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AT CANADA YEARLY MEETING

HELD IN PICKERING, ONTARIO,

Sixth Month, 25th, 1869.

Reports were received from all the Quarterly Meetings, whereby we were informed that the following named FRIENDS had been appointed their Representatives to this Meeting, viz :

FOR PELHAM,

STEPHEN COON, JOHN RAY,
ALBERT C. STOVER, THOMAS WALKER,
ELISHA TAYLOR, and JESSE STOVER.

FOR YONGE STREET,

JAMES RICHARDSON, OWEN PHILLIPS,
SENECA DOANE, and ARNOLDI HAIGHT.

FOR WEST LAKE,

ANTHONY HAIGHT, WILLIAM VALENTINE,
CORNELIUS BOWERMAN, GILBERT JONES,
SIMON TERRILL, EVI VARNEY.

Who being called, were present except one.

2. The Friends appointed by the Quarterly Meetings to have the care of seating, and of the order of the Meeting, being called were nearly all present.

3. There were in attendance, Friends, members of other Yearly Meetings, who produced to this Meeting Certificates of the unity of the Meetings to which they belong. We greet them in the love of the Gospel, and bid them welcome. The following Friends were appointed to join a like Committee of Women Friends, to

prepare, as way opens for it, suitable Minutes in duplicate, relative to their attendance, and produce them to a future sitting, viz: Arnoldi Haight, Benjamin Cody, Alexander Derbyshire, Jesse Stover, and Ira Clark.

4. The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting for 1869, was received and read to edification. In order that our Friends generally may have the benefit of the excellent counsel it contains, we appoint William Valentine and Levi Varney to procure the reprint of 1,000 copies for distribution, to draw upon our Treasurer for the expense, and report.

5. Epistles addressed to this Meeting were received from London, Dublin, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa. The reading of which introduced us into a fresh sense of the preciousness of Christian fellowship and sympathy.—The following Friends were appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to those Meetings, with one to our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting, viz: James Keightly, Benjamin W. Wood, Charles G. Bowerman, John Ray, Gilbert Jones, Henry Giles, Harris Knight, Stephen Cronkhite, George Rorke, Stephen Coon, Clarkson Rogers, Arnoldi Haight, William Valentine, Thomas Walker, Benjamin Cody, Anthony Haight, Richard Dale, Albert C. Stover, Ira Clark, John Wright, Alfred Phelps, Alfred R. Spencer, William Rorke, William Spencer, and Seneca Doane.

6. A Minute from the Representative Meeting was read, proposing that some provision be made for the board and lodging of Friends attending the Yearly Meeting. The following Friends were appointed, in conjunction with a Committee of Women Friends, to take the subject into consideration in all its bearings, and, if way opens, to prepare some plan, with an esti-

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7. The Representatives were directed to audit the
 Treasurer's accounts, to ascertain the condition of the
 Treasury, what sum they may deem necessary to raise
 the present year, and report to a future sitting. They
 were also directed to confer together and propose to
 next sitting the name of a Friend for Clerk, and one
 for Assistant. Also, the names of two Friends for
 Messengers.

8. Benjamin Wood, John Wright, and Levi Varney,
 were appointed to revise the Minutes of each day's
 transactions.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

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 SEVENTH DAY MORNING, 26th of the Month.

9. About the time to which the Meeting adjourned
 it convened.

10. William Valentine, on behalf of the Representa-
 tives, proposed Adam Spencer for Clerk, and Levi Var-
 ney for Assistant. The nominations being satisfactory
 to the Meeting, the Friends named were appointed
 accordingly.

11. Alfred R. Spencer and Levi Bowerman were pro-
 posed for Messengers, and appointed to the service.

12. The following proposition was received from Pel-
 ham Quarterly Meeting, viz:—

"This Meeting is united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that we return to our former practice of answering the Queries four times a year."

William Spencer, Henry Sutton, Israel D. Titus, Clayton Webb, Thomas Moore, Elijah Hoag, Cornelius Bowerman, Gilbert D. Haight, and Stephen White, were appointed to join a Committee of Women Friends, to carefully consider the subject, and report to a future sitting.

