the Yearly Meetings, reassuring us, that the bond that has so long bound us is being strengthened by this sisterly intercourse, inasmuch as there is a manifestation of enlarged and deepening experience of, and interest in divine things, in the various parts of our beloved Society.

We have been blessed with the company of a number of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, including three from England, all bearing to us the glorious message of the cross, and a deliverance from the guilt and power of sin, through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus.

Prominence has been given to the plain Scripture doctrine of man's deadness in sin, and his utter inability to do any good thing, until made alive in Christ Jesus.

As the state of society was considered, the inexhaustible theme, of our responsibility as mothers, was revived, and our minds were stirred by impressive testimonies to the necessity of instructing our children, in the fundamental and practical truths of the gospel, early in life. Our social morning and evening meetings have been remarkably owned and blessed of the Lord, in building up and edifying the church.

Reports from our Missionary board indicate encouraging results of their labors, in various departments of church work entrusted to them, including temperance, which has

enlisted the hearts of many of our earnest workers. The meeting was introduced into a lively exercise, in regard to the practice of collecting our families daily, for Bible reading and prayer, as an incumbent duty upon us.

Finally, sisters, farewell. "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 by direction of the meeting,

ELIZABETH L. HILL, *Clerk.*

INDIANA.

DEAR SISTERS,—

In a deep sense of the love of our heavenly Father, "of whom the whole family in heaven, and on earth is named," we send you greeting, in response to the affectionate epistle from you, which has been read at this our annual gathering. We have come up to the feast with grateful hearts, desiring to give praise and honor to the great and good Shepherd of Israel, whose boundless love has covered us, while weighty matters have been under discussion. We acknowledge our weakness, and realize that all our strength is in Him from whom cometh every good and perfect gift.

Several dear Friends from Great Britain and our own land, have been most acceptably with us, bearing with them the message of salvation, through our Lord Jesus Christ. May He bless them abundantly, and restore them to their homes in peace.

Exercise is necessary to growth, and in working for the Lord, we receive renewal of strength.

A toil that grows with what it yields,
And scatters to its own increase,
And hears, while sowing outward fields,
The harvest song of inward peace.

The Christian life is a continual warfare. May we keep our armor bright, always ready for use, in the master's service, "but let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation." "For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Lord has blessed His laborers in the various fields of

Mission work, both home and foreign. Our hearts have deeply sympathized with our Friends in Mexico, who are severed from all communication with us, by the fearful scourge that is desolating some parts of our land. May God in His almighty power preserve them from the "pestilence that walketh in darkness," and be very near them in every time of trial.

We trust that much good is being effected by our Bible-schools, and through the labors of those engaged in battling against the crying evil of intemperance. Our Bible and Tract committees continue their useful work.

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

With the salutation of love, we remain your sisters.

EMILY JANE HARRIS, *Clerk.*

NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR SISTERS,—

Your message of love has been received and read in our meeting, and our hearts were cheered by the assurance, that your prayers ascend to the God of all grace on our behalf.

Unto Him who is ever worthy would we now give praise, for renewed manifestations of His love, in making His presence and power to be felt among us, during the various sittings of our meeting. Truly we can say "His banner over us is love." Several of His anointed messengers are with us, and their labors have been blessed; as, through them the word of encouragement has been given, "Peace, Peace, to him that is afar off and to him that is near, saith the Lord, and I will heal him."

All have been invited to draw near, with true hearts, in full assurance of faith, having "boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,—by a new and living way, which he has consecrated for us." Our prayer is that the seed thus sown, may spring up, and bring forth fruit unto Life Eternal.

During the exercises of the meeting, our attention has been called to the two great evils, War and Intemperance,

and we were exhorted to labor unremittingly for the banishment of these terrible scourges from the earth; and the young sisters were especially urged, not to associate with young men of impure lives; but to demand the same chastity of speech and action as is required of themselves. Without this, all other attempts at reform, in this direction, are useless.

The reports of our different committees have been interesting. Our Home mission is increasing in interest and usefulness, and we trust that much good has been accomplished through its instrumentality. As we think of the sorrow and suffering that everywhere abound as the result of sin, we remember the words of Him who was our sin-bearer—"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," and we realize, in some degree, how important it is that every Christian should be at His post, ready always to do the bidding of his Master.

Dear sisters, may we be willing learners in the school of Christ—that we may realize from day to day, more of our privileges as His children. May we learn what it is to go in the power of the Spirit to every duty; then shall we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. May we not rest satisfied with present attainments, but ever press forward to the way cast up for the redeemed of the Lord to walk in.

Finally, sisters, let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which ye are also called in one body; and whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

ABIGAIL N. MENDENHALL, *Clerk.*

WESTERN.

Beloved Sisters,—

In remembrance of the many blessings meted out to us by the great Giver of all good, our hearts are contrited before Him, as we respond to your acceptable epistle, the reading of which, together with those from sister Yearly Meetings, has tended to strengthen and cement our hearts together, in the bonds of that Christian love, which is the badge of true discipleship.

The gospel, in its fulness, has been set before us, by the

Lord's ministering servants, and we have been made partakers of the Bread and Water of Life, so that we have been able to say with the prophet, "How beautiful upon the mountains, are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation."

