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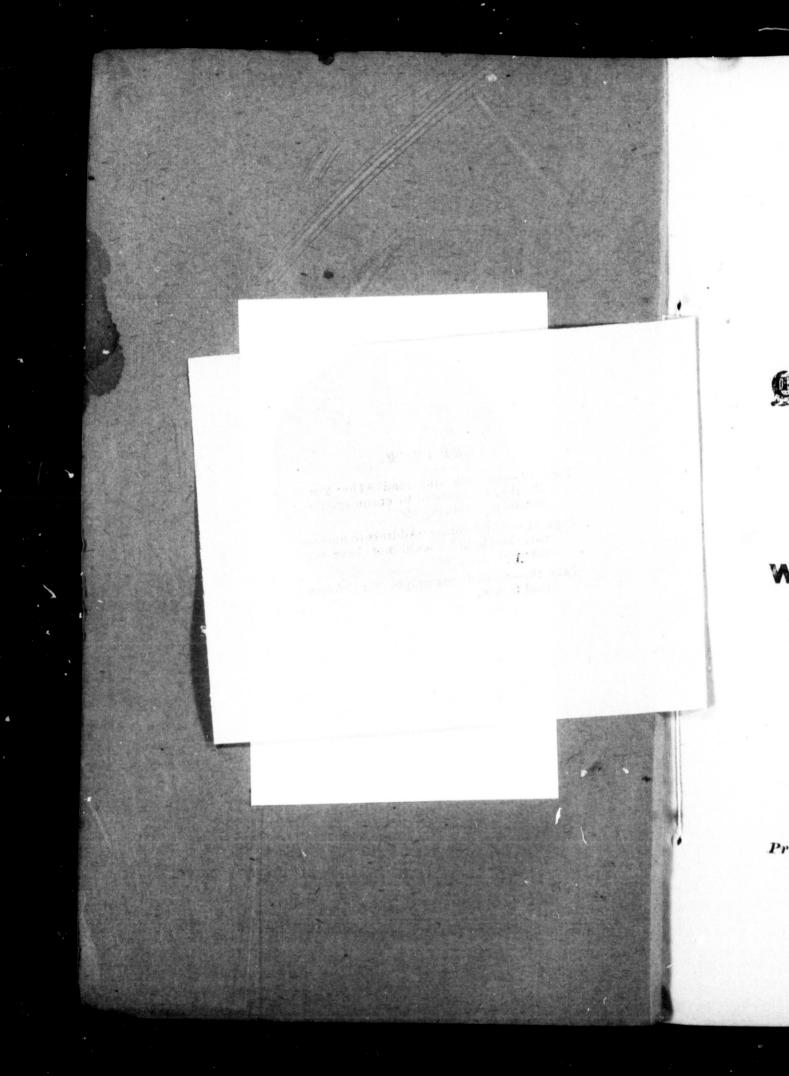
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Page 14.—The heading "Address to Subordinate Meetings" should not have been inserted.

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CANADA YEARLY MEETING

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HELD IN PICKERING, ONT., 26th OF 6th MONTH, 1874

The Assistant Clerk being absent on account of sickness, Rachel W. Haight was appointed to that service for the day.

By reports from the several Quarters, we found that the Representatives were:

FOR PELHAM.

SARAH T. BARKER, SARAH J. BARKER, LYDIA P. STOVER, LOIS LOSSING, FOR YONGE STREET:

ELIZABETH PHILIPS,
RACHEL DOYLE,
RACHEL W. HAIGHT,
ELIZABETH RICHARDSON.

HANNAH CORNELL,
ESTHER CODY,
HANNAH BROWN,

FOR WEST LAKE.

RACHEL CRONKHITE,
CATHERINE I. SAYLOR,
ANNIE WILTSIE,
HANNAH W. BOWERMAN,
SARAH PHELPS,
PHŒBE DORLAND,
MARY ROBINSON,
MARILDA BLANCHARD,
ABIGAIL ELLSWORTH,
SARAH WEBB.

Who were all present except nine. A reason assigned for the absence of two, no report from the others.

The Caretakers were Phebe H. Stover, Sarah Nicholson, Elizabeth Cody, Mary Ann Richardson, Rachel Doan, Abigail Ellsworth, Sarah Phelps, and Sarah Garratt, whose names being called, four were present, no reason assigned for the absence of the others.

