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YEARLY MEETING  
OF THE  
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*Society of Friends in Canada,*

HELD IN PICKERING,

1871.

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AT CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS,  
held in Pickering, Ontario, from the 30th of  
Sixth-month, to the 5th of Seventh-month,  
inclusive, 1871.

1. By Reports received from all the Quarteriy  
Meetings, it appears the following named Friends  
were appointed their Representatives in this  
Meeting, viz :—

**For Pelham.**

Harvey Haight,  
Israel D. Titus,  
Jonathan H. Rogers,

William P. Barker,  
Elisha Taylor,  
John Ray.

**For Yonge Street.**

Thomas Moore,  
Benjamin Cody,  
Arnoldi Haight,  
Comly Randall,

Edmund Wright,  
Thomas G. Reazin,  
Smith Clark,  
William V. Richardson.

**For West Lake.**

Levi Varney,  
William Valentine,  
William Garratt.

Alexander Blanchard,  
Gilbert Jones,

These Representatives were all present except three.

The Care-takers were nearly all present.

2. There were in attendance Friends, members of other Yearly Meetings, who produced Certificates of unity, from the Meetings to which they belong. We greet them in the love of the Gospel.

The following Friends were appointed to join a like Committee of Women Friends, to prepare, as way shall open for it, suitable minutes, in duplicate, relative to their attendance, and produce to a future sitting, viz :—

Allen M. Dorland, Arnoldi Haight, John Wright, and Charles G. Bowerman.

3. Epistles addressed to us were received from Dublin, New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa.

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The reading of these tokens of brotherly love, again brought our distant Friends near to us in Gospel fellowship.

To prepare Essays addressed to those Yearly Meetings, also one to London Yearly Meeting, as they may feel ability, and produce to a future sitting, the following Friends were appointed :—

Thomas Clark, Charles G. Bowerman, Jonathan H. Rogers, John Ray, Alexander Derbyshire, Allen M. Dorland, Seneca Doane, John Wright, Albert C. Stover, William Spencer, James F. Barker, William Valentine, George Rorke, Arnoldi Haight, Smith Clark, Benjamin Cody, Johnson Brewer, James Keightly, Clarkson Rogers, Isaac Yourex, Christopher Dale, Thomas Moore, Jeremiah Clark, Wm. B. Stover, Robert H. Saylor, Thomas G. Reazin, Simon Terrill, Francis Starr, Stephen Cronkhite, George Lapp, Stephen W. White, Allen Cody, and Edward Waring.

4. A proposition from Western Yearly Meeting relative to a conference of Representatives from the several Yearly Meetings, was brought before us, and after deliberation, it was concluded to appoint the following Friends, in conjunction with a Committee of Women Friends, to take the subject into weighty consideration, and report to a future sitting :—

Ira Clark, Israel D. Titus, Jesse Stover, John R. Hodgson, Thomas Clark, Jonathan H. Rogers, Johnson Brewer, John Ray, Esli Terrill, Clayton Webb, Adam Spencer, and Thomas Reazin.

5. The Representatives were directed to audit

the Treasurer's Accounts, to ascertain the condition of the Treasury, to propose such a sum as may be necessary to be raised 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 Clerk.

Also to propose the names of two Friends to serve as Messengers for this Meeting.

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

*Seventh-day morning, 1st of Seventh-month.*

About the time adjourned to, the Meeting convened.

6. Wm. Valentine on behalf of the Representatives, proposed the names of Adam Spencer for Clerk, and of Levi Varney for Assistant. The nominations being approved by the meeting, the Friends were appointed to the service.

James F. Barker, and Edward Waring were also proposed for Messengers, and were appointed accordingly.

7. We received at this time the General Epistle from the Yearly Meeting in London, for 1871, the reading of which was comforting to us; the doctrine declared in it is *our* doctrine; and we

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desire to embrace the counsel, and to improve thereby. That our members generally may have the benefit of its perusal, Arnoldi Haight, and James Keightly were appointed to procure the reprint of 1,000 copies, to apportion and forward them to the several Monthly Meetings, to draw upon the Treasurer for the sum necessary to defray the expense, and to report.

We also received and read the Epistle addressed to us by the late Yearly Meeting of Friends held in London. The reading of it was comforting to us.

We also received with the foregoing, printed addresses issued by our Friends of London Yearly Meeting, entitled respectively,—

*“To all in France who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity;”*

*“To the French Nation, and especially to the inhabitants of the City of Paris;”* and

*“To the People of France.”*

The reading of these tendered our minds; and in order to give them general circulation, it was concluded to append them to the printed Minutes of this Meeting, and to have 1,000 separate copies printed for distribution.

8. We entered upon a consideration of the state of Society, as presented by the answers to

the Queries, and proceeded as far as the second inclusive.