13. The Meeting then entered upon a consideration of the state of Society as presented by the answers to the Queries. The following is a summary of the answers as adopted.

i. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, have been attended, yet some remissness is noticed, particularly in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed by most Friends, though some exceptions are mentioned. Not quite clear of unbecoming behavior. Some care taken in these deficiencies.

ii. A good degree of love appears to be maintained amongst Friends—some exceptions being observable. When differences have arisen, care has been taken to end them. Tale-bearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

iii. The reports say, Friends generally 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, yet deviations are mentioned in all. Most Friends appear to be good examples in these respects themselves, and endeavor to guard their children, and all others under their care, against corrupt conversation, and the reading of pernicious books.

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iv. We believe most Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures, in their families collectively.

v. With one exception, which is under care, Friends appear to be clear of using distilled spirituous liquors, except for purposes strictly medicinal. They are reported clear of frequenting taverns. A few instances of attending a place of diversion, are reported.

vi. The circumstances of the poor are inspected, and relief has been seasonably afforded when necessary.— They are advised and assisted in suitable employment, and their children, and all others under our care, are receiving suitable education to fit them for the ordinary duties of life.

vii. Friends are reported clear in the several parts of this Query.

viii. With one exception of failure in trade, Friends appear to be just in their dealing, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, yet exceptions in both these particulars, are reported. Some cases of a want of care in conducting business as becomes our religious profession. When any have given occasion for fear on these accounts, they have been labored with for their preservation and recovery. Care is reported to have been taken in the above deficiencies, but one report expresses a want of care in season.

ix. Care is reported to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to Discipline, though not in all cases seasonably.

14. The Clerks were directed to embody, as near as they may be able to do, the exercises of the Meeting, in a minute of advice to Subordinate Meetings, and produce it to a future sitting.

Meetings for Divine worship will be held to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M., and at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Adjourned to meet Second Day at 11 o'clock, A. M.

15.—SECOND DAY MORNING, the 28th of the Month, about the time appointed Friends met.

16. The meeting of Ministers and Elders offered the following Minute of Advice, which this meeting was united in receiving. The counsel it contained was satisfactory, and the Minute was ordered to be printed with the Minutes of this meeting. This meeting was united in receiving similar minutes in future from that body, if way opens for it. The Clerk was directed to furnish that meeting with a copy of this Minute.

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

"While the meeting was engaged in reading and answering the Queries in examination of the state of this department of the Church, we were made sensible of our own weakness, but Holy help being graciously afforded, much counsel was elicited to our edification and comfort, and we realized that our hearts burned within us, while the dear Master deigned to be in our midst, opening our understanding to contemplate His law.

"Our Holy Head hath Gifts to bestow—gifts of preaching, of prophesying, and of ministering—gifts of feeling and of discernment. As His servants are preserved in filial fear, He prepares them not only by His anointing, to see things as they really are, but by His baptisms, purifying their hearts, filling with heavenly bread, and qualifying for service; enabling the Minister to hold forth the word of life, and the Elder, as the Aaron and the Hur, to stand by and sustain the hands of the Minister.

"We were reminded of our blessed relationship to our Lord, as branches of the Vine, and the need of a

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faithful abiding in Him, if we would bear fruit. The thought was felt to be a cheering one, that the fruit-bearing branches must be purged. The design of our Heavenly Father in these just dispensations of His care being for our profit, that we may bring forth more fruit to His glory. 'If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.'

"He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." Abiding under such an influence, walking in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth from all sin.—As the different members occupying the various gifts conferred by the Great Head, go down together into baptism, they are enabled availingly to plead for themselves and for the erring ones, and being clothed with the Spirit of the Divine Master, they can follow the straying ones, and they realize it to be a blessed engagement to feed the flock of God, willingly taking a tender oversight thereof. Being made livingly sensible of their own infirmities, they are troubled with a feeling of the weakness of others, and are made capable of suffering with those who suffer, and in the exercise of living faith, to remember there is balm in Gilead and a Physician there, who healeth diseases and helpeth infirmities.

