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Held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 18th of the Sixth
month, to the 22nd of the same,
inclusive, 1897.

SIXTH-DAY—the 18th of Sixth Month.

Reports are received from the Quarterly Meetings,
by which we find their representatives to this meeting
are : from

WEST LAKE—Reuben Vermilyea, Thomas Robinson
and Justus Robeson.

YONGE STREET—Joseph Cody, Royal Rogers and
Charles Doan.

NORWICH—George Pollard, Joseph H. Clayton and
Granville C. Sutton.

Who are present except three.

The Caretakers are : from

WEST LAKE—Enoch Johnston and Arnoldi Foster.

YONGE STREET—John S. Cruis and Benjamin Phillips.

NORWICH—Maurice Pollard and Edward Waring.

Four of whom are absent.

This meeting appoints the following Friends to assist
those who are present as caretakers, viz : Francis Starr
and William V. Richardson.

Epistles have been received from New England, Ohio,
Western, Iowa and Kansas Yearly Meetings, which have
been read to our edification.

To prepare replies to these epistles as Truth may direct,
the following Friends are appointed—George Pollard, Ben-

jamin W. Wood, Royal Rogers, Edward Waring, Francis Starr, Arnoldi Haight, Joseph Pollard, Joseph Clayton, Joseph Cody and Joshua N. Richardson.

Documents placed on the Clerk's table are left to the consideration of the following Friends to report at our next sitting, viz: Francis Starr, Arnoldi Haight and Joseph Cody.

We have in attendance with us, Friends from a distance, with and without credentials from the meetings to which they belong, to whom we extend a welcome.

The following Friends are appointed, in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends, to prepare returning minutes for Friends in attendance with Minutes from other Yearly Meetings as way may open therefor, Joshua N. Richardson and Edward Waring.

Statistics are reported from the Quarterly Meetings. No returns having been received from Leeds and LeRay Monthly meetings, they are omitted.

Two of the Quarterly Meetings report that the amount called for by the Yearly Meeting is raised. One meeting reports it not all raised.

The Representatives are directed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and ascertain the sum required to be raised for the purposes of this meeting for the present year and report.

They are requested to confer together at the rise of this sitting and report to our next the name of a Friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, and one as assistant.

Also to propose the name of two Friends to serve the meeting as Messengers.

This meeting adjourns to meet at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

SEVENTH DAY AFTERNOON—the 19th of the Month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

Joseph Cody, on behalf of the representatives, reports, that they are united in proposing the name of George Rorke for Clerk, and George Pollard as Assistant

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These names having been separately considered are approved of by the Meeting, and they are appointed to those services respectively for the ensuing year.

They also propose that Maurice Pollard and William Cornell serve the Meeting as Messengers, which is united with, and they are appointed to that service.

The Committee to consider the documents laid on the Clerk's table report favorably to their being read in our meeting.

An epistle from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, addressed to the Meetings bearing the name of Friends and the members composing them, was read with acceptance in this meeting.

Also communications from our dear Friends Huldah M. Beede and James McLaughlin.

Information has been received from the Clerk of London Yearly Meeting that the epistle addressed by this Meeting to that body was read amongst them and the reading duly recorded on their Minutes.

The meeting entered upon the examination of the State of its Members as presented in the Answers to the Queries forwarded by the Quarterly Meetings, a summary of which is as follows:—

1st. Nearly all Friends are careful to attend our meetings on the First-day of the week, those held in the middle of the week not so well attended; no unbecoming behavior to remark except some drowsiness; one meeting reports care taken in this deficiency.

2nd. As far as we know, Friends are preserved in love one towards another, when differences arise care is taken to end them; tale bearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

3rd. We believe 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 more care in regard to plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment, is desirable, and also in the example set by parents themselves in these respects; they endeavor to guard their children and all others

under their care against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books.

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

5th. Friends avoid the use of intoxicating drinks, except for purposes strictly medicinal, and are clear of frequenting taverns and of attending places of diversion, as far as we know.

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

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

8th. Friends appear to be just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery.

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

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

To our Members wherever they may be :

All the blessings and benefits which we receive in our journey through life emanate from the source of all good, even from God, the Creator of all things. He will be enquired of by His people,—who must be a peculiar people zealous of good works, and a people who acknowledge Him in *all* their ways. We are not our own we are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ."

The Psalmist says—"How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of Hosts! my soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God." "For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the

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house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness ;" and again he says, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God."

It is our duty as well as our privilege to praise Him and show forth His works. Our allegiance to the King of Kings should be manifest in our daily walk ; showing to the world that we live in accordance with our profession.

If this is our experience we shall be careful not to neglect the assembling of ourselves together in meetings for divine worship and for the exercise of a Christian care over each other for our preservation in unity of faith and practice, agreeably with those of the primitive Christians. There would be a hungering and thirsting after righteousness, a looking unto our Father in Heaven for our daily bread, and He who is not slack to fulfil his promises would abundantly bless our provision and satisfy our poor with bread ; our cords would be lengthened and our stakes strengthened, and there would be an ingathering of many to serve the Lord and to walk in his ways.

If we fully realize the importance of the proper training up of our children in the fear of the Lord, we shall look unto Him for that grace which is all sufficient for our every need ; it will enable us to know ourselves, and as we are obedient thereto it will strengthen us so to walk before our children as examples that they may follow ; we would advise and encourage them in love seasoned with grace.

Many of the churches professing to be Christian are active in training up their youth in the profession of war, which we believe to be contrary to the spirit of Christianity and to the direct teaching of Christ. It behoves us, therefore, not to let our testimony against war fall to the ground, but to demonstrate to the world by our Christian and peaceable demeanor that we are subjects of the Prince of Peace, and we should be careful not to unite in anything calculated to promote the spirit of war or the love of arms.

The meeting adjourns to meet at 10 o'clock, Second-day morning.

