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# MINUTES

OF CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM 6TH MO. 27TH TO 7TH MO. 2ND INCLUSIVE.

1. Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings by the Representatives who are :—

PELHAM.— Charles J. Treffry, Albert C. Stover, Thomas Walker, William P. Barker, and James H. Stover.

YONGE STREET.— Seneca Doan, Cyrus Rogers, Levi Rogers, Benjamin Moore, Albert S. Rogers, Edmund Wright, Benjamin Cody.

WEST LAKE.— John T. Dorland, junr., Esli Terrill, Alexander Blanshard, Robert Saylor, Alexander Derbyshire, and Marmaduke Terrill.

All of whom were present except five.

2. The Caretakers are :— Henry Sutton, James H. Stover, Charles Walker, Thomas Haight, Jacob Doyle, Allen Cody, Albert S. Rogers, William Dale, Edmund Wright, Charles Starr, John Cronk, and Caleb Brown.

They are enjoined to be faithful to their duties, viz. :— Assisting Committees in meeting together, facilitating the punctual attendance, and attending to the seating of Friends in all meetings, and having a general oversight over their comfort.



3. Certificates have been presented by the following Friends :

Thomas Harvey.....	} London. }	Ministers.
Joseph Bevan Braithwaite . . . . .		
William Robinson . . . . .		
Thomas Pumphrey... . . . .		
Lida G. Romick.....		Ohio.
Aquila H. Pickering.....	} Western.	
Hannah N. T. Pickering . . . . .		
Electa J. Collins, Minister.....	} New England.	
Richard Batty . . . . .		
Mary A. Batty.....		

Are also present without certificates.

We accept the presence of our visiting Friends as a token that our Heavenly Father has been mindful of us, and humbly crave the divine blessing on their service amongst us.

4. We appoint Seneca Doan, Charles J. Treffry, Hannah J. Cody, Rachel Doyle, a committee to prepare certificates of their attendance, and present to a future sitting.

5. The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has at this time been read.

In order that subordinate meetings may profit by the valuable counsel it contains, we appoint—

Samuel Rogers, and William V. Wright, a Committee to procure a reprint of eight hundred copies, draw on Treasurer for cost, and apportion to Meetings.

6. We appoint Christopher Dale, Henry James and Samuel Rogers, a Committee, with the Caretakers, to make arrangements for meetings on first day, and during the Yearly Meeting.

7. We appoint Thomas Harris, Charles Walker, Robert H. Saylor, Charles G. Bowerman, Allan Cody, Seneca Doan, Mary Stevenson, Zulima Harris, Adelia Cronk, Rachel Doyle,

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Catharine Saylor, Elizabeth Garratt, a standing Nominating Committee, to whom is conferred the duty of bringing forward names of Friends to act on committees.

8. We continue the arrangement of last year as to holding the sessions of the Yearly Meeting subject to change.

9. A request from West Lake quarter, to be allowed to meet four times a year as follows, appears on minutes of that meeting :—This Meeting is united in asking the Yearly Meeting to allow it to hold its meetings quarterly, instead of once in four months, at the following places :—

At Moscow the first seventh day in ninth month.

At Bloomfield the first seventh day in twelfth month.

At Cold Creek the first seventh day in third month.

At Wellington the first seventh day in sixth month.

At the hour of 10 o'clock.

And the Representatives from West Lake propose that the time for holding the Preparative Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be on fourth day preceding the last Monthly Meeting before the Quarterly Meeting, at 2 o'clock p.m.; and the Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders to be at 2 o'clock p.m. on the day preceding the Quarterly Meeting, and at the same place.

We are united in granting the same, and the proposed changes will come into effect in ninth month at Moscow.

10. Requests from Yonge Street and West Lake Quarters, that we should direct the Representative Meeting to prepare a document setting forth our doctrines and principles; also a short account of the Mission work as carried on by early Friends.

We unite in granting the request so far as to direct the Representative Meeting to take the matter into consideration.

11. Adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock a.m. on seventh day in separate session.

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### SEVENTH DAY.

12. About the time adjourned to, the meeting again assembled.

13. Robert H. Saylor, on behalf of the Representatives, proposed the names of Howard Nicholson, as Clerk, and John T. Dorland, junr., as Assistant; after separately considering the names, Friends were united in appointing them to that service for one year.

Albert E. Wright and Henry Wilson are appointed Messengers.

14. The state of the Society as evinced by the answers to Queries from the various Quarterly Meetings, has at this time claimed our attention, and the following summary adopted:—The Clerks are directed to embody the exercise of the meeting in a minute of advice, to be sent down to Subordinate Meetings and present at a future sitting.

The unanswered queries and advices have been also read.

### SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

I. All the Quarterly Meetings report most Friends as careful to attend the meetings for worship on First-days. In the middle of the week one says a few attend, another not so well attended as is desirable.

The hour is not closely observed.

II. One Quarterly Meeting reports that Friends are preserved in love; another in a good degree; the third with some exceptions. One Quarterly Meeting says no differences

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known amongst us ; another, care is taken to end differences ; another, some care has been taken when differences have arisen.

III. Our meetings for transacting the affairs of the Church are regularly held. The discipline has not been so seasonably administered as is desirable, but it is in all cases impartially administered, and in the spirit of restoring love.

IV. With few exceptions Friends are in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures daily in their families collectively, with time for reverent waiting upon the Lord with thanksgiving and prayer.

V. One Quarterly Meeting reports clear in the several parts of this Query ; another with a few exceptions in two meetings ; another, one case of using intoxicating liquors for purposes otherwise than strictly medicinal.

VI. Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, with exceptions in two quarters.

VII. One Quarterly Meeting reports Trust Funds belonging to it which are invested according to law and the wishes of the donor. Titles of all property are duly perfected, recorded and kept valid.