Then adjourned to 11 o'clock, Second-day morning.

*Second-day morning, 7th Mo. 3rd.*

The Meeting assembled according to adjournment.

9. The reading of the Queries and Answers was resumed and finished. The Clerks were directed to prepare, as ability may be granted them, a Minute, embracing the Exercises of the Meeting, and to produce it at a future sitting.

The following is a summary of the answers to the Queries, as adopted.

1. Most friends are careful to attend our meetings, for worship and discipline. All the reports say there is neglect in attending mid-week meetings. The hour is nearly observed. Some instances of unbecoming behavior, and some care taken.

2. Friends are generally preserved in love, one towards another, a few instances excepted, one under care. When differences arise, care appears to be taken to end them. Tale-bearing and detraction are discouraged, but do not appear to be fully avoided.

3. With some exceptions, 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, and in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins. Friends appear to be good examples in these respects themselves, though deviations are apparent. Friends

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do endeavor to guard their children, and all others uuder their care, against corrupt conversation, and reading pernicious books.

4. Most Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5. One instance is reported of a Friend using distilled spiritous liquors for purposes not medicinal. Clear of frequenting taverns. One report says, a few instances of attending places of diversion, and care taken.

6. The circumstances of the poor, and of those who appear likely to require assistance, are duly inspected, and relief is seasonably afforded them. They are advised and assisted in suitable employments; and their children, and all others under our care, are properly educated for the ordinary duties of life.

7. One instance is reported of complying with military duty in the past year. Clear of paying any fine or tax instead thereof.

8. The reports mention five exceptions to being just in dealing, and punctual in fulfilling engagements, which are under care. With these exceptions, Friends appear to be careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. If any give occasion for fear on these accounts, they are labored with for their preservation and recovery.

9. Care appears to be taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our Discipline, though a doubt is expressed as to seasonable care.

10. The Minutes of the proceedings of the Representative Meeting, for the past year, were read, and the labors of that body were approved.

11. By the following Minute from that Meeting, relative to the decease of our late Friend, James Richardson, it appears there is a vacancy

in that body ; and James Wetherald and Thomas Reazin were appointed to propose to a future sitting, the name of a Friend to fill the place.

## MINUTE.

At a Meeting of the Representatives of the Society of Friends in Canada, held in Pickering, the 28th of Sixth Month, 1871.

We have to remind the Yearly Meeting of the vacancy in this, caused by the death of our beloved Friend, James Richardson.

We are solemnly affected by the loss we and the Church have sustained by the removal of our dear Brother and co-laborer ; but we are comforted and assured that our loss is his gain. May his steadfast faith and consistent walk, his efficient services through life, his peaceful and triumphant death, serve as encouragements to us who survive him, to increased faithfulness in the Lord's service.

*Extracted from the Minutes of the said Meeting.*

IRA CLARK, CLERK.

Then adjourned to 10 o'clock, to-morrow morning.

*Third-day Morning, the 4th of the Month.*

About the time adjourned to, the Meeting convened.

12. The following Minute of advice was read and approved :—

The reports of the Quarterly Meetings on the state of society, presented deficiencies as to Christian walk and duties. An exercise was awakened in the Meeting, on account thereof ; and

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much counsel was imparted, tending to stir us up to greater faithfulness in word and work.

The oft-repeated complaint, of the love of the world having the place of the love of the Father, was felt to be the principal cause of the neglect of Mid-week Meetings, which is so prevalent. Is privation ours to bear? has not God power to bless? Does he not uphold us, and preserve our lives; are we not the objects of his care and love? He who hath given His Son for us, will he withhold any good thing from us? As we, through the operation of His grace are made to feel the hardness of our hearts, may we pray God to give us tender spirits, thankful hearts, in which we may worship and glorify Him. Our difficulties will be lessened, and a desire for religious fellowship, and religious meetings will be begotten. Our example and our precept will be, come and partake with us. We have need to do more than to go to Meeting,—we must be worshippers when there.

If the love of God is begotten in our hearts, and we labor to dwell in love, our gathering will be unto Shiloh. His presence realized, charity will abound, and a care will be exercised, to think no evil,—to endure all things.

A sacred trust our Heavenly Father hath committed to parents, in the gift of children; and it is early at home that the bent of the mind is formed. When the confidence of the child is towards the parent, is the time for right feelings and habits to be cultivated, and right principles to be implanted. How important then, that the parents themselves, be in the fold of Christ, and to know the Shepherd's voice, in order to qualify them as faithful delegates, to lead the lambs to the Chief Shepherd, that they also may recognize and follow His teachings. As the children advance in years, they are exposed to evil associations in School and otherwise, which call for vigilant care, on the part of parents, to watch the further development of the

youthful mind, and in the love of a crucified and risen Saviour to labor to keep and direct the heart in the right way of the Lord.