We have in attendance several ministering Friends, with satisfactory testimonials from their respective Meetings.

David H. Bennett, with a minute of unity and concurrence from Butternuts, Mo., and endorsed by Butternuts Quar. Meeting, held at Smyrna, N.Y.

Wm. Penn Angell, with a minute from Moreau Monthly

Meeting, endorsed by Saratoga Quar. Meeting, N.Y.

Sarah W. Farr, from Litchfield Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Fairfield Quar. Meeting, New England.

Sarah Gidley, from Adrian Mo. Meeting, endorsed by

Adrian Quar. Meeting, Ohio.

John Cary, from Back Creek Mo. Meeting, endorsed by

Northern Quar. Meeting, Indiana.

Eli Cowgill, and his wife Abarilla Cowgill, with minutes from Westland Mo. Meeting, endorsed by Alum Creek Quar. Meeting, Ohio.

Eli Jones, with a minute from China Mo. Meeting, New

England.

Also a certificate of unity and concurrence on behalf of Noah Farr, an elder, as companion to his wife, Sarah W. Farr, From Litchfield Mo. Meeting, New England.

Also a minute on behalf of Lucinda B. Haviland, as companion to Sarah Gidley, from Adrian Mo. Meeting, Ohio.

Leander Cary, as Companion to his father, with a minute granted by a com. for Northern Quar. Meeting, Indiana.

The company of these dear friends is precious to us, and we feel to extend a welcome to them, with earnest desires, that they may be favored rightly to divide the Word of Truth among us, to our comfort and our edification, and to the peace of their own minds; that thus our Heavenly Father may be glorified, and we refreshed together.

We also have the company of several dear Friends without minutes from other Yearly Meetings whose company and labors are very acceptable to us.

We appoint Jane Cronk, Elizabeth Garratt, Hannah Cornell, Lydia P. Stover, Sarah T. Barker, and Elizabeth Philips, to join a similar Committee of Men Friends to prepare returning minutes for the Friends who are here with certificates and produce them at a future sitting.

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r) no re The London General Epistle was received and read at this time.

We appoint Hannah Cornell, Jane Cronk, Sarah T. Barker and Lydia P. Stover, to prepare a summary to the answers

and produce at our next sitting,

Epistles from London, Publin, New York, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Western and Iowa, have been received and read, and we appoint Catharine I. Saylor, Lydia P. Stover, Phebe Dorland, Sarah M. Wetherald, Rachel Cronkhite, Sarah Nicholson, Martha Rogers, Mary R. Webb. Rachel Doan, Rachel Loyle, Sarah J. Barker, Mary Ann Menge, Elizabeth C. Garratt, Hannah W. Bowerman. Elizabeth Richardson, jr., and Jane Cronk, to prepare Essays for replies and produce at a future sitting.

The Representatives are requested to confer together on

the subject of Clerks and report at our next meeting.

Under an humbling sense of the Lord's goodness and mercy in permitting us thus to assemble before Him, and with fervent desires that He may preside over all our solemn assemblies, we adjourn to ten o'clock to-morrow.

SEVENTH DAY MORNING, 27th.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

Lydia P. Stover, on behalf of the representatives informed the meeting, they were united in proposing Eliza H. Barney for Clerk, and Rachel W. Haight for Assistant Clerk for the ensuing year, with which this meeting united and they were appointed to that service.

The Friends appointed to prepare a summary of Answers,

produced one.

The Epistle Committee requested that a few names might be added to their number. Hannah Cornell, Jane 1dyl, Susan Sutton, Mary Dale, Phæbe H. Stover, Sarah T. Barker, Rachel W. Haight, Elizabeth Richardson, and Rachel Willson were appointed to join in that service.

Three of the absent Representatives were present to-day,

no reason assigned for the absence of four.

This meeting was brought into deep travail of spirit, and living testimonies were borne, and heartfelt prayers offered to the Father of all our sure mercies, while reviewing the state of our Society by reading and answering the Queries, a summary whereof is as follows:

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st Ans. Friends are careful to attend our meetings for religions worship and discipline, but deficiencies are reported in regard to those held in the middle of the week. The hour nearly observed, no unbecoming behaviour to remark, except a little mentioned in one report, and caretaken. Two meetings not attended; cause, unforeseen circumstances.