Mariposa monthly meeting reports that they have not secured the title to their grounds ; and West Lake monthly meeting reports its title disputed and in litigation.

15. We direct the Nominating Committee to bring forward the names of six Friends, two from each Quarter, as a Committee to facilitate the Gospel services of our Friends from London Yearly Meeting, and assist them in making all necessary arrangements for travelling throughout this Yearly Meeting, and report forthwith.

16. The Nominating Committee propose the names of Squire W. Hill, Albert C. Stover, Cyrus R. Sing, Samuel Rogers, Charles G. Bowerman, and Esli Terrill ; we unite, and they are appointed to that service.

17. We have read the Epistles from New York, New England, North Carolina, Baltimore, Ohio, Iowa, Western, Kansas. The Nominating Committee are directed to bring forward names of Friends to serve as Committee on Correspondence.

18. Adjourned, to meet at two p.m.

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SEVENTH DAY, 2 P.M.

19. About the time adjourned to the Meeting again convened.

20. The reading of Epistles was continued, and the Nominating Committee propose the following Friends to draft replies, this Meeting unites, and they are appointed to that service :

Charles J. Treffry, James H. Stover, Albert Colquhoun, William V. Wright, Harris Knight, Charles G. Bowerman, Abraham B. Saylor, John H. Cronkhite, Benjamin Moore, David Bowerman, Charles Walker, Allan Bond, William Dale, Cyrus R. Sing, Clarkson Rogers, Henry James, Samuel Rogers, Simon Terrill, Stephen Cronkhite, Albert E. Wright, Ira Lapp, Rufus Garratt.

21. Adjourned, to meet Second-day morning, at 10 o'clock.

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SECOND DAY, 10 A.M.

22. Pursuant to adjournment the Meeting convened.

23. We have received and read at this time the epistle from London Yearly Meeting. We gladly embrace the counsel it contains and are comforted by being reminded of the sympathy of our brethren.

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24. The following information from Yonge St. Quarter has reached us, and we record the same.

Correspondents appointed since last year :

Grey Monthly Meeting informs us that they have appointed Joseph M. Rogers their correspondent.

Pickering Monthly Meeting informs us that they have appointed William J. Dale their correspondent

Mariposa Monthly Meeting informs us that they have appointed Wing Asa Rogers their correspondent.

25. We direct the Clerk to request other Yearly Meetings to address all correspondence to Monthly Meetings through the care of our Yearly Meeting correspondents, and Subordinate Meetings are desired to forward their correspondence through the same channel.

26. We appoint Albert C. Stover, Squire W. Hill, Samuel Hughes, Harris Knight, Charles G. Bowerman, and Simon Terrill, a Committee to draw up a list of Monthly Meeting Correspondents and their addresses, to be printed with Yearly Meeting minutes.

27. We direct Representatives to request members of Meetings to furnish back numbers of Yearly Meeting Minutes and forward to Samuel Rogers, Toronto, without delay, any shortage of ten of each year to be filled by a reprint.

28. We encourage Monthly Meetings to proceed kindly and in the spirit of restoring love in all cases of Friends who are not in unity with us, or who evidently wish to be released from membership, and we empower them, in all such cases, to release them without further care. To facilitate this, we recommend Monthly Meetings to appoint Committees, who shall, before such action is taken, give deliberate consideration



to each case; and this Meeting wishes it to be distinctly understood that no undue advantage is to be taken of this power.

29. Adjourned, to meet at 2 p.m. in joint session.

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### SECOND DAY, 2 P.M.

30. About the time adjourned to the Meeting assembled in joint session.

31. The Report from Foreign Mission Committee, has been read and accepted at this time. We make an appropriation of fifty dollars for the purposes of the Committee, and instruct Nominating Committee to bring forward names of Friends to act as Foreign Mission Committee for one year.

The Nominating Committee propose:

Pelham, . . . Charles Treffry, Alice Gregory.  
Yonge St., . . Benjamin Cody, Elizabeth Cody.  
West Lake, . . Charles G. Bowerman, Elizabeth Garrett.

We approve, and appoint the above our Foreign Mission Committee, and instruct them to draw on Yearly Meeting Treasurer for fifty dollars, and we encourage them to raise further funds in their respective Quarterly Meetings, to advance the objects for which they are appointed.

#### REPORT:

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, to be held at Pickering, beginning June 27th, 1884.*

As Secretary and Treasurer of your Missionary Committee, I wish to report that I have paid out all moneys entrusted to

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me by you, as directed by you last year, and I herewith send you receipts for the same.

I may also inform you that I have kept up, until recently, correspondence with your missionary Wm. A. Walls. He seems sorry to see so little fruit for his labour, but says he is sowing in hope. He evidently has to undergo many privations, and needs your sympathy and encouragement.

Yours in Christ,

SARAH JANE BARKER.

Sent Mrs. Walls for little Bessie :—

On Oct. 29th, 1883 .....	\$50 00
On March 20th, 1884.....	16 50
Postage .....	40
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32. The Bible School Committee Report has been read and adopted. We direct the Nominating Committee to bring forward names of Friends, as a Bible School Committee, to serve for one year.

#### BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Bible School Committee submits the following summarized Statistical Report of Bible Schools for year ending 12th mo., 31, 1883 :

Despite the difficulties which have beset the Church in so many places, there has evidently been much aggressive work done for the cause of Christ through the agency of our schools during the past year. Many of them report definite conversions, whilst all unite in believing that the blessing of the Lord has rested on their labours.