"We were reminded that we have an unwearied enemy, who insidiously sows tares, and would undermine and lay waste the heritage of God, even by dividing in Jacob and scattering in Israel. The words of the Saviour were felt to be a solemn warning, 'Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away.'

"Without close watchfulness and prayer, and without the needful chastening by our Father in heaven, we are in danger of losing the condition and character of sons, and of becoming a prey to the cruel enemy, who may divert us from proper duties, or tempt us to out-run our Guide, whereby coldness and jealousy enter, the unity of the Spirit is not maintained, and the bond of

peace is broken. This is a cause of suffering to those who are favored to maintain their allegiance to a suffering Lord, and the need was felt for every member to abide the refining process according to the Divine will. Although we may be favored to do His bidding, and may be promoted by Him comparably to riding on the King's horse, we may have to return to the gate, and bear our portion in suffering with steadfast faith and earnest prayer, that the enemy may be foiled, and Israel be made to rejoice.

"It was felt to be an awful thought that the leaders of the people should cause them to err. If the head is sick the heart will be faint. May all of us take heed to our ways, and honestly endeavor to maintain our proper position as lights in the world.

"On behalf of the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

"IRA CLARK, *Clerk.*"

16. The Clerk, as directed, presented the following Minute of Advice, which was adopted as an Address to Subordinate Meetings, and to Friends generally.

ADDRESS TO SUBORDINATE MEETINGS,

"While the state of our Society was under consideration, much tender counsel was imparted by concerned Friends.

"The neglect of attending religious meetings, was felt to be a loss, and when indulged, a decline in religious life will be apparent, the result of coldness and want of love to God. Other things will enter and occupy the heart. A fear was expressed that it was increasingly becoming the besetment of the present day, from the fact that mid-week meetings are so much neglected—an evidence that the love of the world is prevailing over the love of God with not a few amongst us. Let the inquiry be instituted in every heart, whether the love of the world or of the Father have the ascendancy. May we remember our accountability to God,

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not only that we are bought with a price, but that without His blessing our efforts to provide for our temporal wants, will be unavailing, for He can blast a great deal, or bless little. We were reminded that He is a care-taker, and a covenant-keeping God, and that many of our small meetings held in the middle of the week, are seasons of Divine favor, but sadness and loneliness was felt by reason of the absent brethren. If the faithful in this particular witness gain by an increase of spiritual strength, the unfaithful must sustain a great loss. The promise to the "two or three" is as new and valid as ever. Gathered from the world in the name of Jesus, His love filling and animating our hearts, is to us evidence of His sure promise, "there am I in the midst." Such meetings will be lively, and all drowsiness will be expelled. These blessings are made available to every one of us by the rich mercies of God in Christ Jesus our Lord, and as we wish to be clothed with His Spirit, the legacy of peace will be ours that the world cannot give or take away. Let those who mourn in Zion because few come to her solemn feasts, be faithful in the discharge of Christian duties towards the more unfaithful ones. The path of duty is the path of safety. If we accept Jesus as our Counsellor and our Guide, we shall be directed in right paths, and the Comforter will make these paths pleasant.

"Love is of God, and "is the fulfilling of the law;" "he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen." We are as prone to sin in this direction as in any other, for we are "by nature children of wrath, even as others," from which we need redemption and Divine preservation. The overcoming of this we may accept with all thankfulness, as the fruit of the Spirit, as an evidence that "we have passed from death unto life," and that we love the Saviour. "If a man love me he will keep my words," and he has commanded us to love one another. "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life." May all be concerned to labor for these precious attainments, and pray to be preserved therein.

"A desire was expressed that we might be establish-

ed on the only sure foundation, having the law of the Lord in our hearts; and not only that the pure mind should be stirred in us, but that we should diligently teach our children right principles, and train them for heaven. As our stay here is but short, and we shall soon have to appear before that tribunal whence there is no appeal, and as the new birth is essential to salvation, may we exercise an earnest care that our children may be prepared for the solemn event, and may we, by example and precept, be faithful in pointing them to Jesus, and in directing their minds to the teachings of saving Grace, inculcating the principles of the Christian religion, as professed by us, and, in practical detail, give to them the reason why we may not indulge, in conformity to the world, in vain sports, games of chance, in music, the theatre, and similar practices, that alienate the mind from the love of God. We should bear in mind that our children have a fallen nature, and have need to be protected from the evil influences that surround them.