As books are silent companions, influencing for good or for evil, how apparent is the need of care in this direction. As the school books of the present day inculcate warlike sentiments, may we be diligent in watching the tendency in the minds of the children, and as an antidote to the evil thus diffused, remind and instruct them in the teachings of the Prince of Peace. A caution was given relative to hiring helps, with whom the children associate, that they be not persons of corrupt conversation. As the souls of those who are committed to our care, are of infinitely more value than the earthly gain thus obtained.

Plainness and simplicity in dress, language and deportment was spoken of, as lovely. We look for these as the fruit of conversion,—as an evidence of a real work of grace. May we entertain that charity that “hopeth all things.” May we be prayerfully concerned for the conversion of our children, being impressed with the solemn truth, “Ye must be born again.” And may our example give fruitful evidence, that we have attained to the character of the children of God.

As God has blessed us with instrumentalities, may we be concerned to use them for His glory. It was a sad thought that any amongst us should deprive themselves, and children, of the privilege of the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures, with their families collected about them. May this service not be performed hurriedly, but prayerfully, with a suitable devotional pause. As we are faithful to the openings of truth, on these occasions, we may not only expect, but realize a blessing.

Although reported nearly clear in regard to the use of distilled spiritous liquors, an enquiry was awakened whether we were doing what we could to arrest the progress of this great evil in our land. Do we look with compassion upon the poor

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inebriate, the slave to thirst? Are we endeavoring to lead him to the Rock that is higher than we are?—to him who saves to the uttermost. And may we see to it, that our influence is in the right direction, as way opens in the Truth, to uphold and encourage fellow-believers of every name, in their exertions to stay this *curse*, so fruitful in its victims.

In view of the mania of the present day for pastimes, let all be watchful and prayerful. And be concerned to give evidence to those around us, that we are happy in our loving Lord, without the use of these recreations.

The thought that any of our members should be dishonest, and unfaithful to promises, was cause of exercise to the Meeting. We who profess that our yea is yea, and our nay is nay:—may none baulk such a testimony, and become a stumbling-block,—nor descend to equivocation in dealing,—so much beneath the dignity of the Christian; but pray for preservation from covetousness, that perishing things may not be our idols, but to “sanctify the Lord God in our hearts.”

A concern was felt that we may watch over one another for good, not to countenance sin in our brother: and as we are constrained to administer reproof, that it be done in the spirit of restoring love. And whilst we point out the error committed, be sure to direct in the way of amendment. Always remembering our own liability to err, and our need of forgiveness.

May all abide under a sense of the mercies of our Heavenly Father. Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

13. The Meeting of Ministers and Elders, presented their minute of advice, which was read to our satisfaction, and is as follows:—

At Canada Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, held at Pickering, Ontario, and opened the 28th of Sixth Month, 1871,

The following minute, embracing the exercises of the Meeting, was read and adopted:—

The reading the queries, and answers thereto, brought to view deficiencies, which was a source of humiliation: and we were incited to a deep searching of heart, to know the cause thereof, and that a remedy might be found and applied.

Several dear Friends were enabled, in the love of Christ, to give expression to words tending to our admonition, instruction, and comfort.

We were reminded of our obligations to God, and of our responsibilities, in consequence of our purchase, the free pardon procured for us, and of our appointments as overseers. Not only to "take heed to ourselves, and to all the Flock," but to "feed the Church of God."

We were admonished that to do this,—to discharge our duties to the Church, and in the world, we have need to be fed ourselves, to receive our "daily bread." The Manna of yesterday will not suffice for to-day:—therefore the need of diligence, of watchfulness, and prayer. As we are thus engaged in all the relations of life—in our labors, our cares, or engagements, we will realize the Lord's goodness, in supplying all our wants, and in giving us ability, with thankfulness, to serve and worship Him.

As this blessed concern is maintained in the house-hold, the home circle will become a place of worship,—a place where prayer is wont to be made; and a hallowed influence will be felt by old and young. As these families congregate, under the same blessed exercise, and united engagement, in expectation of the "promise of the Father, the presence of the Redeemer,"—these meetings will not fail to be held in the power of God.

The effect will be to convict and convince the unconverted, to comfort the mourners, encourage the seekers, and be attractive

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The full maintenance of our Christian discipline, was felt to be a high attainment, as we are called to holiness and virtue. The faithful following of this call, led our Fathers to embrace testimonies that are still dear to us, not one of which can be spared now. The Church and the world have need of them:—may we all be faithful to the trust.

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.” In view of the command, may we wait in expectation of the promise; and as power from on high is received, may we move in it,—not before it; nor yet to lag behind, and hurt our service by improper delay. We were feelingly reminded of the possibility of losing our gifts, whilst yet in the use of words: and we were exhorted to watch over one another for good, with a view to the restoration of these; and that we may submit to the needful baptism, to prepare us for that and every other service. And may none put themselves beyond the reach of care.