Meetings for Divine Worship at 10 o'clock a.m.; and 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

SECOND-DAY MORNING—the 21st of the month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

The following report was received from the Committee on First-day Schools which is satisfactory to the meeting, and the time for holding the meeting of the Committee changed to 7 o'clock p.m. on 7th Day during the Yearly Meeting, in accordance with said report, Women Friends concurring therewith.

(For Report see Minutes of Women Friends.)

Information has been received from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders, of the decease of beloved Friends, who were members of that body, viz.:

Sarah Leavens, who died at Corol, in the State of Michigan, on the 28th day of 12th Month, 1896, in the 74th year of her age; she was a Member and Elder of West Lake Monthly meeting.

Thomas Moore, a Member and Elder of Yonge Street Monthly meeting, who died the 26th day of 2nd Month, 1897, aged 72 years, 11 months and 20 days.

Jesse Stover, a Member and Elder of Norwich Monthly meeting, who died the 13th day of Sixth Month, 1897, aged 93 years, 11 months and 28 days.

Minutes of the Representative Meeting were received and read, as follows:

At a Representative Meeting of Friends of Canada Yearly Meeting held the 19th of 6th Month, 1897.

The interests of the Yearly Meeting in relation to our Government have been carefully considered, and there has not anything occurred during the past year that has called for any action from this meeting.

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ARNOLDI HAIGHT,

Clerk.

Which is satisfactory to this meeting and the recommendation therein approved of.

Granville C. Sutton and Royal Rogers, on behalf of the Representatives, report that they have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct, with a balance of \$144.44 in his hands.

The quota for the past year has been paid excepting \$5.25 due from one meeting.

They recommend that the sum of \$125.00 be raised for the use of this Meeting the present year, with which this meeting unites.

Subordinate meetings are directed to raise their proportion of the said amount, and forward it to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning Minutes produced the following minute which is satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this Meeting and furnish the Friend with a copy thereof.

Our Friend Rebecca Smedley, a minister with a minute of unity from Chester Monthly meeting of Friends held at Media, Pennsylvania, acceptably attended this Meeting. Her company and Gospel labors have been comforting and encouraging to us.

On behalf of the Committee,

JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON,

MARGARET J. JONES.

The Committee to prepare answers to the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings presented those for Kansas, New England, Iowa, Ohio, and Western Yearly Meetings, which were read and approved.

The Clerk is directed to sign the same on behalf of this

Meeting and forward them to those Meetings respectively.
This meeting is adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD-DAY MORNING, the 22nd of the month.

The Meeting convened about the time adjourned to.

The Committee appointed to raise the amount necessary to pay off the indebtedness of this Meeting, report that \$142.50 has been subscribed towards the payment of the aforesaid debt, of which \$126.50 has been paid.

This Meeting empowers the Treasurer to apply \$75 of its present funds together with the amount so raised towards the liquidation of this debt, which will leave a balance of about \$36.00 yet due.

The Committee is continued with Joseph Cody, Gervas Cornell, Thomas J. Rorke, John Garratt, Stephen W. Roberts and Thomas Robinson, added thereto and to report next year.

So far as reported the printed Minutes of last year were received by the Friends appointed for that purpose.

The following Friends are appointed to receive documents for their Monthly meetings, viz.:

Francis Starr, Newmarket, Ont.; Arza Wiltsie, Athens, Ont.; John Garratt, Wellington, Ont.; Jonathan P. Ward, Portsmouth, Ont.; Henry S. Moore, Norwich, Ont.; Thomas J. Rorke, Heathcote, Ont.; Joseph Cody, Linden Valley, Ont.; Joshua N. Richardson, Pickering, Ont.; Thomas Robinson, Shannonville, Ont.; Stephen Roberts, Le Raysville, Jefferson Co., N.Y.

The Clerks are directed to procure the printing of 800 Copies of the Minutes of this Meeting and that of Women Friends in the usual manner, to apportion and forward the same to the persons appointed to receive them and to other individuals as way may open, and draw upon the Treasurer for the funds necessary to meet the expense in connection therewith.

Having been favored to transact the business that has claimed our attention in much harmony and brotherly love, with thankful hearts to our Heavenly Father for his

care over and his condescension toward us, we now conclude, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

GEORGE RORKE,
Clerk.

APPENDIX.

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

IOWA.

Held at Earlham, Iowa, from the 14th of 10th Month to the 20th of the same inclusive, 1896.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Your valuable letter of the Sixth month last, conveying to us some information of your state, and expressing your continued sympathy and regard for our welfare, was duly received and read in our present annual gathering with evident appreciation, and we doubt not with profit to many. From the other Yearly Meetings we have like communications, instructive by reference to their own experiences and by loving admonition touching ours and the course deemed best for us to pursue. These efforts of pious concern, we are constrained to believe, have a large place of usefulness in our organized fellowship, but we are renewedly made sensible that unless the Lord bless these and all such labors of the Church in attempts to edify and console, they must be in vain. He alone can build His own house, and at best the most gifted and proved among us are but instruments in His hand. May it be ours always to abide in the place of waiting for preparation as well as service, so as to be made meet for the Master's use.

Our meeting is not as large in attendance as in some former years, still we have cause for thankfulness that there is yet preserved among us a living concern for the maintenance of the truth as it is in Jesus, and in that distinctiveness which makes all the children of God "a peculiar people."

In considering the state of society, it became apparent that our greatest pressing need was the exercise of broth-

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erly love and condescension within our own borders. And we were reminded that to have the mind of Christ is a possible attainment to every believer, and without that possession we could not belong to Christ. The testimony is "If any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of His." He made Himself of no reputation, He took upon Him the form of a servant, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. In the use of forms, or in their disuse, the children of God may be found to vary, but similarity to the nature of God is the necessary outcome and incidence of the new birth, in regard to which our Saviour declared, "Except a man be born again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

In this probationary state, whilst under all the limitations of human knowledge and difference of surroundings, it need not be to us cause for surprise that we do not at all times see eye to eye, or hold things seen or temporal with the same grasp, but wherever and always when the love of our one God and Father is shed abroad in the heart, that charity, which endureth all things and rejoiceth in the truth, will so rule in this new heaven and new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness, as to bring all into obedience to the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus. Referring thus pointedly to one phase of our new life in Christ, the sole purpose is to enlist your fuller sympathy in the fellowship of souls, which, we doubt not, it is our common desire to attain. Accept, then, our salutation, it is that of brethren. And that you may learn more of us, copies of our printed Minutes will be early sent to you. And for the present, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

CLARKSON T. PENROSE, Clerk.