2nd Ans. Love and unity exist with most Friends as becomes Sisters; if differences arise, care is taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided.

3rd Ans. Most Friends endeavor to train up their children and those under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us; but in regard to plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins, deficiencies are apparent. They appear to be good examples in these respects themselves and to have a care to guard their children and others against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books. One report informs some care taken in the above deficiencies.

4th Ans. We believe nearly all Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5th Ans. Clear in this Query, except that one meeting reports two or three instances of attending places of diversion, and some care extended.

6th Ans. The circumstances of the poor are inspected and relief afforded. They are advised and assisted in suitable employment. All children under our care, are in a way to be educated for the ordinary duties of life.

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Sth Ans. We believe Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. We know of none who give occasion for fear on these accounts.

9th Ans. Care has been taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust, in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

Friends were encouraged to assemble themselves together to worship the true and living God, not only on the first day of the week, but also in the middle of the week, not readily yielding to discouragements, even though trial come upon trial, as wave follows wave. May we seek to know the will of our Father in Heaven concerning us, and then be found doing it; knowing of our own wills being slain, and the prayer of our hearts to be, not my will, Oh God! but thine be done: do with me as seemeth thee good.

The evils arising from pernicious reading were also dwelt upon and discouraged: and Friends were encouraged to the prayerful perusal of the Holy Scriptures, as it would prove as food to the soul. They were also encouraged to take heed to the Light of Truth, that we may ever be found doing whatever Christ commandeth. As the outer man decayeth, may the inner man grow brighter unto the perfect day; for we are all called to virtue and to holiness, without which no man can see the Lord.

May each be faithful to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, even in little things, that we may know of being made rulers over more; calling nothing small that is of the Lord's anointing and appointing, whether it be that we remain as hidden stones polished after the similitude of a palace, be as reapers who prove themselves to be as polished shafts in the hands of the Lord, who walk by prayer and faith in Him.

All were encouraged to lie low before Him, willing to be stripped of all our idols, and be found faithfully coming up in the line of His own appointing, doing His holy will, having a well grounded hope through our Lord and Saviour Jesus

Christ, that in the end we may hear the precious words, "enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

We feel to acknowledge that the Lord has indeed been with us, as a people, from the beginning of this Yearly Meeting, from year to year, and from sitting to sitting, and His life giving presence, hath again been felt in our midst, and His canopy over us love, for which we feel to render Praise and Thanksgiving unto Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and under this covering we adjourn to 10 o'clock Second day Morning

SECOND DAY MORNING, 6th Mo. 29th.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

Lydia P. Stover on behalf of the representatives brought forward the names of Abigail Ellsworth, Sarah E. Richardson and Eliza Cruise as messengers, with which this meeting united, and they were appointed to that service for one year.

Essays of Epistles for Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana, were read and adopted. The Clerk was directed to sign the Epistles and forward to their respective meetings.

Men Friends inform they have appointed a Committee to prepare a revised list, of our own Meeting, with which we united and appointed, Lydia P. Stover, Elizabeth Spencer, Hannah Jane Cody, Elizabeth Richardson, Esther Cody, Aun Knight Jane Cronk, Hannah W. Bowerman, and Phebe Dorland, to act in conjunction with men Friends in that service and report to a future sitting.

The Minutes of the representative meeting were received and read, and the accounts contained in them were satisfactory.

The following Report of the First-day School Conference was read and approved by this meeting.

At a First-day School Conference of Canada Yearly Meeting, held at Pickering the 26th of 6th month, 1874, the

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following report, as received from ten schools, was submitted:

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A satisfactory Report of the Book and Tract Association was received and read, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee of the Book and Tract Associa-

tion of Canada Yearly Meeting, report:

A moderate sale of Books during the past year, the number of which has lately been increased by a purchase of \$43.44 worth from William Wood of New York. We have presented the Young Men's Christian Association of Toronto with a copy of Gurney's Observations and Dymond on War.

In the Tract department we have received 6th Mo. 26th 1873, \$30.00 worth from Richmond, Ind.

12th Mo. 26th 1873, \$20.00 worth from New York. 6th Mo. 25th 1874, \$50.00 worth from Richmond, Ind.