Many words were expressed by way of encouragement to the diffident, and to those who at times are nearly ready to cast away their confidence. May these witness for themselves, an increase of Faith, and be strengthened in the full exercise of gifts bestowed upon them by our Holy Head.

May we all, dear Friends, dwell in love, and have a care to keep out of all bitterness, and alienation, and strife; but under a sense of what the Lord has forgiven us, forgive one another,—to pray for each other,—more and more to realize that “one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren.”

*Extracted from the Minutes of said Meeting.*

IRA CLARK, CLERK.

14. The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting, reported as below. On careful consideration it was united with, and the subject referred accordingly. The Clerk was directed to append a copy of the report to the Epistle to Western Yearly Meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting ;—

We your Committee on the proposition from Western Yearly Meeting, have had the subject under prayerful deliberation. We were brought into near sympathy with our Friends of that Meeting, and have felt the importance of the concern. But way does not clearly open to recommend the Meeting to move in it, at the present time. We therefore propose that the subject rest on the minds of Friends, to be considered next year.

On behalf of the Committee,

ADAM SPENCER.

ELIZA H. VARNEY.

Pickering, 7th Mo. 3rd, 1871.

15. By a postscript to the Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting, we are informed that that Meeting has granted to four Quarterly Meetings, situated in the States of Kansas and Missouri, the establishing of a Yearly Meeting in Kansas, to be known by the name of "Kansas Yearly Meeting," to be opened in 10th Month, 1872, provided the other Yearly Meetings shall unite therewith. After a time of careful deliberation,

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the Meeting fully united therein. The Clerk was directed to append this Minute to the Epistle to Indiana Yearly Meeting.

16. The Book and Tract Committee presented the following Report, which was approved by the Meeting :—

To the Yearly Meeting :—

The Executive Committee of the Book and Tract Association report,—

That on the 15th of 2nd Month, 1871, we met and appointed William V. Richardson, Treasurer, as successor to James Richardson, who wished to be released on account of declining health. Walter Cornell was appointed Librarian for one year.

Within the past year we have purchased a new stock of Books from William Wood of New York, and Jacob Smedley of Philadelphia, which are in the Library for sale; also, Fifteen Dollars worth of Tracts, now ready for distribution :—each Quarterly Meeting to take its share.

We have recently taken Stock, and find we have now in the Library, Two Hundred and Four Dollars, and Fifty-two cents worth of Books.

EDWARD CORNELL, SECRETARY.

Pickering, 7th Month 1st, 1871.

The Treasurer's Report of the Book and Tract Association of Canada Yearly Meeting, held at Pickering, 6th Month 28th, 1871.

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ASSETS.

6th Mo. 30.	Cash on hand,	\$61.09
" "	Rec'd from J. G. Reazin,	45.53
	Carried forward,	<u>\$106.62</u>

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

		Brought forward,	\$106.62
"	"	" Yonge St. Mo. Meeting,	1.50
"	"	" Norwich do	1.28
"	"	" Adam Spencer,	2.00
"	"	" Mariposa Monthly Meeting, by S. Clark,	3.00
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5th Mo.	20.	" Walter Cornell, Sale of books,	1.92
6th "	27.	" Kingston Monthly Meeting,	2.75
			<u>119.07</u>

1871. DISBURSEMENTS.			
2nd Mo.	15.	Paid Draft on New York City Bank,	\$92.59
"	"	" Express and Freight,	8.50
"	"	" Duty,	5.25
"	"	" Postage,	0.30
"	"	" Book for Librarian,	0.50
			Cash on hand, 11.93
			<u>119.07</u>

## PRESENT ASSETS.

Cash on hand,	\$ 11.93
Books as per valuation,	204.52
	<u>216.45</u>

WM. V. RICHARDSON, TREASURER.

The Committee were continued, and encouraged to increased faithfulness, in this very interesting and useful work. Corresponding Committees were requested to be faithful in their part of the service, and to make full and distinct reports to the Central Committee.

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17. The First-day School Committee reported as follows :—

At the Annual Meeting of the Committee of Friends' First-day School, of Canada Yearly Meeting, held in open Session, Sixth Month 30th, 1871.—

The Clerk not being present, Robert H. Saylor was appointed to the service.

We have received reports from seventeen schools, a summary of which follows. There are

- 77 Teachers engaged in the work.
- 73 Classes.
- 710 Children on roll.
- 188 Adults on roll.
- 513 In average attendance.
- 266 Members on the roll.
- 212 Children on the roll under 16 years of age.
- 124 Months the schools have been kept open, in aggregate, being an average of 7 5-17 months.
- 2254 Volumes of Books in Libraries.
- 6 Papers taken.
- 4804 Volumes lent during the year.
- 4 Friends have been teaching in other First-day Schools.