KANSAS.

Held at Spring River, Kansas, from the 23rd day of 10th Month to the 28th of the same, inclusive, 1896.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS—Having again been favored to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, in order to transact the affairs of Society, and beholding our many shortcomings and weaknesses, we have been constrained to say like some of old, "Lord, it is good for us to be here," and have again realized that it is good for us to thus meet from year to year and scan and scrutinize our past conduct, and again do we realize that this is one and not the least of the means in the hands of an all-wise Creator in forwarding the work of grace in our hearts, and in spreading the knowledge of the Gospel of our blessed and divine Lord. Notwithstanding our many shortcomings and failures, we must acknowledge our Heavenly Father has been pleased to meet with us, from time to time, through the various sittings of this Yearly meeting.

We have also been comforted in the reading of your epistle with those of the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. They are indeed as brooks by the way to the truly hungry and thirsty soul. There is no danger of their ever becoming dry and formal while we ourselves, keep in the life, because the food prepared by an all-wise Creator will satisfy the life he has begotten in us. Therefore, dear Friends, strengthen the hands that are ready to hang down and confirm the feeble knees, lest that which is lame should be turned out of the way, but rather let it be healed.

Our various standing committees have made favorable reports. Our meeting has been fully as well attended as usual by both young and old. That on First-day was larger than usual on such occasions.

Now, dear friends, we bid you an affectionate farewell, hoping that we with you, and you with us, may dwell so near the divine fountain, that if we should be again favored to meet in our annual assembly, we may realize those deficiencies to have decreased, and that by faithfulness our walk has been more consistent with our profession.

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Finally brethren, with love and solicitude for your welfare, we remain your friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

LEVI BOWLES, Clerk.

NEW ENGLAND.

Held at Westerly, R.I., by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th month to the 15th of the same, inclusive, 1897.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—At this, our annual assembly, our minds are drawn towards you, we trust, in a measure of Gospel love, and while fully conscious of our weakness, we are enabled to realize that help is laid upon One who is mighty and able to save, even to the uttermost, all those who put their trust in the Lord, and lean not to their own understanding. How consoling the language when tried even to a hair's breadth, "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about His people from henceforth even forever." Let us then not give place to the tempter, who would, because of discouragements, sometimes presented to our minds, try to persuade us to turn back and walk no more with our crucified and risen Saviour. If, as we most surely believe, our religious society was raised up by the Great Head of the Church to revive primitive Christianity, and firmly to stand for all the precepts as well as example of Christ Jesus our Lord, let us not abandon these precious doctrines and testimonies because of the Cross.

It is encouraging to know that among the various denominations of professing Christians many of our distinguishing doctrines and testimonies are now acknowledged as true and just, and we rejoice in the spread of the principles of peace, so that many nations now look toward arbitration in the settlement of disputes instead of war. The Lord our God is as able now as ever He was in any age of the world to cause a rallying to the standard of truth, and to display the banner thereof to a gain-

saying world, and may we not believe that many will yet turn thereto and fight with spiritual weapons in the army of the Lord. When this is the case no weapon formed against them shall prosper, and they shall realize "that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary: there is no searching of His understanding. He gives power to the faint, and to him that hath no might He increases strength."

We received your acceptable epistle of last year and have been refreshed and encouraged by its brotherly salutation of love, renewedly reminding us of the benefit of epistolary correspondence between the co-ordinate bodies of Friends.

Your words of cheer and stimulation are very precious to us in our stripped and weak condition, and we crave to be enabled to lay hold of God's promise as contained in the Holy Scriptures and as quoted by you: that we may grow in grace, and in the saving knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus Christ, whom to know is life eternal.

Oh! the sweetness and fulness of the precious promises which God in different ages of the world has given to his exercised and redeemed children. These shall "all be taught of God"—"they shall grow up as calves of the stall," "they shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing."

Yet, how many are the trials and baptisms which are needful, ere we come to the measure of the stature of the fulness of spiritual growth! "For the natural man understandeth not the things of the Spirit of God, neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

This attention to the openings of the Spirit in preaching the Gospel has ever been a conspicuous characteristic of the Society of Friends, and may the day never come when our practice of waiting for the arising of divine life in the soul shall be discarded. A few words spoken under divine authority, may reach the witness for truth in the heart, while a long discourse, however eloquently worded, if not prompted by the Spirit, may hinder the

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Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and their weighty words and encouraging language are very helpful, and we are truly thankful for all these favors vouchsafed unto us.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction on behalf of the meeting.

JOHN W. FOSTER, Clerk.

OHIO.

Held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, by adjournments from the 26th of 9th month to the 1st of 10th month inclusive, 1896.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Having been favored to meet again in a Yearly Meeting capacity, our distant Friends were afresh brought into remembrance by the reading of the Epistles from the several Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence. During the reading of these, a feeling of solemnity spread over the Meeting as a canopy of love and peace; and the language was revived, "Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." While we are sensible that we cannot of ourselves do any good thing, or anything that will conduce to the advancement of the Redeemer's Kingdom in the earth, or the establishing of one another in the truth, yet as "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend"; and since it pleases our Heavenly Father to work, at times, through instrumentalities, we feel a degree of encouragement to thus salute you, we trust, in a measure of true Christian love.