There is now in the Library a larger supply of Tracts than at any former time, there being about \$100.00 worth or, 140,000 pages.

We have received during the past year four orders for Tracts from different Monthly Meetings. They have been

filled, amounting in all to \$25.53.

We have received up to this time only one report from the sub committee, that being from Mariposa Monthly Meeting. Taken from the minutes.

EDWARD CORNELL, Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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WILLIAM V. RICHARDSON, Treasurer.

This meeting adjourns to meet to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

THIRD DAY MORNING, 6th Mo. 35th.

The meeting convened near the bour adjourned to.

Essays of Epistles were read and adopted for Kansas,

London, Dublin, Iowa and North Carolina.

The Friend appointed to procure the printing of the Minutes and Epistles last year, and forward to the different meetings, reports she has attended to the appointment.

Rachel W. Haight, was appointed by this Meeting to procure the printing of the Minutes, and Extracts from Epistles received, and forward to the different Mo. Meetings and report next year. The meeting directs the same number (700) be printed as last year, and call on the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer for funds to defray the expenses.

A report of the Committee having charge of the Boarding School affairs was received, read and approved, and this meeting united in continuing the same committee another year. The

report is as follows:

The committee having charge of the Boarding School concern report that during the past year they have given attention to the matter in their charge. Through the Representative Meeting they have solicited aid from London and Dublin Yearly meetings: they also notified New York Yearly Meeting that they thought a part of the funds belonging to said Meeting at the time this Meetting was set up, might with justice be directed to be applied here: but upon receiving replies, New York Yearly Meeting informed us they could not, legally, be divided. We have received from Dublin \$486.00 and are likely to get a further amount. From London we have not heard definitely. With the present limited resources at our command we see no way for proceeding with the building.

We are united in recommending that the action of the Yearly Meeting two years ago directing \$2,000.00 to be raised that year, be held to: several Monthly Meetings having paid their proportions of that sum. The Yearly Meetings that have not paid theirs, to raise and forward to the Treasurer their proportions.

The amount of funds, is now about \$9,352.00.

The committee request to be released, some of them having served about four years.

On behalf of the Committee.

JOHN WRIGHT.

Pickering 6th Mo. 30th, 1874.

Under a solemn covering this meeting adjourns to meet at three o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

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Essays of Epistles for New England, Western and New York were read and adopted.

The committee to whom was confided the subject of preparing a book of meetings report. We have had it under consideration and are united in suggesting to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of appointing a small committee to prepare a more specific description of meetings held and such alterations as to time of holding meetings as they may deem advisable and report next year.

On behalf of the Committee

ALLEN M. DORLAND, HANNAH JANE (JODY.

Men Friends inform they have appointed a few Friends to prepare a specific list of meetings, with such changes, as to time of holding them, so that they shall not conflict, keeping in view the convenience of Friends in attending those meetings, to consult subordinate meetings in relation thereto, and as way shall open, prepare such a revised list and produce to our next Yearly Meeting.

The committee to prepare returning minutes if way should open for it, for Friends attending this meeting, report that no way has opened for such action.

On behalf of the Committee,

ARNOLDI HAIGHT, JANE CRONK.

This meeting united with the decision of the committee on returning minutes.

Address to the Subordinate Meetings.

It is in deep humility and heartfelt thanksgiving that we acknowledge that all our sittings have been owned by Him who is the Great Head of the Church and Bishop of Souls. Ministers and Elders, Mothers and daughters were encouraged to continue steadfast in the faith, and all who are called to labor in His vineyard were advised to abide faithfully in Christ the living Vine. He who is Head over all things has dispensed unto us the best of the wine at the last of the feast, and should we never more meet on the shores of time, may we so run the race that is set before us, that through the mercies of God in Christ Jesus, we may in the end, join that innumerable company and Church of the firstborn in Heaven with the redeemed of all ages, where every tear will be wiped away from the mourner's eyes and sickness nor sorrow never come. Has He not been unto us at this time Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace?

And we have thereby been favored to transact the business of the Church in harmony and love, and in conclusion feel to commend on another to the care of the unslumbering Shepherd of Israel, to meet here again next year at the usual time if the Lord permit.

ELIZA H. VARNEY, Cleria.