On reviewing the past year's labor in the work, we are impressed with the importance of diligence and perseverance in this, as in every other right engagement. We are sensible of our lack in these respects. We have felt strengthened, as the children have met with us in the school from time to time; and we have also felt that those children, with ourselves, would be cheered by the company in the school, of more of the parents, and others interested in the welfare of them.

The Committee suggest that the following questions be add-

ed to the list to be hereafter reported.

Number of children on the roll under 16, belonging to the Meetings.

Average attendance of those.

Number of members on the roll over 16 years of age.

Average attendance of such.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

ROBERT H. SAYLOR, CLERK.

The Report was satisfactory and encouraging; the labors of the Committee were approved.

18. Our beloved Friend, William G. Coffin, was in attendance with a minute from the Committees of the Quarterly Meetings of Kansas and Missouri, as their delegate, to solicit aid in building a Meeting House at Lawrence, Kansas, for the accommodation of the proposed Yearly Meeting, to be held there. Our Monthly Meetings were requested to open subscriptions for the purpose; and friends were encouraged to liberality in the concern, and to forward early, the amount likely to be raised, to James Wetherald, Pickering, to be by him forwarded to Washington Hadley, Lawrence, Kansas, by the First of 11th Mo., next. The Clerk was directed to forward a copy of this minute, at once, to the Monthly Meetings.

19. The Committee to nominate a Friend to fill the vacancy in the Representative Meeting, proposed Joshua N. Richardson, which was approved, and he was appointed to the service.

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20. The Representatives reported as follows, which was adopted.

The Representatives report:—We have examined the Treasurer's Account. The Books and Vouchers agree. And a balance remains in his hands of \$202.22. There are sums amounting to nearly \$100, ordered to be paid by the Yearly Meeting, which have not yet been presented.

We would recommend that \$150 be directed to be raised the present year.

On behalf of the Representatives,  
ARNOLDI HAIGHT.

Pickering, 7th Month 4th, 1871.

Subordinate Meetings were directed to raise their respective quotas of \$150, pay to this Meeting's Treasurer, and report.

21. The Friends appointed to procure the printing, and to forward the Minutes of last year, report the service performed.

22. The Friends appointed to receive the Minutes, last year, not being all present, the Meeting was informed they were all received.

23. Jacob Gainer, Jr., Albert C. Stover, Seneca Doan, Thomas G. Reazin, Joseph Cody, Thomas J. Rorke, Esli Terrill, Levi Varney, and Jonathan P. Ward, were appointed to receive printed documents and minutes this year, and report.

24. John Wright, Gilbert Moore, and Adam Spencer, were appointed to procure the printing of 800 copies of the Minutes of this Meeting, to

apportion and forward them to the Monthly Meetings, and to draw upon the Treasurer for the funds required to meet the expense.

25. The following message from our dear departed Brother, Benjamin Seebom, of England was received at this time, to the tendering of our hearts. The remembrance of his visit, and Gospel labors amongst us, was received, and we were stimulated with a fresh hope, by the account of his death, which took place 6th Month 2nd, 1871, "Whilst firmly fixed on the one sure foundation, Jesus Christ, *my Saviour*."

6th Month 3rd, 1871.

Isaac Robson says of his brother, Benjamin Seebom;—He desired me to give his dear love to his friends in America, saying,—“I love them all,—all without exception.” He expressed his earnest desire that Friends might be kept on the sure foundation, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, to-day, and forever. After the reading of a short Psalm, he said:—“Firmly fixed on the one sure foundation, Jesus Christ, *my Saviour*.”

Adjourned to 3 o'clock, to-morrow afternoon.

*Fourth-day afternoon, the 5th of the Month.*

The Meeting again convened.

At a Meeting of the Representatives of the Society of Friends, held at Pickering, and opened the 28th of 6th Month, 1871.

The Friends appointed to obtain the needful alteration in the Charter, for Friends' Boarding School, report,—They have at-

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tended to the duties confided to them, and produced the action of the Legislature respecting it. The labors of the Committee were satisfactory, and they were directed to call on the Treasurer for the expenses incurred.

Extracted from the Minutes.

IRA CLARK, CLERK.

26. By the foregoing minute from the Representative Meeting, we are informed that an Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Friends' Seminary, of the Province of Ontario, has been obtained; so that the transfer of title, to the land agreed for, may now be made.

The Act of Incorporation was produced and read.

John Wright, William V. Richardson, and Thomas G. Reazin were appointed Trustees, to receive the title for said property, in accordance with the provisions of said Act of Incorporation.