We have been greatly encouraged during this, our

annual assembly, by the large attendance of those in the middle and younger walks of life, whose orderly conduct and evident interest in the various affairs that have engaged our attention, evince, we trust, that the Lord's preparing hand has been laid upon some of them, which, if abode under, will fit them to fill the vacant places caused by the gradual removal from among us of the fathers and mothers of our Israel, so that we may joyfully hope that He who first raised us up to be a people, will continue to raise up a succession of laborers, who will, through attention and obedience to His Holy Spirit, become standard-bearers to uphold the precious testimonies of Truth before the world, to the honor and glory of His great and ever blessed name.

Beloved, the present is a day of very great commotion throughout the whole civilized world, in which the nations of Christendom, unmindful of the peaceable nature of the religion they profess, are bristling in armor, everyone striving to out-do others in its war-like preparations and its attitude of defiance.

Notwithstanding this general unsettlement and unrest in the world around us, as we rest in this sure word of our blessed Lord, "In Me ye shall have peace," we need fear no evil.

If we have been ingrafted into the true vine, and abide in Him, His Spirit will abide in us, producing its fruits of love, peace, and good will, and all the powers of darkness cannot disturb us. And though dark clouds may gather and tempests gender, our abiding place will remain steadfast for ever.

It is to this sure abiding place we would commend you with ourselves, in the love of the ever-lasting gospel, which "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," and in the fellowship of which we bid you farewell, and remain your friends.

Signed in and by direction of Ohio Yearly Meeting, held as aforesaid.

BARCLAY SMITH, Clerk.

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WESTERN.

Held at Sugar Grove, near Plainfield, Ind., from the 4th to the 8th day, inclusive, of 10th Month, 1896.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—Again we have the privilege of addressing you in the free flowings of Gospel love.

The uniform expression of fellowship in the Gospel, expressed in the epistles received this year, and the evidence of Divine favor which accompanied the reading of them, were remarkable.

We are thankful to the Giver of all good for the favors thus vouchsafed to us. May we ever continue to seek for ability to move under His guidance, in conducting this correspondence, so that as long as it is continued "It may prove to be a means of strength and comfort to us all."

We have been favored by the pouring out of the spirit of supplication on us in our own behalf, both on assembling as a Yearly Meeting, and in the course of the meeting, especially during the consideration of the state of society, when deficiencies amongst us were made painfully apparent. These earnest cravings have been graciously answered, so that we have been favored with the comforting presence and guidance of our Lord, both in the sittings for worship and discipline.

We have been led to ponder on the progressive path of the Christian. We must not sit down at ease by reason of any past experience, whatever it may have been in kind or degree. The Christian's path is a walk with Jesus following him wherever He by His spirit leads. It is by the operation of His spirit he cleanses us from the pollution of sin, preserves us from evil, and by the same He calls for, prepares us, and commands the performance of any duty. And like as the eye of the servant watchfully observes the pointings of his master's hand, so should our soul at all times wait on God for divine direction and for strength to do His will. Each dispensation of His grace best fulfils the divine purpose in each several part

of the Christian's course, for "He doeth all things well." We need to experience not only "the washing of regeneration," but "the *renewing* of the Holy Ghost." Those who are thus concerned to walk circumspectly in the light of the Lord, see one another in the light, and each greets his fellow with a holy kiss of charity.

The younger members of our Meeting claim our earnest and, if possible, increasing care and effort for their spiritual welfare, and we are encouraged in the belief that there is in them an increasing thirst for the waters of life; and a hope arises that from among them those will be called who, with willing hands, shall be enabled to sustain those doctrines and testimonies, which true Friends have ever advocated; and we believe there never was more need that such should be faithfully upheld before the world than at the present day. May the Lord send forth more laborers into his harvest field.

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting.

ABEL H. BLACKBURN, Clerk.

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CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS.

Held at Pickering, Ontario, from the 18th day of the 6th Month to the 22nd of the same, inclusive, 1897.

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

They are from Norwich—Anna H. Moore, Isabella Henderson, Caroline W. Clayton and Phebe Waring.

FROM WEST LAKE.—Matilda Branscombe, Sarah Garratt, Elizabeth Johnson, Carrie Williams, Margaret J. Jones and Margaret J. Ward.

FROM YONGE STREET.—Lydia P. Moore, Elizabeth Boone, Mary F. Starr, Esther Cody, Mary C. Starr and Mary Jane Rogers.

Caretakers being called are present except one—no reason being assigned for her absence.

FOR NORWICH.—Mary E. Waring and Agnes Henderson.

FOR WEST LAKE.—Martha Cronk and Sarah Garratt.

FOR YONGE STREET.—Lydia Ann Clayton, Elizabeth P. Moore, Elizabeth Boone and Mary Jane Rogers.

We have in attendance at this time, the acceptable company of Rebecca Smedley, a minister, with a minute of unity and concurrence from Chester Monthly meeting, held at Media, Pennsylvania, the 31st of 5th Month, 1897. We extend a welcome to her and also to her beloved companion, Deborah S. Allen.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been received and read to our comfort and edification. The one from Western not received last year, has also been received and read.

We appoint Mary J. Rogers, Matilda Branscombe, Margaret Boone, Mary Pollard, Emma Pollard, Isabella

Henderson, Jane Jennings, Phebe Clendennan, Alice Treffry, Louisa Richardson, Agnes Henderson, and Anna H. Moore, to prepare replies and produce at a future sitting.

Margaret J. Jones, Isabella Henderson and Mary C. Starr are appointed to act in conjunction with a committee of Men Friends in preparing returning minutes for any Friends in attendance with minutes, as way may open therefor.

A letter has been received and read to our comfort and encouragement from our invalid friend Huldah M. Beede.

We appoint Esther Cody, Matilda Branscombe and Anna H. Moore to prepare a reply and produce at a future sitting.

The Committee on Essays of Epistles are requested to prepare a letter for our members in the North West.

Received at this time a donation of £5 for the use of Canada Friends in the distribution of tracts and books. We feel very grateful to the sender and also donor, as we are seldom thus remembered and often sadly feel our needs.

The money is placed in the hands of Marianne Richardson, who has been appointed Treasurer thereof for three years.