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Your acceptable epistle has been refreshing to us, and frequent are our desires that, both with you and us, the spiritual life may prosper; springing from the acceptance of a full and free salvation, through faith in the all-atoning blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. This subject of the spiritual life has occupied the minds of many amongst us, we remember the injunction, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him." The work of sanctification is his as well as the work of redemption; and, as in simple faith we cast ourselves upon Christ and are willing to submit ourselves to the power of the Holy Spirit. We shall know Him to take possession of our hearts, enabling us to resist all the attacks of the enemy, "and working in us both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Thus shall we be able to "abide in Him," and to return thanks unto God. who "always causes us to triumph in Christ," "who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

We earnestly desire that none may shrink from making a full surrender of themselves to God through fear of future failure; this is a wily stratagem of the enemy, who seeks to hinder our progress in the Christian life, and our service for our Lord, by leading us to dwell upon our own weakness and insufficiency. Though we are often very sensible of this, we shall not gain strength by constantly mourning over it, but rather let us remember the injunction of the Apostle, "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." The Lord is as willing to keep us in his fear and love as to guide our feet into the way of peace. The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him, the Lord shall cover him all day long.

The mothers amongst us have been much encouraged to pray with and for their children, and to train them up, from very early years, to make known their own wants to their Heavenly Father. He, who, when on earth, took the little ones in his arms and blessed them, is just as willing now to do for them "exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask

As follow pilgrims to the Eternal City, we are priviledged to bid you "God speed." Great responsibilities rest on us as one portion of the Church of Christ, and we earnestly pray that the gifts and talents bestowed upon each one may be employed for Him, that his kingdom may be extended and the name of our God glorified.

"And now, 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."

We are, with love, your affectionate sisters. Signed in, and on behalf of the meeting.

> SARAH ELIZA DYMOND, Clerk.

DUBLIN.

DEAR SISTERS:

Through the goodness of the Lord we have been permitted to assemble together, as a Yearly Meeting, and wish to salute you in much sisterly affection, acknowledging the

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Renewed evidence of Our Heavenly Father's care has been granted to us by which our hearts have been contrited before Him. Brothers and Sisters from your side the Atlantic are now with us helping, strengthening, and encouraging us by their loving counsel and advice in every good word and work.

Much has been said to us on the subject of our influence as women, which is indeed powerful for good or for evil.

Mothers have been most tenderly and touchingly pleaded with; and their responsibilities as regards the training of their children have been much dwelt on, how after years of wandering and forgetfulness, the recollection of a Mother's prayers, a mother's tears and a mother's tenderness, appear to have had a restraining influence.

We have been earnestly entreated to look by faith to the Lord Jesus, and to see in Him, our Saviour, Prophet Priest, King and Judge. Not to be waiting until we are better, but to come to Him, "just as we are," and He will cleanse and purify us, and fit us for His service.

To some is given one sphere of labor, and to some another; but we are all called to do something, however small, for Him who hath so loved us. From many, great sacrifices are apparently required, but from others, it is the unseen self-denial in the trifles of every day life that the Master calls for, and as we seek to submit ourselves to the Divine will, we shall grow in grace, and in the knowledge of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, whom to know is Life Eternal.

In the words of George Fox we conclude, "Now may we all live and walk in Christ Jesus, so that nothing may be between us and God, but Christ in whom we have salvation, life, rest and peace with God."

Our love in the Lord Jesus Christ to all Friends, ever

where in your land, as though we named them.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting.

ELIZA JANE RICHARDSON, Clerk.

NEW YORK.

DEAR SISTERS.

We are brought afresh to realize our insufficiency to do any thing of ourselves, and thus are made to feel our entire dependence on the Great Head of the church. We know that in us dwelleth no good thing, and only as the Spirit of the Lord breathe upon us, are we qualified for any service.

Calls for more workers among the Freedmen and Indians, reach us through the faithful laborers who are with us from those Mission fields. If we are the consecrated children of the Lord, if from our inmost souls, we can individually say, Lord do with me as seemeth good in Thy sight, we shall all find our allotted places in the great harvest field, and be able to gather fruit unto life eternal.

Faithful messengers of the Lord are with us from other Yearly Meetings, bringing to us the glad tidings of great joy, of a full and free salvation.

The promise made to His chosen people of old has been received among us. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you."

They eutered into the promised land by faith, and His children in the present day, can only find rest by appropriating, in faith, the provision so richly made.