Monthly Meetings were directed to open subscriptions, for the purpose of raising funds for the erection of suitable buildings for said School. Henry Reazin, Christopher Dale, Arnoldi Haight, Gervas Cornell, Peter Taylor, Robert H. Saylor, Gilbert Jones, Jonathan P. Ward, William Spencer, Gilbert Moore, and Edmund Wright were appointed to proceed in erecting said buildings, as soon as the needful funds are obtained. Monthly Meetings to forward early as may be, information to the Committee, of the amount

likely to be obtained.

The Committee to report next year, to this Meeting.

27. William V. Richardson was appointed Correspondent for this Meeting, in the place of James Richardson, deceased.

*Address* :—PICKERING, ONTARIO, CANADA.

28. The Committee to visit Meetings, and families living remote from Meetings, made the following very satisfactory report.

To the Yearly Meeting :—

The Committee to visit Meetings, Families, &c., report :

Through the past year, way has not been opened for much labor in this direction; yet, some of our number have been engaged in the work. Some Meetings and isolated families have been visited, we trust to our mutual comfort. We would commend this portion of our members to the tender sympathy, and watchful care of the Church, and its individual members. May they ever be borne upon our hearts, and may we avail ourselves of every opportunity to extend to them a friendly greeting,—using our best endeavors to strengthen their weak hands, and cheer them on their way.

Which we submit to the Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

IRA CLARK,

BETSY W. STOVER.

Pickering, 7th Month 4th, 1871.

29. Epistles addressed to London, Dublin, New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, and Iowa, were read and

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approved. The Clerk was directed to transcribe and sign them, and to forward them to the Meetings to which they are addressed.

30. The following minute for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, were approved. The Clerk is directed to sign them, on behalf of the Meeting, and deliver them to the Friends respectively.

Our beloved Friend, Daniel Breede, a Minister, acceptably attended this Meeting, with a certificate of unity from Seabrook Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Amesburg, 5th Month 4th, 1871, endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held at Amesburg, Mass., 5th Mo. 25th, 1871.

Similar minutes were prepared for the following Friends:—

John Cartland, a Minister, from New England Yearly Meeting.		
Nathan Douglas, “	“	“
Abigail M. Hanson, “	“	“
Phebe Bowerman, “	New York	“
Mary A. Peckham, “	“	“
Lydia A. McUmbert, “	“	“
Deborah C. Thomas, “	Baltimore	“
Joseph Moore, “	Indiana	“
Edith Griffith, “	Ohio	“
Amos Griffith, an Elder,	“	“

Companion to his wife, Edith Griffith.

Daniel Peckham, an Elder, from N. Y. Yearly Meeting.

Companion to his wife, Mary A. Peckham.

Mary Beede, an Elder, from New England Yearly Meeting,

Companion to Abigail M. Hanson.

Robert Townsend, an Elder, from New York Yearly Meeting.  
 Julia L. Townsend, " " "  
 Hannah Bell, " " "

31. By the Reports, it appears there are, belonging to this yearly Meeting, 1,641 members; 283 are children. One is attending a Friends' School, one is receiving instruction at home, and the remainder, most of them, are attending Common Schools.

The Report from Pelham Quarter is imperfect. 125 families and parts of families, are reported, 385 members, 57 children of school age. Other statistics are not given.

In the other two quarters, there are 216 families, 215 parts of families, 1,256 members, 13 deceased, 14 received into membership, 4 disowned, and 1 resigned membership, in the past year.

Subordinate Meetings are referred to the minute of last year upon this subject.

32. The Epistle from Ohio Yearly Meeting for 1869, having come to hand since our last Yearly Meeting, we make the following extracts from it, as a matter of record.

"From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Mount Pleasant, from the 6th to 10th of 9th month, 1869,

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Dear Friends:—

We have this year with us many dear Friends from

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Adrian Quarterly Meeting; and that Meeting, by a regular course of proceeding, is now attached to this Yearly Meeting. And we feel the aid and company of those dear Friends is a source of encouragement and strength to this Meeting.

Ohio Yearly Meeting in 1870, commences at Damascas, with a meeting for worship, on Fifth-day preceding the first First-day in the Ninth month, at 10 o'clock, a. m. Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, on same day, at 3, p. m.

Meeting for sufferings at 8 o'clock, and yearly meeting for business, at 10 o'clock, on 6th-day morning.

Public meetings on First-day, at 10, a. m., and 3, p. m., as usual.

## CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED THIS YEAR.

For Damascas Monthly Meeting,

Robert Stanley: Address, Damascoville, Mahoning Co., Ohio.

For Adrian Monthly Meeting,

Joseph Gibbons: Address, Adrian, Michigan.

For Raisin Monthly Meeting,

Peleg C. Haviland: Address, Adrian, Michigan.