We appoint an Elder from each Quarterly meeting, Phebe Waring, Margaret J. Jones, and Margaret Boone, to prepare a summary from the answers to the queries, and produce at our next session.

The Representatives are requested to meet at the rise of this meeting to confer together, and bring forward to our next session the names of a couple of Friends to serve as clerk and assistant for the ensuing year.

Under a sense of the Lord's goodness and mercy in thus permitting us to meet together under a precious covering of love and unity, we now adjourn to meet tomorrow at 2 o'clock p.m.

SEVENTH-DAY AFTERNOON, 6th month 19th,
1897.

Friends again assembled near the hour adjourned to.

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Matilda Branscombe, on behalf of the Representatives, reports they are united in proposing Eliza H. Varney for Clerk, and Marianne Richardson for Assistant, which being approved by the meeting they are appointed to those respective services for one year.

The Committee appointed to prepare returning minutes, have produced one on behalf of Rebecca Smedley, with which this Meeting unites and directs the Clerk to sign it.

The Queries, with their answers have been read and considered; and some excellent counsel given.

There was received and read at this time "An Address from Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, to all claiming the name of 'Friends,' everywhere," which has been deeply interesting to us. May we profit by the things which we have heard, and not only be hearers but also doers of the word.

The Clerk of the Yearly Meeting forwarded to us a letter from James McLaughlin, an invalid Friend, a minister, in New Jersey, which has been read, encouraging us to look only to Jesus our Saviour as our blessed and Holy Redeemer, our Counsellor and Guide.

We appoint Lydia Ann Clayton, Sarah C. Richardson, Margaret J. Jones and Mary Pollard to audit the Treasurer's Accounts and report at our next session.

Phebe Waring, Lydia Moore and Margaret J. Jones are appointed to draw funds from the Treasurer to defray the expenses of those needing assistance, and report next year.

There has been much travail of soul during this session, wherein we were pointed to Christ, the true and living way, the Son and sent of the Father, the only door into the true sheepfold, the one propitiatory sacrifice for sin, "not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

This Meeting now adjourns to meet on Second-day morning at 10 o'clock.

SECOND-DAY MORNING—6th month 21st, 1897.

The Meeting convened near the hour adjourned to.

Information has been received from the Clerk of Lon-

don Yearly Meeting, Caleb R. Kemp, that the communication to that Yearly Meeting sent by this Yearly Meeting last year in reply to theirs, was received and read in London Yearly Meeting, and the reading thereof duly recorded.

This meeting appoints Marianne Richardson to prepare the Minutes for printing, also to attend to any other writing in connection with the affairs of this Meeting.

Essays of Epistles were read at this time and approved for Western, Kansas, Iowa and New England Yearly Meetings. Also a letter, freighted with words of cheer and encouragement, to our dear Friends in the North West, and one for our invalid Friend, Huldah M. Beede. Marianne Richardson is appointed to copy and forward them, and the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this Meeting.

We appoint Margaret J. Jones and Rachel W. Haight to aid the Assistant Clerk in gathering up the fragments, that nothing be lost, and in preparing an "Address to our beloved absent Friends," that they, through this address, may know something of the experiences of this Meeting and be strengthened and comforted thereby.

The report of the First-day School Committee was read. It is as follows :

The First-day School Committee met on 7th day evening, somewhat later than the appointed time, and inform us that verbal reports were received from two First-day Schools, those of Pickering and Yonge Street, which are as follow :

	Pickering.	Yonge Street.
No. of Classes	2	2
No. of Teachers	2	2
No. of Children on Roll	6	4
No. of Adults	13	8
Average Attendance	13	10
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ing 9 months. Both are conducted consistently with the order of Friends.

We recommend that in future the time of holding this Committee Meeting be 7 p.m.

We would earnestly advise Friends, as a pressing need of the day, that they diligently inculcate the truths of the Holy Scriptures in the minds of their children, that they may not rest under any disadvantage whilst mingling with others, and we know of no better aid to this diligent parental training than the First-day School, conducted in accord with the order and under the oversight of Friends.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

BENJAMIN W. WOOD, Secretary.

The report is satisfactory to this meeting, and we approve of the time of their Meeting being changed to 7 o'clock p.m. on 7th day evening of the Yearly Meeting.

The Minutes of the Representative Meeting were received and read.

The report of the Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts was satisfactory to us. It is as follows :

We, your Committee to Audit the Treasurer's Accounts, find them correct.

By Cash on hand, 6th Month, 1896.....	\$ 108 36
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On behalf of the Committee,

MARGARET J. JONES.
LYDIA CLAYTON.

Minutes from the meeting of Ministers and Elders were

read reminding us of the uncertainty of this life and the need of a preparation for that life which is to come, so that when the call comes to us to give up our stewardship, we may be enabled to give it up with joy, and not with grief. May the Lord, by His Holy Spirit, prepare younger ones to receive their falling mantles, that this people may not be left without faithful standard bearers.

Friends were encouraged to report to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Tract Association as an Auxiliary Branch, as regards the number of tracts received and distributed, also any results from such distribution if known, and inform this meeting of the attention paid thereto. We appoint Sarah C. Richardson and Louisa J. Richardson to receive reports and have them forwarded to Philadelphia in 2nd month.

Monthly meetings are encouraged to appoint joint committees to see to furnishing tracts for free distribution and report to them.

This meeting now adjourns to meet at 9 o'clock a.m. to-morrow.

THIRD-DAY MORNING—6th Month, 22nd, 1897.

The meeting convened near the hour adjourned to.

An Essay of an Epistle for Ohio was read and the Clerk directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

We acknowledge that our Committee on Essays of Epistles have been owned and blessed by the Master, and unto Him would we ascribe all the praise.

The Committee to prepare an address to our absent Sisters has produced a very satisfactory one, which this meeting adopts.