Are these weary souls groaning under the burden of sin? 'Behold the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the

world." Are any in sorrow? I, even I am He that comforteth thee. Are any dissatisfied with their present position, longing for more conformity to the will of the Lord? "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled."

Let us therefore, dear staters come boldly to the Throne of Grace, presenting our petitions in the name of Jesus, and we shall assuredly find Him to be an ever present abiding and all-sufficient Saviour. Our hearts have been stirred to their very depths, by a sense of the great evil of intemperance. In view of our responsibility as wives, mothers, and sisters, earnest desires have been expressed that we might fire clear our own selves of any participation in the "accursed thing," and then labour to draw others from the vertex ready to engulf them.

The Lord is moving in this work with power in our land.

May we as a united church take the place He would have us fill, lest if we refuse to listen to His voice, barrenness and desolation come upon us because we "come not up to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

With the prayer, that He who is rich in mercy, and plenteous in redemption, may be with us all, and keep us, we bid you affectionately farewell.

On behalf of the Committee,

RUTH C. FLAGLER.

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Again our little branch of the Christian Church has assembled to wait for the blessing which has been so tenderly

vouchsafed it, year by year.

Among us we have many of the Lord's messengers, sent to minister to our spiritual wants; and it is a solemn thing to realize that our Heavenly Father, who knows the need of His children, and has promised to supply it, does send by His faithful servants just such words of love and counsel as will meet that need.

A free salvation has been preached to us, and we have been tenderly exhorted to lift our thoughts from earth and its cares, to the Heavenly inheritance purchased by the sacrifice of Jesus, which all may claim who have really accepted that sacrific; yet whilst the thought of the promised rest is sweet, let us not make it the motive for our service. Christians should work, not that they may be saved, but because they are saved, thus all service becomes a thankoffering.

Your epistle which has been acceptably read among us speaks of your continued interest in Scripture Schools and in Tract distribution. In these two fields for labor there is room for all.

It is the Christlike privilege of those who follow Him who carries the lambs in His bosom, to stretch forth arms of love and gather in the little children, that upon their young hearts may be grafted those eternal truths that shall cause them to bring forth precious fruit in time to come. It ought not to be a hard service for those who feel that they have themselves been redeemed by the Saviour's blood, to tell the story of redemption to others; yet if there are those who believe themselves unfitted for the work of teaching, by the faithful distribution of Tracts, they may still be instrumental in spreading the glad tidings of salvation abroad. In this work even the children may take part, thus becoming sowers of the good seed, that falling upon ground, prepared by our dear Lord for its reception, may bring forth some thirty, some sixty and some an hundred fold.

Let us not content ourselves then, with praying in a general

way, for showers of blessings upon the church, but realize that our Master requires individual effort of individuals, and means us to carry the cup of salvation to the fainting or feeble brother or sister, calling upon the name of the Lord, who has made it the test of our love to Himself, that we love one another.

Finally sisters, we bid you farewell, committing you, with ourselves, to the care of Him, who graciously permits us to coll Him, "Our Fhther," and does indeed exercise a Father's care over all the families of the Christian church of which Christ is the head.

Signed by direction of the meeting.

JULIA VALENTINE.

NEW ENGLAND.

DEAR SISTERS:

In remembrance of the loving kindness of our Heavenly Father toward us, in permitting us to meet again in our Annual Gathering, our hearts are filled with gratitude unto Him who is the Giver of every good and perfect gift and who dispenses unto His trusting children those things that are needful for them, and we are ready to say with the Psalmist, "The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works."

In the reading of your acceptable epistle, we have been comforted in the belief, that all those who are truly the

humble devoted followers of the Lord Jesus, are members of one household, drinking at the same Fountain of life and peace. Very precious has been thy company of many of the Lord's servants from other Yearly Meetings, and we have been tenderly exhorted not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together for the worship of our Father in Heaven, and not only to consider it a duty, but a privilege to meet for the purpose of holding sweet communion with Him who said, "Blessed are they that do hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled." Mothers have been encouraged to take their children with them to the heuse of worship, that these also may be brought to the feet of Jesus who said "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

It is our fervent desire that the young may be willing to leave all and follow the dear Redemer, serving Him becauso He is Lord, and may those who remember the words of our Saviour, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest, take my yoke upon you and learn of me for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest to your souls, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Dear Sisters, let us pray for each other, that we may be one another's helpers. Let us be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might, that whatsoever our trials or sorrows, we may realize the Everlasting Arms to be underneath for our support.