A. S. ROGERS,

*For the Com.*

# BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS, 1883-84.

SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Classes.	Children on Roll.	Adults on Roll.	Members on Roll.	Books in Library.	Books out during Year.	Papers taken.	Friends tea-ing in other Schools.	Conversions reported.	No. of Weeks open during Year.	Average Attendance.	Teachers' Meetings.
Toronto .....	Elias Rogers .....	11	11	84	22	33	...	...	2	...	...	52	69	1
Yonge Street .....	Chas. Webb .....	6	6	39	29	25	250	...	5	4	...	...	32	0
Tecumseth .....	R. Doyle .....	6	6	30	11	13	150	...	3	...	...	50	26	1
Uxbridge .....	Henry James .....	4	4	27	25	33	...	...	...	4	...	52	32	0
Whitchurch .....	Samuel Hall .....	2	2	20	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	52	20	0
Pickering .....	Christopher Dale .....	4	4	43	27	37	...	...	2	4	...	50	33½	0
Pickering College .....	Albert S. Rogers .....	7	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	40	55	1
Milldale .....	Wm. Burkholder .....	5	5	...	...	...	196	...	...	...	...	52	47½	1
Norwich .....	James H. Stover .....	5	5	43	33	34	120	...	3	2	...	52	40	1
Pelham .....	S. W. Hill .....	4	4	43	10	15	263	...	2	1	...	52	35	1
Beaconsfield .....	Chas. Walker .....	5	5	33	29	28	...	...	2	...	...	52	46½	1
Efingham .....	Phillip Kline .....	4	4	32	34	14	...	...	2	...	...	52	36	0
Huntingdon .....	Alfred Mullett .....	3	3	15	19	20	...	...	2	...	6	30	18.2	0
Bessbrook .....	David Hulet .....	4	4	29	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	0
Cold Creek .....	Simon Terrill .....	4	4	24	16	21	64	...	5	1	...	23	34	0
Wellington .....	J. Brown .....	4	4	80	40	70	100	...	...	2	1	30	60	1
*Mariposa .....	W. A. Rogers .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rockwood .....	J. R. Harris .....	6	6	65	12	...	200	...	2	...	...	52	38	1
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37. Adjourned to meet to-morrow, Third-day, at 10 a.m., in joint session.

39. The Pastoral Committee report. We adopt the same, release the Committee, and instruct the Nominating Committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve the meeting for one year.

**\*Verbal report only.**

The above Committee are united in proposing the following as Pastoral Committee : John R. Harris, Henry Sutton, Ellen Atkins, Cyrus Rogers, Benjamin Moore, William V. Wright, Lucinda Doan, Rufus Garrett, Annie Saylor, Stephen W. White. We accept the same and direct them to a prompt and conscientious performance of duty, and place at their disposal the funds in the hands of the former Committee and those raised to-day, being \$500.86.

#### REPORT OF PASTORAL COMMITTEE.

We have given the important work entrusted to us our prayerful and earnest attention. Several of the Christian workers, mostly belonging to our own Yearly Meeting, have gone out, as they believed the Lord called, and under His direction. They have received from the Pastoral Committee such assistance as seemed needful.

We believe that the Master has blessed the work and the workers as they went forth, depending on Him to supply all their needs.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

##### *Receipts.*

To Balance from last year .....	\$ 15 64
" Amount received during Y. M., 1883..	350 40
" Amount received since .....	163 00
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##### *Expenditure.*

By Total amount paid out .....	\$355 73
" Balance in hand of Treasurer.....	73 41
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On behalf of Committee,

CHRISTOPHER DALE.

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40. The Nominating Committee propose the following as Bible School Committee : Squire W. Hill, Charles Walker, Sarah J. Stover, Benjamin Moore, Cyrus Rogers, Albert E. Wright, Smith Clark, Sarah Cody, Rufus Garrett, Marmaduke Terrill, John Hodson, Jr., Annie Saylor. Approved and appointed for one year.

41. We instruct the Caretakers to draw on the Treasurer for \$25, and apportion to the respective churches that we have occupied during this Yearly Meeting, and this Meeting instructs the Clerk to furnish the trustees of the houses of our Presbyterian and Methodist brethren with a written expression of our thanks for their kindness in opening their houses to us in Christian love when unfortunate circumstances excluded us from our own.

42. Adjourned to meet in separate session at 2 p.m.

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THIRD DAY, 2 P.M.

43. About the time adjourned to Friends again met.

44. The Representatives are instructed to attend to the revision of apportionment of documents and report.

45. Elias Rogers on behalf of Committee appointed, Minutes '83. p. 11, Minute 25, reports not ready, and are continued.

46. The Committee appointed, Minutes '83, p. 31 (printed slips), report not ready, and are continued to report next year.

47. The Educational Committee present the following, we adopt the same, release the Committee, and appoint the Friends named to the various services indicated, and instruct the Nomination Committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve the Meeting as Educational Committee for one year.

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## REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Educational Committee, held 7th mo., 1st, 1884. The College Committee presented their report, which was adopted and directed to be laid before the Yearly Meeting and we propose the following names to fill the places of retiring members of the College Committee, viz., Stephen W. White, in place of John T. Dorland, and that John Richard Harris be re-appointed. We also recommend that William V. Wright be appointed to fill the place of Henry Reasin, who has separated from the Society, and William I'Anson as Auditor.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOS. HARRIS,  
*Chairman.*

## COLLEGE COMMITTEE REPORT.

The College Committee regret that they are unable to make a financial report for the year past, as the College is still in session and the books cannot be closed until the end of the present term.

The attendance has not been so large as during the previous year.

For the Autumn Term, 1883, there were—

Resident Students.....	54
Day Students.....	29
Total.....	83

Winter Term, 1883—

Resident Students.....	62
Day Students.....	28
Total .....	90

Spring Term, 1884—

Resident Students.....	44
Day Students.....	24
Total .....	68

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Although the Committee are not yet in possession of definite information as to the financial results of the year's work, they are of opinion that owing to the decreased attendance and increased cost of supplies, the showing will not be as satisfactory as they would desire, and they would respectfully urge that Friends exert their influence in the different localities where they reside to induce parents having children of suitable age to send them to the College.