During the different sittings of this Yearly Meeting much excellent counsel has been given, and Friends have been encouraged to greater faithfulness to our testimony in practice, as well as in faith. That our youth may be willing to bear the yoke, taking up the Cross and following a crucified and risen Saviour, wherever He may lead them, walking in the "straight and narrow way that leads

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to life eternal. The truth is the same it ever was. Truth 200 years ago is truth to-day. The world beholds our deviations from the path of rectitude and first principles, and its children are not slow to speak of them. On account of want of faithfulness in what may seem to some as but little things, we are losing ground, and a want of confidence in us is at times apparent.

"Oh! for a closer walk with God," that we may not become a reproach, but may our lights burn more brightly, that they may shine forth to the world, and our chief concern be to do the will of our Father in Heaven, "to deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God."

Under a feeling of deep solemnity, of love and good will toward all men, and having transacted the business of this meeting in love and harmony, we now conclude to meet here again next year, if the Lord permit.

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Clerk.

ADDRESS TO OUR ABSENT MEMBERS.

DEAR SISTERS,—Again gathered at our Yearly Meeting we remember you with earnest solicitude on your behalf that some of the words of warning and encouragement, that have been handed forth to us, may reach you, that we may be mutually benefited, and that God, by His Holy Spirit, would bring these truths home to our hearts for the upbuilding of our branch of the Church, and for the strengthening of each other's hands in every good work.

We have with us several dear Friends from another Yearly Meeting, whose company and labors of love have been encouraging to us. Much pertinent counsel has been given to the young (and we are glad to have a goodly number of these with us this year), that they may, in the morning of their days, give their hearts to the Lord, a sacrifice which is well pleasing in His sight. They were entreated to listen to the "still small voice," which is heard in every heart, even in those who are very young, admonishing them to shun the evil and choose the good,

to seek the narrow way that leadeth to eternal life. The memorable sermon of Jesus Christ, setting forth the virtues and qualifications necessary to obtain the various blessings which He freely dispenses to His humble followers, was beautifully set forth and commended to us for our earnest perusal.

May we be encouraged to greater diligence, living lives more consistent, so that we may be as lights in the world, as a city set on a hill, that cannot be hid. This is our privilege. Let us be more in earnest, our eye fixed on the end of the journey, ready, if need be, to go down into death and suffering with Christ, for "If we be dead with Him we shall also live with Him. If we suffer we shall also reign with Him."

"When ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants, we have done that which was our duty to do." Yet the love of God grants the reward of peace in our own souls, even to us who feel we are thus unprofitable. May we be encouraged to more faithfulness, that we may be strengthened for every work and service to which we may be called. "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Precious thought, fraught with comfort and encouragement! Our Great Master is the builder of our spiritual structure, which is His church. It is His place to fit and prepare each stone as He wills, for just that place where he sees there is need of it, and all are needed to make the building complete. We must then submit ourselves to the Great Master Builder, to prepare us for usefulness. Let Him come into our hearts and there plant the seed of His Kingdom (comparable to a grain of mustard seed), that fruit may be brought forth to His glory and honor, "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear."

May we be often found silently waiting upon the Lord, that our strength may be renewed. He has promised to be "Strength in weakness, riches in poverty, and a very present help in every needful time."

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Again are we called to mourn for loved ones who have been taken from us by death; whose words of counsel and encouragement have cheered us in the past, and the question arises, How can we do without them? for we feel stripped and needy. Yet, who is there among us that has been thus afflicted and sorely tried but has felt the sorer the trial, the more the sustaining power of God has been underneath for a support.

Are we coming up in the line of our appointment, fully given up to the requirements of the dear Saviour, that we may be fitted to take their places? If we are not faithful, He will bring in others. May we be diligent, while time and opportunity are ours to make our calling and election sure in Him whose power is over every other power, submitting to His turning and over-turning hand upon us, that everything which is hindering us may be done away. Take the matter home to each one of our hearts and see wherein the deficiencies lie, and what is hindering our progress Zionward, that we may be gathered to the Rock, from whence our help cometh, for He is God over all, blessed forever, who will teach us of His ways, and give us strength to walk therein; an experimental knowledge of the true way of life, learned in the school of Christ; not needing any man to teach us, for there is a more excellent way for us than to depend on the teaching or writing of any man, which is by looking unto Jesus and the guiding influence of His Holy Spirit in our own hearts.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Epistles received from the several Yearly Meetings of Women Friends with whom we correspond.

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :—

DEAR SISTERS,—We have again met in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, and in the reading of your sisterly greeting we have been comforted and encouraged, which has caused a feeling of thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for such loving remembrances (which indeed seem like brooks by the way.) We are few in number, and we feel our weakness and inability of ourselves to do any good thing, but we have remembered the declarations “not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts,” and, “If any man lack wisdom let him ask of God, who giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not.” And we earnestly desire, that you with us, may be more constantly on the watch tower in our daily lives, that the old nature may be crucified and slain, that we may be raised in newness of life, realizing the “washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost.” We grieve over the many departures from first principles, in our once highly favored society, and it is only through individual faithfulness to manifest duty, that the walls of our Zion can be rebuilt, her cords lengthened and her stakes strengthened. And we have desired that we may be baptized into that spirit of love that is above every other gift, “That love which suffereth long and is kind,” “that beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things; that love which never faileth,” and so we partaking of the nature of our Holy Redeemer shall be able to bear with one another as he has borne with us.

We have been reminded at this time that it is good for us to retire often before the Lord, not only in the secret of our own hearts but in the solitude of our chambers,

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Finally, sisters pray for us that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, and may "the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

With a salvation of love we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

LEAH J. PAXON, Clerk.

KANSAS.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends :—

DEAR SISTERS,—As we have again met in our Annual Gathering, we have been refreshed and brought into sympathy and fellowship with you by the reading of your interesting Epistle, and the bond of love existing between us has been strengthened thereby.

We sincerely sympathize with you in your stripped and isolated condition, but the encouraging language of the Saviour revives at this time: "Fear not, little flock, it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom."

Although we are far separated and strangers to each other as to the outward, yet are you of the same household of faith and are united to us in the bonds of Gospel fellowship.