For Rollin Monthly Meeting,

William Beal: Address, Rollin, Lenawee Co, Michigan.

For Ypsilanti Monthly Meeting,

Edward Gordon: Address, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Signed by direction of the Meeting,

JONATHAN BINNS, CLERK.

33. As there is a necessity for some provision being made for the further accommodation of Friends, whilst in attendance at this Meeting: and the suggestion having been made to fit the old Meeting House for the purpose of board, &c., it was concluded best to appoint James Wether-

ald, Arnoldi Haight, and Peter Taylor, to procure plans and specifications, and as way opens, to proceed in the work; and, if accomplished, present their bill, and report to next Yearly Meeting.

CORRESPONDENTS APPOINTED THIS YEAR.

For Gray Monthly Meeting, William Rorke :

Address, Heathcote P. O., Ontario, Canada.

For Pickering Monthly Meeting, John Wright,  
(in the place of James Richardson, deceased.)

Address, Pickering, Ontario, Canada.

In gratitude to our heavenly Father, for His care over us, during the years of our lives, and for His presence amongst us abundantly manifested at this time, in which we have been strengthened to transact the business that has come before us, in harmony, and brotherly love; with the renewed feeling that the "Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad, we conclude the Meeting, purposing to meet again in this place at the appointed time next year, if the Lord permit.

ADAM SPENCER, CLERK.

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## APPENDIX.

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### Addresses to the French People.

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*From the Christian Society of Friends, commonly called  
Quakers, at their Annual Assembly in London.*

*To all in France who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity.*

DEAR FRIENDS,—During the course of the late dreadful war, with all its attendant calamities, our sympathies for you have often been called forth; and especially have they been awakened by the intelligence reaching us, during the last few days, of the fearful events passing in your capital. But what must have been *your* distress and anguish of spirit in actually witnessing horrors, the report of which, even at our distance from the scene of them, has so filled our hearts with sorrow?

In view of these things, our prayers as a Church have been offered up for you that, in this your deep affliction, you may find help and comfort in realising that "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Overwhelming as are these calamities, let us confidently trust that, through the wonder-working power of the Most High, they will be overruled for the good of those who truly love and fear Him. May the number of these be largely increased! And seeing that "when the Lord's judgments are in the earth" it is mercifully designed

that "the inhabitants of the world" should "learn righteousness," we pray that, even by these things, the hearts of many may be turned to the Lord.

The sad fruits of man's depravity in the fall, which are seen all around us, and which have been so fearfully manifested in your capital, should lead us all more fervently to cherish the Gospel of Christ as the only and all-sufficient remedy for the sins and sorrows of our fallen world. Precious alike to you and to ourselves is that Gospel in its wonderful adaptation to the needs of all. It is the message of a Father's love, inviting all to be reconciled to Him through the death of his son; and assuring us that where sin abounded, grace doth much more abound. In a spirit of Christian affection, we desire that your hands may be strengthened in laboring for the salvation of the multitudes around you who are still sitting in the darkness and the shadow of death, and living, as it were, without God in the world.

In singleness of love to the Saviour, and to those for whom He died, let us seek to be animated by the same spirit which led the apostle to say, "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord, and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake!" And we desire to unite with you in the fervent prayer that, under the gracious influence of the Holy Spirit you may be the honored instruments in bringing many to repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

In the love of Christ we would conclude by addressing you in the words of the apostle, "The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen."

Signed on behalf of the said Society at their Annual Assembly, held in London the 2nd of the Sixth Month [June] 1871.

JOSEPH STORRS FRY, *Clerk.*

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*To the French Nation, and especially to the Inhabitants of the City of Paris, the Society of Friends, otherwise called Quakers, in Great Britain, send these words of Brotherly Greeting.*

We have watched with deep sympathy the terrible calamities through which you have been recently passing; and when the news of the last awful catastrophe of your civil war, with the burnings and devastation in Paris, came upon us as we were sitting in our Annual Assembly, we felt ourselves impelled to address you, in order to assure you how deeply we are penetrated with your sorrow, and how impossible it is for us to remain unmoved at the sight of your affliction.

These sentiments, indeed, we share with the great mass of our fellow-countrymen; but there are two reasons which make us feel them with peculiar intensity—

First, because the Christian Society to which we belong has, for more than two centuries, continually proclaimed the great doctrines, as shown forth in the New Testament, of the brotherhood of mankind, and the unlawfulness of all war, so that these doctrines have become part of the very fibre of our minds; and, *secondly*, because during the past six months our hearts have been wrung by the narratives of suffering and horror which have been brought back to us by the delegates whom we deputed to carry such assistance as we could render—would that it had been a hundred-fold more!—to the suffering townspeople and peasantry in your land.