In pursuance of the direction of last Yearly Meeting, the Committee effected a loan of \$12,000 for the purpose of consolidating the debts of the College and paying cost of steam heating apparatus.

The educational and religious results during the year have been most satisfactory, many parents having expressed themselves as being much pleased with the progress their children had made in their studies and also with their religious development.

On behalf of the Committee,

ELIAS ROGERS,

*Secretary.*

48. The consideration of the Treasurer's report has been taken up at this time and laid over.

49. We re-appoint Elias Rogers, Treasurer, for the Yearly Meeting for one year.

50. The following interim report has been received from the Representative Meeting :

We direct the Nominating Committee to propose names of Friends to fill the vacancies in that body and report.

*To the Yearly Meeting :*

Four Friends, members of this meeting, having withdrawn from membership with us, we are united in requesting you to appoint two Friends from Pelham and two from Yonge Street Quarters to fill the vacancies.

CHRISTOPHER DALE,

*Clerk.*

51. The reading of Epistles to Western New York and Indiana Yearly Meetings has been proceeded with.

52. Adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. to-morrow, Fourth-day, in separate session.

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#### FOURTH DAY, 2 P.M.

53. Pursuant to adjournment the meeting convened.

On women Friends joining us

54. The consideration of the report from the Representative Meeting relating to minute No. 10 was taken up, and after deliberate and prayerful consideration we adopt as a synopsis of our Christian faith and doctrine those portions of the "Book of Christian Discipline," issued by the Yearly Meeting of London, 1883, contained in the first twenty-eight pages, and entitled Christian Doctrine, and pages sixty-four, five and six, being sect. iii. chap. iv. of that part entitled Christian Practice.

After prayerfully reading the same we here record with humble thanksgiving to our Father in heaven, our unity with and adoption of this expression of the great principles of Christian truth. And we instruct the Printing Committee to have the same reprinted in pamphlet form entitled "A statement of some points of Christian Doctrine and Practice of the Society of Friends in Canada," with the above extract as a preface. Fifteen hundred copies to be printed, apportioned to the various meetings, and the reading of it in Preparative Meetings is enjoined.

55. The Committee on Returning Minutes presents the following :

Our beloved friends Thomas Harvey, Joseph B. Braithwaite, William Robinson, and Thomas Pumphrey, of London Yearly

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Meeting, and ministers of the Gospel, attended this meeting with a minute, setting forth the feelings of deep interest and the assurance of brotherly love toward us from that meeting.

Their presence and labours amongst us and the expressions of love and sympathy from that meeting have been very cheering, and our prayers are that their mission of love and peace may be productive of much good ; and that when their labours have been accomplished they may return to their several homes with the Saviour's peace.

Also, our dear friend Lida G. Romick, a minister, acceptably attended this meeting with satisfactory credentials from Alum Creek Monthly Meeting, Ohio.

We accept the same and direct the clerks to sign on behalf of the meeting.

56. The Nominating Committee propose the following as the Educational Committee :

Alexander Blanchard, Cory B. Cronkhite, Duncan Wood, John Hodson, Jr., Edmond Wright, Esli Terrill, Jr., David Rogers, Samuel Hughes, Thomas Harris, Cyrus R. Sing, Samuel Rogers, Thomas Hill, Albert C. Stover, William P. Barker, Benjamin Moore, Alice Treffry, Lucy Cronkhite, Ella Terrill, Elizabeth Garrett, Sarah Foster, Lydia S. Hubbs, Sophia Dale, Phoebe Rogers, Martha Rogers, Martha Walker, Rachel Doyle, Jane Idle, Adelia Cronkhite, Marianna Harris, Hannah Taylor. Approved and appointed to that service for one year.

Women Friends retiring,

57. The reading of the following Minute of Advice was taken up, approved and directed down to the prayerful consideration of Subordinate Meetings.

#### MINUTE OF ADVICE.

The reading and answering of the queries introduced the meeting into deep concern of spirit for its members here assembled, and for those who have not met with us at this time of



our Annual Meeting. It is to be feared that the full value of our mid week meetings, is not generally appreciated by our membership. The non-attendance of these meetings is more than a duty omitted, it is a privilege lost. In the midst of pressure from necessary business cares, we need this time of restful waiting on the Lord. Such meetings are generally composed of those, who are the most devoted to the Master, and have the welfare of the church nearest at heart. In thus leaving our cares to "speak often one to another," we are bearing witness that the life is more than meat, and that the Lord's claims are paramount to all others. Nor should we regard this privilege as a mere tradition, imposed upon us by our fathers, to be cast off, or neglected at will, its observance has been the practice of God's children in all ages of the church. If these meetings be really held in the power of the Lord, his love must possess and control our hearts.

Our Lord over and over again impressed this on his disciples—"These things I command you that ye love one another." "A new commandment I give unto you that ye love one another, as I have loved you." This is not negative—it is not merely cherishing no hate, or unkind feelings—it is an active, not a passive principle, "as I have loved you." No irritation, or difficulty can excuse a lack of Christian love, He left us an example that we should follow in His steps, "Who when He was reviled reviled not again." Let us open our hearts to Him, and exhibit in our testimonies that mind that was in Christ Jesus. If we thus abide in His love, it sweetens our thoughts, and is the overcoming power in our lives. This leads us into tender sympathy for those who may have offended, and when we go to them in this love, we remember the apostolic injunction, "Considering thyself lest thou also be tempted."