The testimonies delivered during this Yearly Meeting have been such as to confirm our hope that we are not departing from the doctrine of Christ as formerly held by the early Friends.

Our desire for ourselves as well as for you is, that He may keep us in the hollow of His hand from harm, that He may lead us by still waters and into the green pastures of life, that we may be refreshed and strengthened for the conflicts of life, and thus by God's grace, be enabled to—

"work out our own salvation with fear and trembling," remembering that it is our God "who worketh in us to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Dear Sisters, let us dwell in the light of the Lord, that we may see the snares of the enemy and avoid them. Let us draw near and dwell in Him who is light, and in whom there is no darkness at all.

A deep concern has been felt in our meetings for those whose iniquities have separated them from their God, for the promises are abundant to those who will turn again to the Lord and walk in His ways.

Finally, dear Sisters, we bid you farewell, earnestly desiring that that "Light which shineth in darkness and the darkness comprehendeth it not," may shine in our hearts, and that we all may, by walking therein, "seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life." Amen.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.
 MARY E. HARVEY, Clerk.

NEW ENGLAND.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:—

DEAR SISTERS,—The passage of time has again brought us to the season of our annual gathering, and we have been in mercy again permitted to come together in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and, with faith, but as a grain of mustard seed we felt unequal to the right accomplishment of the weighty affairs of the Church, and we craved that we might be favored with such assistance from the only source of all good, as would enable us to do what was required at our hands faithfully, to the glory of our Father in Heaven.

The reading of your epistle with those from the other Yearly Meetings in our circle of correspondence, has been as a brook by the way, reminding us that we are remembered in love by our distant Sisters, and although, outwardly far distant, we are drawn near together in the bonds of Gospel love. The interchange of these communications is felt to be of much value.

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Your allusion to the inroads in your numbers by the hand of death, brings afresh to our minds the great loss we also have sustained in the removal of dear Friends since our last annual assembly, and as we view each vacant place, we are led to query, On whom shall their mantles all?

Strong desires have been felt that the dear young Sisters would be willing to take up the Cross, that by its power they may become worthy to fill the places of those who have gone before, and bear their share of the burdens which now have to be borne by a few, who often feel that weakness is their portion—Oh! may a double portion of the Holy Spirit be poured upon us, unworthy as we are, and may we all be stimulated to greater faithfulness day by day, until there is a fitness for entrance into the Master's Kingdom above; and while we ask these blessings for ourselves may the same rest upon you, and may it never be the lot of any of us mournfully to say, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

We have been favored with the company of several Friends from other Yearly Meetings, which has been very acceptable, and the Gospel labors of some have been truly refreshing and encouraging, enabling us to believe that we are ever remembered by the great head of the Church.

And now Sisters, in the language of the Apostle, "We commend 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."

With a salutation of love, farewell.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting.

MARY A. GARDNER, Clerk.

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:—

DEAR FRIENDS,—We have again been favored to meet in a Yearly Meeting capacity, and we trust it is with an

earnest desire to be permitted to sit, as Mary did, at the feet of the Saviour, to hear the gracious words that proceeded from His mouth, and we hope that we may receive ability to respond to your epistle, which was read to our encouragement, as were also those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. We are much stripped; many of the faithful laborers, in our part of the vineyard, have in the past few years been removed from works to rewards, but we feel that we have renewed cause to say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," for the Master is still willing and able to qualify and to send laborers into His vineyard.

It is encouraging to see amongst some of the younger members evidence that the preparing hand of the Master is upon them, and pertinent counsel has been handed forth to this class, entreating them to bow their necks to the yoke, that they may be prepared to receive the mantles and fill the places of those who have long "borne the burden and heat of the day."

An exercise has arisen in the minds of many Friends, that there may be a rallying to the support of our various testimonies given us to bear, and which Ancient Goodness was pleased to give our forefathers in the Truth to uphold before a gainsaying world. Truly there is as great a necessity in the present day, as ever there was, for a faithful maintenance of our testimony for plainness in speech, deportment and apparel. May we earnestly endeavor, as ability is obtained, to guard not only ourselves, but our beloved children, from the corrupt conversation of the world, endeavoring to so maintain the watch that it may not be said of us as of Ephraim, "Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not."

And finally, beloved Friends, may we with you, and you with us, know of a deepening in the Truth—of a more deep indwelling in true silence, where we may sit in abasedness of soul before the Father of spirits, waiting for His life-giving presence; and as we are thus concerned, we shall know of that silence of all flesh—know of that true spiritual communion, wherein our souls par-

take of the "bread and water of life," which alone nourish and sustain the immortal part; and we shall hunger and thirst more and more for these things; we shall be more willing to endure all His chastenings, yea, even desire that He will *not* take away His Holy Spirit, but be pleased to thoroughly purge the floor of our hearts, be pleased to wholly do away every evil thought and deed, and enable us to attain that condition for which the Psalmist thus petitions, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord," and as this close circumspection of our thoughts and words is abode in, we, like David, shall experience the Lord to be, indeed, *our* "Strength and Redeemer."

With a salutation of love we remain, your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

SARAH K. BRANTINGHAM, Clerk.

WESTERN.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:—

DEAR SISTERS:—As we met in our annual gathering, solemnity was our covering, and as we listened to the greetings from Sister Yearly Meetings, our hearts were warmed and cheered by the love and instruction they contained.

We regret our Epistle of last year failed to reach you, which was duly forwarded by mail.

We do, indeed, find ourselves very closely united to you in sympathy and feeling, being few in number and as a scattered remnant.

Precious is the promise "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

We, like you, miss the company and counsel of those removed from works to rewards, as well as those who are prevented by infirmities from mingling with us.

A petition to the throne of grace has been raised, that the aged may be sustained to the close, and receive the reward of "well done."

A few dear Friends are with us from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and counsel have been comforting and edifying.

We know that the guarded and religious education of our children is a subject of deep importance, and there is a necessity that Friends everywhere cherish a lively concern for the support of schools within their own borders, that the children may be preserved from alluring temptations, which otherwise are thrown in their path, and which subtly draw them from our beloved Society and from Christ, for to be a Friend indeed is to be a true follower of Christ, for they, like Abraham, are Friends of God and of Christ Jesus who being led by the Spirit of God, know His will, and do it.