Now unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us Kings and Priests unto God and His Father to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever."

With the salutation of love we bid you farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

DEAR SISTERS:

From some unknown cause we were not favored with an Epistle from your Yearly Meeting; yet with sisterly love we again greet you. Our hearts have been tendered and contrited under a sense of the loving kindness of our Heavenly Futher toward us during the present annual gathering; covering us as we humbly believe with the canopy of his love. It is with hearts full of love and humble gratitude that we acknowledge the care and goodness of our Heavenly Father in directing the steps of many of his devoted and qualified servants to this part of his heritage, whose labors of gospel love have been refreshing to us, there being in attendance with us Friends from every Yearly Meeting, except one, on this continent, and also from London and Dublin Yearly Meetings. Our present annual meeting has been large, and we have been enabled to transact the weighty concerns of the society in love and harmony, and we believe under a living concern for the promotion of the blessed cause of our Holy Redeemer.

We have been favored with reports of our First day schools. our Boarding school at New Garden, and our Monthly Meeting Schools which are satisfactory and encouraging. Our sympathy for the freedmen, and for others most destitute of religious instruction has been quickened, and we have appointed a Missionary Board to labor, as truth may open, the way for their welfare.

We have been made to rejoice in witnessing the interest manifested, by those in the younger walks of life, many of whom are with us, and we feel thankful to our Heavenly Father that he has been pleased to cause the Spirit of Truth to work so powerfully in our midst, and has enabled many to come forth from under the yoke of bondage of sin and death, into the marvellous light and liberty of the children of God.

We feel that there is a call for us to be more faithful, and

continually on the watchtower for the adversary of our soul's peace goes about as a "roaring lion seeking whom he may devour," and in the language of the apostle we entreat of you "Pray for us."

We desire that you may be kept and preserved by our loving and compassionate Father for He careth for you. We all may lay hold of the exceeding great and precious promises of the gospel in faith, if we will only lay aside our own wills, and ask the aid of the Holy Spirit in all things, to do the will of our Heavenly Father.

And now, dear sisters, we bid an affectionate farewell, and in so doing we commend you with ourselves, "to God and the word of his grace which is able to build us up and to give us an inheritance among all of them which are sanctified."

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

HANNAH W. OSBORNE,

OHIO.

DEAR SISTERS:

Unto Him whose mercies are new every morning, we would ascribe thanksgiving and praise for the renewed evidence granted us that He still careth for his people. And as we have been permitted from day to day, to hear the glad tidings of Salvation through Jesus Christ Our Lord, preached in the demonstration of the spirit and with power by the anointed messengers whom He has sent amongst us we have been led to exclaim, "Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are all thy ways thou King of Saints." Great is our accountability to God who has done so much for us without us; and earnest has been the prayer of many hearts that we may be found among those who have not

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defiled their garments, of whom the Lord has said, "they shall walk with me in white, for they are worthy. "Mothers and children have been remembered in tender loving exhortation and counsel, and fervent prayer from earnest hearts has ascended to the throne of grace on their behalf. May it be the happy experience of all, both with you and us, to know ourselves thoroughly cleansed from sin, that we may join in the song of the redeemed of all ages, unto Him that loved us, and washed us, from our sins in His own blood."

We miss from our midst beloved Mothers, who, after having long borne the burden in the heat of the day, are now resting from their labors, having heard the summons, "Come up higher." But we rejoice in the belief that their mantles have not fallen to the ground, and that instead of the Mothers the daughters are "coming up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

Much interest is manifested in the subject of First day Schools. And the cause of Temperance is claiming our serious prayerful consideration. May the Lord enable you and us, to be faithful in doing our part toward blotting out the great sin of intemperance. Reports from our Indian Agencies shew them to be in a prosperous condition.

We thankfully acknowledge the reception of your epistle as well as those from other Yearly Meetings, all of which came to us breathing the same spirit of love. And new dear sisters,

"May the grace of Christ our Saviour,
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other, and the Lord,
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford."

With a salutation of love we are your sisters.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

SARAH E. JENKINS.