The privilege and duty of family prayer was urged again upon us; we were reminded that "the true warrant for prayer is a sense of our need," and Friends are tenderly advised to more vocal prayer in their families. There may be a silence without devotion. Testimonies have not been wanting to the blessings thus received, in faithfulness, in the church in the

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home. The promise still remains true, "open thy mouth wide and I will fill it." We have been exhorted to faithfulness towards the servants, and helps in our families; we have a duty towards them, and in our family worship they should be sharers, and remembered by us agreeably to George Fox's advice—"We do declare that we do esteem it a duty incumbent upon us to pray with, and for those in, and belonging to our families. The family is God's institution, and a peculiar blessing rests upon it, if His name is honored. Let it also be remembered by us, that we need reverent waiting upon the Lord in silence, that he may speak to us. It is a source of great regret that the query in regard to the use of intoxicants is not answered clear. We earnestly desire to have our Society purged from this stain, that we may lend our earnest efforts to the cause of temperance. The pulse of Christian life may be indicated by our just and honorable dealings in business. It is greatly to be desired, that in every phase of life we be just in our dealings and punctual in fulfilling our engagements. Questionable businesses, and doubtful speculations are not by the conscientious Christian to be engaged in. The strictest integrity in all our business transactions is to be observed. Let us make our name "Christian" synonymous with honesty, uprightness, and truth, and fear all that will not bear the light. These remarks apply also to our appointments in the church, that she may have the conscientious service of her members. "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge, and to knowledge temperance, and to temperance patience, and to patience godliness, and to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you and abound they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things ye shall never fall: for so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Sent down to our Subordinate Meetings in Christ's love and directed to be read by the Clerks in their Meetings for Discipline.

58. The Nominating Committee reports : We recommend that the Yearly Meeting appoint Samuel Rogers, Cyrus R. Sing, John R. Harris, and Charles J. Treffry, a Committee in the case of the appeal now pending, Dorland v. Jones, and to have full control of, and we authorise them to draw upon the Treasurer to defray expenses of, the same.

We unite in the report and appoint the Friends named to that service.

59. The Nominating Committee offer the following names of Friends to fill vacancies in the Representative Meeting, viz. (see Minute 51) : Charles Walker, Squire W. Hill, Edmund Wright, Samuel Hughes. Approved and appointed.

60. We appoint Clarkson Rogers Yearly Meeting Auditor for College accounts.

61. The following report from the Representative Meeting has been presented and read. We adopt the same.

#### REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

At a special meeting of the Representative Meeting of Canada, called in regular order, to inspect the title to the property of Westlake Monthly Meeting, now in dispute.

The following Friends were appointed a Committee to watch the proceedings in the said case of dispute ; who are hereby authorised to take such steps as may appear necessary to sustain the interest and reputation of our Society, and report, viz. Jas. F. Barker, Charles J. Treffry, Cyrus R. Sing, John R. Harris, and Samuel Rogers.

At a meeting of the Representative Meeting, held on the 27th of 6 mo. 1884, the above named Committee report as follows :

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## REPORT.

The Committee of the Representative Meeting appointed to watch the proceedings in the Westlake suit, Dorland v. Jones, met in Toronto, 1st mo. 21st, 1884, at 3 o'clock p.m. All the members present, namely, Samuel Rogers, Cyrus R. Sing, Charles J. Treffry, James F. Barker, and John R. Harris. James F. Barker was appointed Chairman, and John R. Harris Secretary.

Moved by Samuel Rogers, seconded by Cyrus R. Sing, that we recommend the plaintiffs to give notice of appeal from Judge Proudfoot's decision; the Yearly Meeting assuming the expense of appeal, but not the costs previous to this date. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary is instructed to forward a copy of the above minute to Robert H. Saylor, Bloomfield, Ont.

JAMES F. BARKER,

JOHN R. HARRIS,

*Chairman.*

*Secretary.*

After some further information from Samuel Rogers, the subject was laid over for future consideration.

At a meeting of the Representative Meeting held 6 mo. 28th, 1884 :

The report of the Committee on Westlake property again claimed our attention. This meeting accepts the report, and unites with the action of the Committee.

CHRISTOPHER DALE,

*Clerk of Rep. Meeting.*

62. The Representatives' Report, including Treasurer's Statement laid over previously, has been read and accepted, as follows :

## REPORT.

*To the Yearly Meeting :*

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them correct. There is a balance due him of thirty dollars and nine cents (\$30.09).

We recommend that the sum of three hundred and fifty



dollars (\$350) be raised for the ordinary needs of the Yearly Meeting during the current year.

We further recommend that the sum of fifteen hundred dollars (1500) be raised by this Yearly Meeting, to meet the expenses of the appeal now pending in court against the decision of Justice Proudfoot in the case of Dorland v. Jones, and that some means be taken to place one thousand dollars of this sum in the hands of the Treasurer as soon as possible, there being immediate need for it.

Signed on behalf of the Representatives,

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ELIAS ROGERS, *Treasurer*, IN ACCOUNT WITH CANADA YEARLY MEETING FRIENDS, 1884.

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6-27.	To balance cash on hand	\$ 61	46
6-28.	" cash, Stephen White (Westlake quota)	90	00
6-29.	" " W. S. Barker (Pelham quota)	81	00
6-29.	" " Thomas Moore (on account Yonge St. quota)	116	32
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7- 5.	By cash paid J. F. Barker (Board, Ministers attending Yearly Meeting)	\$ 10	50
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7- 5.	" " paid Jas. F. Richardson (Board, Ministers attending Yearly Meeting)	10	00
7- 9.	" " C. Dale, Printing Railroad Certificates	3	75
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9-26.	" " paid J. Dale	56	24
10- 4.	" " paid Travelling Expenses to Representative, Albert Stover \$5 40; Duncan Wood \$3 50	8	90
10-19.	" " paid S. J. Barker, for Education and maintenance of Wm. Wall's little girl	50	00
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## 63. The Committee appointed Minute 35, reports :

We, the Committee appointed to see if the money required by the Yearly Meeting to defray the expense of the appeal case, could be raised by subscription, desire to state that we have taken every opportunity to solicit subscriptions, and while some have made liberal offers conditionally, we think that it is very unlikely that the required sum can be raised in that way.