May the children be patient under the restraint of earnest parents who yearn to shield them from all harm and preserve them in the truth.

How beautiful it is to behold parents and children walking together in the right way, interested in the same things, maintaining that loving confidence and freedom, so helpful in the Christian course; minding the pointings of truth in the little duties and attentions of every day life.

As we look to the Lord for direction and submit our wills to His, though the way be rough and lonely we may safely trust and not fear, for hath He not said? "Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world."

We realize that we come far short of His requirings, and too many among us are spending our years as a tale that is told, but we trust that we have at this season been stimulated to renew our covenants to follow Christ and His requirings with unreserved faithfulness.

If we sin in an unwatchful moment let us not be utterly discouraged, but remember that we have an advocate with the Father, whose joy it is to forgive whenever we come into true repentance for our sin.

We have been exhorted to live within the bounds of our circumstances, hating covetousness, and that those possessing abundance of means should consider their responsibility in setting the example of moderation; for

the blessing of the Lord is upon the humble and lowly, and His blessing alone makes truly rich.

May we all dig deep and know of being built on the one, true, solid foundation, that the banner of truth may be upheld, which our early predecessors were so zealous to preserve, which is holiness in our lives and conversation.

• We earnestly desire the encouragement of mothers surrounded with many cares of a family, that they may lean on the unfailing arm of Jehovah, and as they are faithful, there will be those who will rise up and call them blessed, and finally when done with time, they will hear the comforting language, "Let her alone . . . she hath done what she could."

"The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong," but to the patient and persevering in faithfully doing the will of God.

Finally, dear Sisters, may grace, mercy and peace be with you.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

NANCY T. HADLEY, Clerk.

Times of Holding Canada Yearly Meeting

AND THE

Quarterly and Monthly Meetings Composing It.

CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, held at Pickering, Ontario, opens the last Sixth-day but one in 6th month at 10 a.m., with a meeting for Discipline.

Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders on Fifth-day of the week at 2 p.m.

Representative Meeting on the Fifth-day of the week at 4 p.m.

Meetings for Divine Worship on First-day of the following week at 10 a.m., and 3 p.m., and one on Third-day afternoon.

A meeting for the consideration of First-day School Reports will be held on 7th day at 7 p.m.

Correspondents { WILLIAM V. RICHARDSON, Pickering, Ont.
GEORGE RORKE, Thornbury, "

QUARTERLY MEETINGS AND THEIR MONTHLY MEETINGS.

NORWICH QUARTERLY MEETING is held at Norwich the first 7th day after the second 4th day, in the 3rd, 6th, 9th and 12th months; at the hour of 10 a.m. in 6th and 9th months, and at 11 a.m. in 3rd and 12th months. Meeting of Ministers and Elders, the day preceding at 2 p.m.

Correspondent.—GEORGE POLLARD, pro. tem. Norwich, Ont.

NORWICH MONTHLY MEETING is held the second 4th day in each month; from the 4th to the 10th month both inclusive at 10 a.m.; and from the 11th to the 3rd month both inclusive at 11 a.m.

Correspondent.—GEORGE POLLARD, pro. tem. Norwich, Ont.

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

YONGE STREET QUARTERLY MEETING is held in 2nd, 5th, 9th, and 12th months, at 10 a.m.

In 2nd month at Yonge Street, on the third 7th day in the month.

In 5th month at Yonge Street, on the last 7th day in the month.

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

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

Meeting of Ministers and Elders the day preceding at 3 p.m., except in 5th month at 4 p.m.

Correspondent.—ARNOLDI HAIGHT, Newmarket, Ont.

YONGE STREET MONTHLY MEETING, the second 4th day in each month, at 10 a.m., at Yonge Street.

Correspondent.—FRANCIS STARR, Newmarket, Ont.

Preparative Meeting the first 4th day, in each month, at 10 a.m.

PICKERING MONTHLY MEETING on the first 5th day in each month at 10 a.m., except the one coming first after the Yearly Meeting, when it is held one week later.

Correspondent.—JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON, Pickering.

MARIPOSA MONTHLY MEETING on the fourth 4th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—JOSEPH CODY, Linden Valley, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, the third 4th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

GREY MONTHLY MEETING, held at Heathcote near Thornbury, the third 5th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—THOMAS J. RORKE, Heathcote, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, the second 5th day in each month, at 10 a.m.

WEST LAKE FOUR MONTHS' MEETING held the first 7th day in 2nd, 6th and 10th months at 10 a.m.; in 2nd month at Bloomfield, in 6th month at Wellington, and in

10th month alternately, at Le Raysville, N.Y., in even years, and at Athens, Ont., in odd years.

Correspondent.—JOHN GARRATT, Wellington, Ont.

Meeting of Ministers and Elders the day preceding at 2 p.m.

WEST LAKE MONTHLY MEETING, held the third 5th day in each month at 10 a.m.; in 1st, 3rd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 9th, 10th and 12th months at Bloomfield; and in 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th months at Wellington.

Correspondent.—JOHN GARRATT, Wellington, Ont.

Preparative Meeting at Bloomfield, second 5th day in every month at 10 a.m.

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

KINGSTON MONTHLY MEETING, held at Cataraqui, the first 7th day after the second 5th day in each month at 11 a.m.

Correspondent.—JONATHAN P. WARD, Portsmouth, Ont.

Preparative Meeting the last 5th day in each month.

LEEDS MONTHLY MEETING, held at Athens, the second 5th day in each month at 10 a.m.

Correspondent.—ARZA WILTSIE, Athens, Ont.

Preparative Meeting, first 5th day at 10 a.m. at Athens.

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

Correspondent.—STEPHEN ROBERTS, Le Raysville Jefferson, Co., N.Y.

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

Correspondent.—THOS. ROBINSON, Shannonville, Ont.