“The salutary restraint imposed by our Discipline in reference to a consistent plainness of speech, apparel and demeanor, with the tender care of religious parents, have been the means of preserving many of our youths from hurtful practices and associations. We believe that in Divine wisdom this hedge was early established in our religious society, and the beneficial results from the right maintenance thereof, not only to Friends but to the world, for the space of two hundred years, cannot be questioned, and none of those testimonies which have been transmitted to us, can be spared now. The follies and vices of the world, the tendency to ritualism in the church, and the temptations that surround us, demand a close adherence to our principles, and faithfulness to Divine guidance, and may our example be the beacon to our children and to others, to follow us as we have followed Christ. The offence of the cross has not ceased, and a fear was expressed that not a few are shrinking from it to their own loss, and their consequent lack of usefulness in the church.

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was brought to view ; being a Divine institution, designed to promote the happiness and usefulness of mankind, may our young Friends seek for right direction in these important engagements, so that their peace and happiness may not be marred.

“And may all of every class consider our high calling, and be faithful to every duty.”

17. Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting made the following proposition, viz:—That the Quarterly Meeting now held in Pickering in the 9th Month, be, in future, held in Mariposa at the usual time ; the meeting of Ministers and Elders to be held the preceding day at the usual hour.

18. Which received the unity of this Meeting, and that Quarterly Meeting was allowed to make the proposed change, and to hold the meeting at Mariposa in 9th mo. next.

19. By reports from the Quarterly Meetings there are, within our limits, 492 families ; 1,523 members ; 319 children, who are attending common schools, except 5 attending Friends' Boarding School, 5 attending other schools, 8 receiving instruction at home, and 3 not attending any school. One Monthly Meeting made no report.

20. The Clerk reported that he had procured the printing of the Minutes of last Yearly Meeting, and apportioned and forwarded them to the Quarterly Meetings.

21. The Committee on First-day Schools presented the following report, which was satisfactory. They were continued, and requested to propose to a future sitting, such additional members as may be deemed best.

REPORT.

According to appointment of the Yearly Meeting, the Committee on First-day Schools met in open Conference, 6th day evening the 25th inst. Reports were received from 13 Schools as follow :

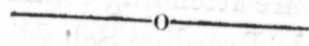
	No. of Teachers.	Scholars.	Time kept open.
Ameliasburg,	6	60	27 weeks,
Bloomfield,	8	40	23 "
Cold Creek,	4	62	23 "
Haldimand,	5	30	6 mont's
Huntingdon,	2	20	All the year
Mariposa,	8	38	"
North Norwich,	6	24	21 weeks,
Pickering,	4	38	26 "
Rockwood,	3	25	All the year
South Norwich,	4	12	18 weeks,
Sydenham,	5	28	All the year
Whitchurch,	4	30	6 mont's
Yonge Street,	9	47	All the year

Total,.....68 Teach. 454 Scholars.

THOMAS WALKER, *Clerk,*

Address, New Durham, Brant County, Ont.

Adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.



THIRD DAY MORNING, the 29th of the month,
Friends again assembled.

22. The Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was received and read.

23. The First-day School Committee proposed the following named Friends as an addition to their number, viz:—

ARTHUR MULLETT, BENJAMIN W. WOOD, ALFRED R. SPENCER, ADAM SPENCER, JAMES KEIGHTLY, JUDITH MULLETT, ISABEL KEIGHTLY, MARY KEIGHTLY, ELLEN ATKINS.

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The nominations were approved, and the Friends were appointed to the service.

24. The Book and Tract Committee made the following report, which was satisfactory.

REPORT.