Our young sisters have been earnestly entreated to consecrate themselves, early in life, to the dear Redeemer, ever bearing in mind the injunction, "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thy hand." We feel the great need of the church at large, as well as individuals, is to come up out of the wilderness, and pass into the goodly land, as it is there only we shall find sweet rest to the soul, and sure refuge from surrounding foes; because the great Captain of our salvation abides there.

We remember that our blessed Saviour said, "He that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." And again, "My sheep know my voice," and a "stranger will they not follow," thus giving us the assurance, that we need not become bewildered or confused, so long as we walk in the light, and keep within hearing of the Shepherd's voice.

The various reports from subordinate meetings, show a commendable degree of interest in the various branches of church-work, yet we have been brought under much exercise of spirit for the welfare of Zion. May you, with us, dwell low and humble, sitting as it were at the masters feet, not forgetting to "always abound in the work of the Lord, inasmuch as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord." In much love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction of the meeting,

MARGARET REEVES, *Clerk.*

I O W A .

DEAR SISTERS,—

Having again gathered as a sisterhood of the church on earth, we greet you, feeling that our hearts have gone in response to your words of love and cheer.

Believers in Christ have such a precious bond of union in the realization of our being all of the "same household of faith."

You with us, have had shakings and dividings, which we deplore; but doubtless these things have tended to anchor some more firmly on the sure foundation, as with a single eye to Christ, we have sought to know what is the ground of our hope, whether building on the sandy foundation of a system of works, or resting by faith in the cleansing blood of a crucified and risen Lord, our Advocate with the Father.

Having been led out of "Egypt," let none of us be content to wander in the "wilderness," provoking the Lord by our "slowness of heart," but crossing over into the Promised Land, let us exalt his power, by resting in His holy hand, in every conflict with the powers of darkness.

If we will let Him, his own right arm will procure for us the victory. "There remaineth therefore a rest for the people of God."

Let us not be living below our privileges as disciples of Christ. Shall he who has purchased them for us with his own precious blood, have suffered in vain?

There has been an exercise among us with regard to the better attendance of mid-week meetings. In this duty, as in that of family devotion, the need is, more earnest love to Christ; then realizing our own insufficiency, we shall prize every privilege of entering God's presence, in the attitude of prayer and worship.

There has been much discussion, and some action taken, against the use of tobacco in our community. All the varied concerns of Temperance, Freedmen, Indians, Home-missions and Higher Education, are claiming the earnest attention of our members.

The devotional meetings in the early morning have become a blessed feature of our annual assemblies, wherein many are strengthened, and many come to know the Lord, and consecrate themselves to His service.

We have had the company of many servants of the Lord, from London and other Yearly Meetings, whose trumpets have given no uncertain sound.

Some of us in years past have mingled among you, and in saying farewell, we commend you unto Him who is alike near unto us all, as our "eyes are unto Him," reminding you "the willing and obedient shall eat the good of the land."

Signed by direction of the meeting,

MARY ANDREWS, *Clerk.*

K A N S A S .

DEAR SISTERS,—

Through the blessing of Heaven, we are again permitted to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting.

We have been much refreshed by the Gospel labors of many dear Friends from distant parts of our own land, and from England. Their labors among us, have been to our souls, as the dew of Hermon for freshness. Earnest has been their exhortation that we might be willing workers in the cause of the blessed Master. That as it has pleased him to dispense unto us our several different gifts, that they might be exercised to the edification of the church, the promise will be verified, "As thy day so shall thy strength be."

The subject of daily family reading, and religious devotion has been very impressively brought before us. Upon the mother will often devolve the duty of opening the way for this service, and although, at times, some may feel their domestic cares call for their close attention, we must remember the injunction of the Master, "Seek first the kingdom of heaven," and as this is earnestly sought, a blessing

will attend.

We have been comforted by your loving epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings ; and we desire that this chain, that draws us nearer together, may never be broken, but that the God of peace may sanctify both you and us, that His cause may be promoted through us.

The affairs of the church have been, from time to time, brought before us, and the business thereof transacted in harmony and condescension.

The committee on Indian civilization made report of their work, showing an improvement which was satisfactory. The committee was encouraged to faithfulness in the work, the coming year.

The Peace committee, Bible-school, Books, Tracts, and Temperance have all claimed their share of labor by committees. The Temperance movement is surely gaining in this State, and we are solicitous that Friends may not slacken their hand, until the fell destroyer, Alcohol, shall be driven to hide his head.

And now, "may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all, Amen.

DRUSILLA WILSON, *Clerk.*

CALENDAR FOR 1880.

Subject to change during session of the Y. M.

- Canada Y. M. convenes on the last Sixth-day in 6th Mo.
Ministers and Elders meet the day before, at 10 o'clock.
- Sixth-day.....Prayer and Praise Meeting at 8 A. M., and every morning during Yearly-meeting.
Representative Meeting, at.....10 o'clock.
Meeting for Discipline, at..... 1 “
Bible-school Committee, at..... 7 “
- Seventh-day...Meeting for Discipline, at.....10 “
Book & Tract Association, at..... 6 “
- First-day.....Meetings for Worship at 10, 3, and 7:30.
- Second-day...Meeting for Discipline at.....10 o'clock
Educational committee at..... 7 “
- Third-day.....Meeting for Discipline at.....10 “
- Fourth-day....Meeting for Worship at.....10 “
Meeting for Discipline at..... 3 “
Closing Prayer & Praise Mt'g..... 7 “