We therefore ask to be released, and that the amount be raised in the usual course.

SAMUEL ROGERS,  
J. C. BOWERMAN,  
THOS. HARRIS.

Approved, and Committee released.

As some time must necessarily elapse before the amount quoated can be raised, we instruct the Yearly Meeting Treasurer to provide temporarily for the needs of the meeting, and we affectionately urge Subordinate Meetings to forward their quotas of the amount asked for previous to first month first, 1885.

64. The representatives recommend the following apportionment of documents. We accept the same and direct the Printing Committee to be governed accordingly :

Norwich Monthly Meeting	.....	18 %
Pelham	" " .....	9 "
Yonge St.	" " .....	22 "
Pickering	" " .....	7 "
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65. The reading of correspondence was proceeded with. Epistles to London, Dublin, Ohio, Baltimore, Kansas, Iowa, New England, and North Carolina, were read and approved. The Clerk is instructed to transcribe, sign and forward.

66. The following was received at this time :

*To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :*

Not desiring to act as Trustee of Pickering College any longer, I hereby tender my resignation.

ROBERT M. RICHARDSON.

Whitby, 7-2-'84.

We accept the same, and the Nominating Committee proposing the name of Cyrus R. Sing. In the exercise of every power invested in us, we accept the nomination, and appoint Cyrus R. Sing a Trustee of Pickering College. And we authorise the continuing Trustees with or without the assistance of the Clerk, to do all that is necessary for the legalising and completion of such appointment.

67. The deputation from England has presented from the London Meeting for Sufferings to the members of this meeting, seventy copies of the new Christian Discipline of London Yearly Meeting. We thankfully accept the same, and direct Robert H. Saylor and Christopher Dale to aid them in properly distributing them.

68. We gratefully acknowledge that through the various sessions of this Yearly Meeting the crowning presence of the great Head of the Church has been over us, and we humbly believe that not earthly wisdom, but that which cometh from above, has directed us in the various deliberations. To His Name be all the praise.

As we thus part from each other, many hearts have realised

MEETING OF FRIENDS.

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the bond of love in Christ Jesus our risen Lord has been deepened, and the truth of the proverb verified, "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

69. Adjourned to meet at Pickering at the usual time next year, if the Lord will.

HOWARD NICHOLSON.

*Clerk.*



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## MINUTES

OF CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS HELD AT  
PICKERING, ONTARIO.

1. Opened in joint session on 6th day the 27th of 6th mo. 1884.

2. It appeared from reports received from the Quarterly Meetings that the following Friends were appointed Representatives to this meeting, viz. :—

PELHAM.—Mary Stephenson, Esther Woodard, Sarah Ann Duncan, Marianne Harris.

YONGE STREET.—Elizabeth Brown, Marianne Hughes, Elizabeth Cody, Hannah M. Vail, Huldah Starr, Rachel Doyle, Hannah Wright, Lucinda Doan.

WEST LAKE.—Rachel Cronk, Mary Ann Dorland, and Marilda Blanchard.

Whose names being called, five were absent; satisfactory reasons were given for the absence of three.

3. The Friends appointed as caretakers by the Quarterly Meetings, being called, were present, except two.

They were from

PELHAM.—Sarah Ann Duncan, Marianne Harris, Miranda Butterfield.

YONGE STREET.—Elizabeth Brown, Elizabeth Cody, and Sarah Cody.

WEST LAKE.—Susannah Haight, Dorcas Garratt, and Anna Saylor.



4. We have at this time the company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings. with satisfactory credentials from their respective meetings, viz. :—Thomas Harvey, Joseph Bevan Braithwaite, William Robinson, and Thomas Pumphrey, from London Yearly Meeting ; Lida Romick, from Ohio ; Aquila Pickering and wife Hannah N. T. Pickering, of Western Yearly Meeting.

There were also some Friends without minutes, to whom was extended a cordial welcome.

Rachel Doyle, and Hannah Jane Cody were appointed in conjunction with a like Committee of men Friends, to prepare returning minutes for these, as way shall open for it.

5. The London General Epistle has been read at this time. We desire that the loving counsel contained therein may prove a lasting blessing to us.

6. The following Friends were appointed as a Nominating Committee in conjunction with a like Committee of men Friends, viz. :—Mary Stephenson, Zulima Harris, Adelia Cronk, Rachel Doyle, Catharine Saylor, and Elizabeth C. Garratt.

7. The proposition from West Lake, four months meeting, to change the holding of that meeting to a Quarterly Meeting, was united with. For time and places of holding see Mens' Minutes.

8. A proposition to have our doctrines as held by George Fox, and other standard authors among Friends to the present day, to be reaffirmed, etc., as proposed by Yonge Street and West Lake Quarterly Meetings, was referred to the Representative Meeting, to report to a future sitting.

9. The Representatives were directed to confer together at the rise of this meeting, and propose to our next sitting the names of suitable Friends to serve as Clerks.

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The meeting then adjourned to meet in separate session to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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SEVENTH DAY, MORNING, 28TH OF 6TH MO.

Friends met near the hour adjourned to.

10. Eliza Brewer, on behalf of the Representatives, informed the meeting they were united in proposing that Hannah Jane Cody be appointed Clerk, and Elizabeth C. Garratt Assistant Clerk of this meeting. The nominations being approved by the meeting they were appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

11. Susannah Haight, Anna Saylor, Sarah Ann Duncan, and Emma Richardson, were nominated and appointed as messengers for the coming year.

12. Epistles from New York, Indiana, Baltimore, Western, Ohio, and Iowa, were read, and we have never felt the value of these sisterly greeting as now, and our hearts have been lifted to our Heavenly Father in thanksgiving for the loving counsel and instruction contained in many of these, which could only have emanated from Him.