The Executive Committee report that they have received within the past year, a donation of a number of Books, and about 4,000 Tracts, from Joseph Pease of England. The Tracts have been equally divided among the Quarterly Meetings. The Books, by direction of the Yearly Meeting, were retained as a permanent Library. They have also received a donation of Books and Tracts from Samuel Bettle of Philadelphia, which were equally divided among the Quarterly Meetings. Also a number of Bibles and Testaments, which are in the Library room for sale. We have also purchased a number of Books, with money collected at last Yearly Meeting time for that purpose, which were placed in the Book room for sale. The Committee have also purchased from William H. Chase of Union Springs, N. Y., fifty copies of "Day by Day."

On behalf of the Committee,

EDWARD CORNELL, *Clerk.*

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Amount received by Collection at last Yearly Meeting time,	\$88 34
Bibles and Testaments sold	34 89
Friends' Books sold.....	14 55
Collected by Pickering Monthly Meeting,.....	3 75
" Mariposa " " 	2 55
" West Lake " " 	8 25
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Total receipts	\$152 33

Cash paid J. Smedley for Books,	\$71 04
Freight and Duty charged on do.	9 35
Cash paid for Books from Union Springs.....	42 50
Balance in Treasurer's hands.....	29 44
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JAMES RICHARDSON,
Treasurer of the Committee.

The Committee were encouraged to faithfulness in the further prosecution of their labors.

25. The Committee to visit Meetings, Families, &c., reported as follows :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

The Committee to visit Meetings, Families, &c., report that the subject has claimed our attention, and the greater portion of our number has been engaged, more or less, in the service, and the labor has been consecrated to our own good, and we trust it has been blessed to the good of the visited.

In consideration of the field that has been opened to view, and of the labor to be performed, we would suggest to the meeting that a Committee be separated for further service in that direction.

On behalf of the Committee,

ADAM SPENCER,
MARY ANN VALENTINE.

Pickering, 6 mo., 29th, 1869.

The report was approved, and Clayton Webb, Anthony Haight, Esli Terrill, Gilbert D. Haight, Albin Stover, Elisha Taylor, Henry Giles, Henry Sutton, James Richardson, William Valentine, and Thomas Reazin, were appointed, in conjunction with a Committee of Women Friends, to propose names to a future sitting, to constitute that Committee.

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26. The Committee to consider the proposition from Pelham Quarterly Meeting, reported as follows :

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

Your Committee to whom was confided the proposition from Pelham Quarterly Meeting, report: They have considered the subject, and are united in proposing that former practice be resumed, of answering the Queries in each Quarterly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM SPENCER.

HANNAH JANE CODY.

The report was approved, and subordinate meetings were directed to answer the usual Queries, and forward them to each Quarterly Meeting, and the clause of the Discipline directing the omission of reading the Queries, was ordered to be expunged. Quarterly Meetings were directed to report next year.

27. The Committee to propose some plan for the Board and lodging of Friends in attendance of the Yearly Meeting, made the following report, viz:

We, your Committee, Report; Way does not open to recommend the Yearly Meeting to appropriate funds for the payment of Friends' board while attending Yearly Meeting; but we propose that each Monthly Meeting appoint two or more Friends to correspond with the Committee in Pickering, informing as nearly as practicable, how many of their members will be likely to attend the Yearly Meeting, and to give any other information on the subject that may be desirable. We would also recommend that a Friend be appointed to attend at the Railway Station, to assist Friends in obtaining boarding places.

On behalf of the Committee,

ANDREW HILL.

PHEBE CRONKHITE.

The report was adopted, and Monthly Meetings were directed to give careful attention to the subject.

28. The Trustees of the Boarding School property made the following report:

TO CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,

The Trustees of Friends' Boarding School property, Report; We have sold the farm for the sum of \$5500; \$1500 cash in hand; \$1000 to be paid the first day of 11th month next, and the balance in three equal, annual instalments of \$1000 each. We have \$2500 on hand in cash, and available Notes of the value of \$285, making a total of \$6785, exclusive of Library, School Furniture, &c. We recommend that the funds, and securities for the payment of further sums, be placed in the hands of the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer; also, that the present Committee be released, and the following Friends be substituted, who are, if way opens for it, to purchase land suitable for the site of a Boarding School, viz:— William Spencer, John Ray, Thomas Walker, Robert H. Saylor, Simon Terrill, Gilbert Jones, Stephen W. White, Richard Dall, Peter Taylor, William V. Richardson, and Arnoldi Haight.