Clerk.

INDIANA.

DEAR SISTERS:

The value and advantage of epistolary intercourse has not only been renewedly felt, but expressed among us at this time, and as this intercourse is maintained in love, it cannot fail to stir up the pure mind, by way of remembrance.

We cannot say that we have passed from death unto life, and that our feet are planted upon the immutable Rock, Christ Jesus, unless we dwell in this love day by day, and know of our thoughts, and actions, being governed, and controlled by Him, who is love.

The love of God in Christ Jesus has been the Christians theme from the earliest ages, and it is ours to day: and faith in the blood of Christ, shed on Calvary, is our only hope. We hear on every hand, that there never was a time when the Christian Church had more need of drawing very near to Christ, its living Head. This being the case, may we not fail to do so; and may He who calmed the troubled elements, and said "peace be still," guide us safely through.

Some beloved servants of the Lord who met with us last year, and with whom we took sweet counsel, have been removed by death. While we mourn their loss, we are comforted in the assurance, that He who has been with his people from one generation to another, will continue to be with us, and pour out his Spirit upon those who will be enabled to testify of his goodness and loving kindness.

We know, dear sisters, you feel that your annual gathering is small compared with those in some other parts: but we would not have you feel discouraged for we believe that the Lord has showered down his blessings upon you in no small measure, and will continue to do so, as your dependence is placed upon Him.

May grace and peace be with you all, "and love with

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Overshadewed by the blessings bestowed by the Giver of all our good gifts, we are gathered from many parts of the vineyard, with a number of Ministers and Friends of other Yearly Meetings, and among them our dear friend William Greene, of Ireland, whose company and gospel labors have been comforting to many minds. And afresh we are reminded that our sisters from afar have not forgotten us, by reading the messages of love from yours and other Yearly Meetings.

Our hearts have been made to respond to the sentiment, "Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed."

Thankfully we notice the improved deportment of our young people at this time, over that of the preceding Yearly Meetings; and at no time is it more apparent than on public meeting days.

On reading the London General Epistle, we were exhorted to faithfulness in prayer; and mothers were pointed to this, as the way by which they may be enabled to patiently bear the trials of life.

Reports of the Subordinate Meetings, and Yearly Meetings' committees, show some improvement over last year; yet we regret there are so many deficiencies still amongst us; and good counsel was given on this account, would that we might heed it.

The Scripture Schools are progressing in nearly all our meetings.

The subject of Temperance has claimed our increased attention.

In open session an interesting Report of the Indian Committee was read, also Memoirs of two of our beloved sisters, with whom we have often met and taken sweet counsel.

And now, dear sisters, farewell. May the rich blessings of our Heavingly Father's love rest upon you.

On behalf of the meeting.

PHEBE G. TAYLOR, Clerk.

IOWA.

DEAR SISTERS :

The reading of your acceptable epistle, together with those from other Yearly Meetings, has again impressed our minds with the strength there is in unity, made perfect in the love of Christ.

We miss the faces of many of the dear mothers from amongst us, which renewedly reminds us that their mantless will soon have to fall on other shoulders—the inquiry arises, Who shall receive them? yet we believe many are under the preparing hand of the Lord. We have had the company of many young sisters, whose quiet deportment and earnest interest, show that they too, are worker's in the Master's vineyard, and our prayer for these is, "not that He will take them out of the world, but that He will keep them from the evil, that they may still further bring forth fruit to His glory."

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On considering the state of society, and noticing the many deficiencies, we have received much precious counsel.— Mothers have been urged to more faithfulness in teaching their children the principles of the Christian religion; to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service.

In view of the now existing, and constantly increasing evils arising from the use of intoxicating drinks, the temperance cause claimed the serious attention of this and the Men's Meeting.

Interesting and encouraging accounts were received from those laboring among the Indians. The meeting has been led into deep sympathy with this much injured people, who are heartily responding to the efforts that are being made to induce them to become civilized. If we extend no helping hand to them, shall we be held guiltless before Him in whose image they were created? Shall we not rather hear this language, "Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

With all lowliness of heart and humble watchfulness unto prayer, may you and we, dear sisters, seek to follow Him who has said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." And now farewell.

Signed, by direction of the meeting,

ELIZABETH B. MILES, Clerk.