The following Friends were nominated to prepare essays in reply, and produce them to a future sitting, viz. :—Catharine Saylor, Elizabeth C. Garratt, Emma Richardson, Anna Saylor, Rachel Doyle, Adelia Cronk, Martha Rogers, Allie Dale, Phebe Jane Wright, Lucy Cronk, Sarah Ann. Duncan, Jane Idyl, Marianne Harris, Marilda Blanshard, Mary Stephenson, Sarah Cody, Catharine Hoag, Sarah Rogers, Sophia Dale, Catharine Sherard, Mary Ann Dorland, Elizabeth Cody, Rachel Webb, and Elma Cronk.

13. Mary Ann Dorlaad, Rachel Cronk, Rachel Doyle, and Mary Stephenson, were appointed to prepare a summary of the answers from the Quarterly Meeting, and produce them at the next session.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at two o'clock this afternoon.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Near the time adjourned Friends convened.

14. The Friends appointed to prepare summary answers, produced them, and the meeting proceeded to the examination\* of the state of society as presented by the answers from the different Quarterly Meetings. A summary of them is as follows :—

#### SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship. The hour is nearly observed with an exception in one meeting, and one midweek meeting is reported as not kept up.

2nd. With some exceptions in one meeting Friends are preserved in love one towards another, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them.

3rd. Our meetings for transacting the affairs of the Church have been regularly held. The discipline has been administered, we trust, in the spirit of restoring love, but not in all cases as seasonably as it should have been.

4th. Most Friends are in the practice of reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively, with time for reverent waiting upon the Lord with thanksgiving and prayer.

5th. As far as we know Friends are clear in the several parts of this Query.

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6th. Friends are just in their dealings as far as we know ; there are some exceptions in regard to punctuality in fulfilling their engagements.

7th. The various subjects asked after in this Query are attended to by men Friends.

15. While considering the state of society, the meeting was brought into deep exercise on account of the deficiencies existing among us. In regard to the attendance of midweek meetings, we were reminded that we are responsible for these opportunities of meeting with our Friends to worship Him from whom all our blessings come, and who so richly blesses the little sacrifice required for this duty ; strengthening us for other services ; and by our faithfulness in this respect we may be a help to others, inducing them to come, taste and see how good the Lord is.

We were encouraged to know of individual heart-searching before the Lord, that we may know of having our hearts purified by Him, so that we shall be prepared for every service He may call for at our hands, whether public or private, so as we wait upon Him not only in our closets but in the daily reading of the Holy Scriptures in our families, we shall know as we do His will of a blessing resting upon ourselves and our families ; may it be said of each of us, " She hath done what she could." Although discouragements of various kinds may surround us, we were encouraged to look away from ourselves, putting our trust in Him who giveth grace and ability *to do or bear* whatever may be permitted to come upon us. Mothers were earnestly entreated to be very faithful in their duties to their children, that they be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and come forth as true standard-bearers, supplying the places of those who must soon leave

the duties and cares of life ; and in the end may we all be gathered with that innumerable company that John saw, who "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

The meeting then adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock on 2nd day morning.

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### SECOND DAY MORNING,

30th of 6th month. Friends met at the hour adjourned to.

16. The unanswered queries were read, and although no answers were required, we were led to apply them to our own hearts, and desires were expressed that we might each exemplify in our daily lives a measure of the wisdom, the meekness, and the love of our Saviour.

The advices were also read.

17. Epistles were received and read from London, Kansas, and North Carolina, and were handed to the Committee on Essays ; and the committee were directed to write essays to the two meetings from whom we have not heard, as we are informed, epistles have been sent but have not reached us.

18. The subject of writing a letter to the children of our own Yearly Meeting, claimed the attention of the meeting at this time, two Friends felt that the Lord had laid it upon their hearts to do so, and offered their services. The meeting fully united with the concern and they were left at liberty to prepare an essay and produce at another sitting.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in joint session this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

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19. For business of this session see men's minutes.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in joint session tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

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### THIRD DAY MORNING.

1st of 7th month, near the time adjourned to, Friends convened in joint session.

20. For business of this session see men's minutes.

The meeting then adjourned to meet at 2 p.m. in separate session.

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### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Near the time adjourned to Friends met.

21. Essays of epistles for London, Dublin, New York, New England, Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas were read and approved, and the clerk was directed to sign and forward on behalf of this meeting to their respective meetings.

22. The letter addressed to the children was read and approved, and handed to the Committee on Printing.

23. The Nominating Committee proposed the following names for a Pastoral Committee, viz: John R. Harris, Henry Sutton, Ellen Atkins, for Pelham. Cyrus Rogers, Benjamin Moore, William V. Wright and Lucinda Doan for Yonge St. Rufus Garratt, Anna Saylor, and Stephen W. White for West Lake. They were united with by the meeting and the desire was expressed by the meeting that these might be kept as at the feet of Jesus, so waiting and watching to do His will that they may be enabled to go forth and also assist others to work in the great harvest field, that many sheaves may be gathered into the heavenly garner.



The meeting then adjourned to meet in separate session tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

#### FOURTH DAY AFTERNOON.

Second of 7th month. Met at the hour proposed, and adjourned to a joint session in men's meeting.

24. For business transacted see the men's minutes.

After meeting in joint session, Friends again met in separate session.

25. Essays of Epistles for Iowa, Western, Baltimore and North Carolina were read and adopted, and the clerk was directed to sign and forward them.

26. And now as we are about to separate, we would commend ourselves and each other to the care of the unslumbering Shepherd of Israel ; whom we have found a dispenser of rich blessings to us, who has not put us forth at our own cost, but has gone before and prepared the way, and has so overshadowed us during every sitting of this meeting, that we can but return thanksgiving and praise to His great name. May we return to our homes with renewed faith and courage, with pure hearts, faithful to our God, and faithful to our fellow beings. Under a feeling of our solemn obligations to God for all his goodness to us, we adjourn to meet in Pickering again next year, at the usual time, if the Lord permit.