On behalf of the Committee,

ARNOLDI HAIGHT.

The report was satisfactory to the Meeting. The Friends named were appointed Trustees, and they were instructed, as way opens for it, to procure plans, specifications, and estimates, for buildings suitable for the School, and to draw upon the Treasurer to meet the expense incurred.

29. The Representatives made the following Report:

The Committee to Audit the Treasurer's accounts, have examined them, and the vouchers therefor, and find them correct. We find a balance of forty dollars and forty-eight cents due the Treasurer. We would propose that three hundred dollars be raised the present year,

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By order of the Representatives,

WILLIAM VALENTINE.

ARNOLDI HAIGHT.

The Report was adopted, and the Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay their respective Quotas to the Treasurer of this meeting, as soon as it can be collected.

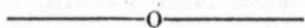
30. Edward Cornell was appointed Trustee of the Yearly Meeting property, in place of Stephen H. Dorland, deceased.

31. The minutes of the Representative Meeting were read. The labors of that body were approved, and they were encouraged in the discharge of the duties confided to them.

32. The subject of a necessary change in the Boarding School Charter, was considered, and was referred to the care of the Representative Meeting.

33. Epistles were read, addressed to London, Dublin, New England and New York, Yearly Meetings.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.



FOURTH DAY, AFTERNOON, the 30th of the month, Friends again met.

34. The Committee to nominate Friends to visit meetings, families, and members, proposed the following—Cornelius Bowerman, Thomas Clark, Gilbert D. Haight, Allen M. Dorland, Anthony Haight, Alexander Blanchard, William B. Stover, Harvey Haight, Stephen Coon, William Spencer, Elisha Taylor, Thomas Moore, Ira Clark, Theodore Huntley, and Joseph Cady.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE,

Rachel Cronkhite, Eliza H. Varney, Marianne Valentine, Elizabeth Garratt, Patty G. Dorland, Phebe Haight, Sarah T. Barker, Betsy W. Stover, Ellen Atkins, Elizabeth Spencer, Jane Clark, Edith Rogers, Rachel Haight, Catharine Moore, Hannah Cornell, and Esther Cody.

The nominations were approved, and the Friends named were appointed to the service, to report the result of their labors, to next Yearly Meeting.

35. By the Epistles received it appeared the following Correspondents had been appointed, viz :

FOR LONDON YEARLY MEETING,

Rickman Godlee, 3 New Square, Lincolns Inn, London.
William Allen, Winchmore Hill, near London.
William Beck, 33 Finsbury Circus, London.

FOR DUBLIN YEARLY MEETING,

Samuel Bewly, Dame Street, Dublin.
Thomas W. Fisher, Sycamore Alley, Dublin.

FOR NEW ENGLAND,

Thomas Harkness, for Providence Monthly Meeting.
Address, Providence, R. I.

FOR NEW YORK,

For New York Monthly Meeting, Westbury Quarter ;
William R. Thurston, in place of William Crounwell
released at his own request. Address, 141 William
Street, New York.

For Oswego Monthly Meeting, Nine Partners Quarter ;
Joseph Flagler, in place of George Coudon.
Address, Poughkeepsie, Dutchess Co., N. Y.

For Butternuts Monthly Meeting, Butternuts Quarter ;
Joseph Bull, in place of Henry Bull, released at his
request. Address, West Oneonta, Otsego Co., N. Y.

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For Marlborough Monthly Meeting, Cornwall Quarter ;
George Hallock, in place of Thomas P. Thorn, released
at his request. Address, Milton, Ulster Co., N.Y.

For Farnham Monthly Meeting, Ferrisburg Quarter ;
Joshua Bull, in place of Abner H. Beede, released at
his request. Address, East Farnham, Province of
Quebec, Canada.

We are also informed by the Epistle from New Eng-
land, that that Yearly Meeting is to commence in future
on Seventh day after the second Sixth day in 6th mo.,
and the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, the
day preceeding, both meetings to commence at 9 o'clock
in the morning.