Believing as we do that God governs in the kingdoms of men, and overrules even their wild and wayward passions to the working out of his own great purposes of love, we are compelled to recognise that, not without his permission, could all these calamities have come upon you. Far be it from us to seek to explain his unsearchable counsels. But the history of our own and other lands teaches us that He judges the nations for their

sins, and that if they forget Him, and seek to banish Him from His own world, He recalls Himself to their thoughts even by sharp and terrible afflictions, and that this *must* be done, because the knowledge of Him, and reverence for his law, is the vital atmosphere of the soul, without which neither men nor nations can truly live.

But if the sins of some have drawn down this punishment on your unhappy nation, multitudes of comparatively innocent victims have been involved in the same dreadful catastrophe; and to these our words of deepest and tenderest sympathy are addressed. Oh! let not the thought, "God has forgotten us, God has cast us off," find footing in your hearts. He does not willingly afflict or grieve the children of men. But with unwearied patience He follows them through the journey of life, using correction or encouragement as He sees fit, but seeking before and beyond all other aims to bring them back again to himself.

We cannot express to you in words the strength of our conviction that God is a God of Love, and that He so loved the world that He gave his own son Jesus Christ, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish, but have everlasting life.

Many among us who in the days of their darkness were the servants of sin and the world, and found that to be a weary bondage, have discovered a joyous freedom, in the service of Jesus Christ, and in working for the good of their fellow-men whom He died to save.

In this same Lord Jesus Christ we find the true centre and meeting-point of the whole family of man—the remedy for all discords and strifes which the spirit of the world breeds among them. In Him, rich and poor, master and servant, citizen and countryman, learned and unlearned, Frenchman and Englishman, may meet together and form one harmonious body of which he is the head. This faith comforts us in all the trials and adversities of life: when we stand by the graves of those

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Speaking to so large and varied an audience, we know that we must be addressing many to whom our words will seem but idle tales. We pray that God's Holy spirit may lead them to prove for themselves whether they are not true, and that they may come, taste, and see how good the Lord is.

But we rejoice in the knowledge that we speak to many others to whom these great facts of our spiritual life are as well known and as precious as to ourselves. We pray that these may be enabled to hold fast the beginning of their confidence in Christ steadfast unto the end.

And may all in your land labor together in the fear and love of our Almighty Father at the rebuilding of a new and happier France; the corner-stone of her foundation being faith in Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God, and the top-stone bearing the inscription, "Glory to God in the highest."

Signed on behalf of the said Society at their Annual Assembly, held in London the second of the Sixth Month, (June) 1871.

JOSEPH STORRS FRY, *Clerk:*

*From the Christian Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, at their Annual Assembly in London.*

*To the People of France.*

The smoke of the great city of Paris has risen as a thick cloud to heaven in the sight of God and of the world, and the calamities that have fallen upon it have made even your own countrymen to exclaim, "How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people." The love we have for you has made us mourn

for your desolations; but there is one in Heaven who loves you much more. He does not willingly afflict the children of man. He looks down and beholds our sorrow. He is moved with compassion towards man as He sees the low estate to which we have all fallen, and even in wrath he remembers mercy. His Fatherly care is over all his works. He is no respecter of person; but the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

People of France! there is *One* hope for you, *One* refuge in the midst of your calamities. God in his love for lost man sent his own well-beloved Son into this world to ransom the lost by the shedding of his own blood for us outside the gates of Jerusalem. Salvation is his free gift, without money and without price. Jesus tasted death for every man. He was wounded for our transgressions. He was bruised for our iniquities, The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with his stripes we are healed!

The Spirit of Jesus Christ is a Spirit of peace and of love, of gentleness and forgiveness; and if we dwell in Him, the fruits of his Spirit will be brought forth in us. It is his Spirit that shows us our sins, and opens our eyes to behold Jesus as the sinner-bearer. This spirit guides into all truth: it is the comforter to comfort them that mourn, to give us joy and peace the world can never give, and to teach us patiently to endure unto the end, considering Jesus who endured such contradiction of sinners against himself. May that Holy Spirit so enlighten your souls in this day of distress that with faith you may turn to the Lord in prayer, crying "God be merciful to me a sinner!" "And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Signed on behalf of the Annual Assembly of the Christian Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, held in London the 2nd of the Sixth Month, (June), 1871.

JOSEPH STORRS FRY, *Clerk.*

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## YEARLY MEETING.

Representative Meeting,	4th day of the week, at 3 o'clock,	P. M.
Meeting of Ministers and Elders,	5th " " 10 " "	A. M.
Yearly Meeting for Discipline,	6th " " 10 " "	A. M.
Yearly Meeting for Divine Worship, 1st	" " 10 " "	A. M.
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First-Day School Committee,	6th " " 6 " "	P. M.
Book and Tract Association,	7th " " 6 " "	P. M.