36. The following Minutes were prepared by the
Committee appointed for that service, for Friends in
attendance from other Yearly Meetings; which were
approved. The Clerk was directed to sign them on be-
half of this meeting, and to deliver them to the Frier ls
respectively.

At Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Pick-
ering, Ontario, from the 25th of the 6th mo., to the 30th
of the same, inclusive, 1869.

Our beloved Friend Joseph D. Hoag, a Minister, ac-
ceptably attended this Meeting, with a Certificate of
unity from Spring Creek Monthly Meeting of Friends,
held at Oskaloosa 5th mo. 1st, 1869, endorsed by Oska-
loosa Quarterly Meeting, held at New Sharon 5th mo.
22nd, 1869.

Similar Minutes were prepared for, the following
named Friends :

William Jenkins,	from Alliance Mo. Meeting,	Ohio.
Joseph Hobson,	" Gilead	" "
Jesse T. Hartley,	" "	" "
Amos Batty,	" Winnesheik	" Iowa.
Isaac Jay,	" Missisinewa	" Indiana.
Eli Newlun,	" Plain Field	" "

John Paige, " Weare " New Hampshire.
 Caroline E. Talbot " Short Creek " Ohio.
 Sarah. A. Linton, " Center " "
 Hannah S. Fry, " Marlborough " New York.
 Eliza H. Meader, " Purchase " "
 Huldah M. Beede, " Providence " Rhode Island.
 Joel Kirk, companion to William Jenkins, Damascus
 Monthly Meeting Ohio.
 Livius A. Benedict, companion to Joseph Hobson, Alan
 Creek Mo. Meeting, Ohio.
 Robert W. Hadson, companion to Eli Newlin, Plainfield
 Mo. Meeting, Indiana.
 Seth Surton, companion to Sarah Ann Linton, Center
 Mo. Meeting, Ohio.
 Elizabeth F. Hobson, companion to Caroline E. Talbot,
 Smithfield Mo. Meeting, Ohio.
 Martha A. Ensign, companion to Hannah S. Fry, Oswe-
 go. Mo. Meeting, New York.

Minutes were also prepared for Nicholas Batty,
 and Martha his wife, Elders from Winnesheik Monthly
 Meeting, Iowa; Rufus Hazard, an elder from Ferris-
 burg Monthly Meeting, Vermont; and William Dean,
 an Elder from Ferrisburg Monthly Meeting, Vermont.

37. The following Minute was approved, and the
 Clerk was directed to append it to the Epistles address-
 ed to the Yearly Meetings on this Continent, viz :

We have been introduced into a feeling of tender
 sympathy with our brethren of other Yearly Meetings,
 who have assumed the highly responsible position of
 having an official care of a portion of the Indian tribes
 of America. Our prayers are to the Ruler of the uni-
 verse—the Father of mercies—that He would grant to
 our beloved Friends, who are engaged in the good work,
 wisdom to guide in the service, and strength to perform
 the work, according to His will, and that He would be
 pleased so to influence the hearts of the rulers and of
 the people, that the great object in view may be crown-
 ed with complete success, to the glory of His great name.

38. Essays of Epistles to Baltimore, North Carolina,

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Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa, Yearly Meetings, were read. All the Epistles were carefully considered, and, with some slight alterations, approved. The Clerk was directed to transcribe and sign them, and forward them to the meetings to which they are respectively addressed.

39. William Valentine and Levi Varney were appointed to procure the printing of 800 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, to apportion and forward them to the Quarterly Meetings, to draw upon the Treasurer to meet the expense, and report.

40. James Witherald was appointed Treasurer of this Meeting, in place of Robert Richardson deceased.

41. Thomas G. Reasin and Seth Wilson were appointed to provide shelves and hooks, and put them up in the hall and lobby of the Meeting-house, to draw upon the Treasurer for the expense, and report.

42. Having been made sensible of our own weakness, from sitting to sitting, we thankfully acknowledge that help has been graciously afforded by our Holy Head, enabling us to conduct and to conclude the business that has claimed our attention, in harmony and love. Being comforted by these fresh assurances of our Father's care, we separate, to meet in this place at the appointed time next year, if the Lord permit.

ADAM SPENCER,

Clerk.