HANNAH JANE CODY,

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## EPISTLES

*Addressed to Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, 1884.*

LONDON.

*Dear Sisters,—*

Our hearts respond with deep sympathy to your epistle, and we long to convey some expression of the love which flows toward all our sisters in your land. Earnest prayer was offered on your behalf, after the perusal of your touching words, and we believe that our united pleadings ascended to the throne of grace for your help in this time of need, and that you may be comforted in remembering the promise, "Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise with healing on His wings."

May it be given you to feel that you are members of one body in Christ, and that while each member may have a different service for her Lord, yet, all should be one in Him, cherishing the weak as part of the body, and abiding more in the spirit of love than in that of judgment.

We rejoice in the appointment by our Yearly Meeting of dear brethren to visit you, who are well qualified to enter into feeling with you under your present trials, and who will, also, we believe be endued with the "Spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind, and enabled to impart counsel and comfort, which may tend to the restoration of unity; yet, much as we may value the help granted from time to time through the Lord's servants, how infinitely more precious is the abiding sympathy, and intercession of our compassionate High Priest, who is "touched with a feeling of our infirmities."

We are thankful to hear that your First Day Schools, and Bible Classes prosper. *Our* missionary interests have also been quickened by the return of our dear friend Isaac Sharp,

and his cheering description of all the way the Lord has led him. We trust that all your efforts may be greatly blessed as you wait on the Lord for direction in any service for Him.

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

We remain your affectionate sisters,  
Signed in and on behalf of the meeting,

CATHARINE WILSON,  
*Clerk to the Meeting this year.*

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NEW YORK.

*Dear Sisters,—*

We welcome your sisterly greeting, with similar testimonials from other Yearly Meetings in America, Europe and Australia, and we realize how precious is the relationship indicated by the words of our Lord :

"One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren."

The severe trial through which you are passing at this time has awakened deep sympathy in the hearts of many thoughtful Friends amongst us, for truly when "one member suffers all the members suffer with it."

May the voice of the Divine Counsellor prevail in your deliberations, so that in all decisive measures you may choose the course which He approves and leads you to ; and all discordant elements be so overruled by our loving Lord that a sweet harmony and peace may fill your meetings.

He was "a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He knows how to comfort His people in all their afflictions, and as we bring to Him, in humble submission to His holy will, the temptations and the trials too heavy for us to bear. He will gently lift the burden, and make "a way to escape" for us.

His promise of old to them that mourned in Zion, was : "to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning,

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the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness ;” and He is as ready to help and deliver His church in her need, now as then ; this present chastening which seems so grievous will afterwards yield “ the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them that are exercised thereby.”

The blessing of the Lord has rested upon our annual assembly at this time, and as the reports of the various departments of the work of the church have been read, each one has brought with it added cause for heartfelt thanksgiving to Him for the mercies with which He has crowned the year. We feel the need of watchfulness and prayer in meeting these varied responsibilities and in every little service that He may appoint of keeping ever near Him for guidance and support.

We are affectionately your sisters in Christ,

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

CAROLINE E. LADD,  
*Clerk.*

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BALTIMORE.

*Dear Sisters,—*

The messages of affectionate greeting and loving encouragement, contained in your epistle, as well as in those from other Yearly Meetings, have been most cordially welcomed among us. We have thus been renewedly made aware how strong and how precious is the bond, which unites those who are indeed brethren in the Lord. The various objects, for which the members of our society, in your branch of the church, are so effectually laboring, are those, which have most earnestly engaged many in our meetings ; and we have realised it to be a true cause for thankfulness that so wide an interest prevails on these subjects.

Some of our younger members, who have but recently learned to know how sweet is the privilege of service for a dear Saviour, are engaged in the work with those who have for years, borne the burden and heat of the day.

A greater need for earnest effort seems pressed upon us, as

we realize the uncertainty of time and the shortness of the day, in which we are called to work. One by one we see our dear aged friends, passing away to their eternal rest ; earnest desires arise from many hearts, that we who remain may occupy our talents with all faithfulness ; day by day, doing what our hands find to do under the guidance of Israel's unslumbering Shepherd.

The cause of temperance seems increasingly to hold a place of interest among our members. It is a great encouragement that so many of our earnest workers feel that they must take a decided stand upon this point. Also that by the action of our City and State authorities, some opportunity is given to restrain the sale of all spirituous liquors in large districts of our country.

Mission work, comprising meetings of various kinds, as mother's meetings, sewing schools, and others for social and religious advancement, occupy the attention of a goodly proportion of our members, so that the winter is a season of much activity and engagement, which we cannot doubt must be greatly helpful to all concerned, whether as pupils or teachers.

In conclusion, dear sisters, we desire to assure you of our loving interest and sympathy ; with a heartfelt petition that you and we may be kept abiding in the true Vine—Christ Jesus. Watching and waiting to know His blessed will concerning us ; and from our hearts may the words of Israel's youthful prophet arise, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." Finally, dear sisters, farewell : "Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, live in peace, and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting,

MARY W. THOMAS,  
*Clerk.*

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NORTH CAROLINA.

*Dear Sisters,—*

We have received messages of love at this time from other Yearly Meetings, and have never valued this epistolary cor-

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respondence more. We rejoice for the fresh evidences of our Heavenly Father's care, for the strong bonds of love in Christ our Saviour, which bind us all together as sisters of one household.

We have been cheered by the company of several of the Lord's servants, whose ministrations and example have been truly encouraging for which we can do no less than thank and praise Him whose mercy endureth for ever. Although we have changed our place of holding our Yearly Meeting, we find the same loving Father here, to bless all who come unto Him in truth, and we can say, "Behold how good and how pleasant a thing it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Much tender sympathy has been expressed for the mothers, and they have been exhorted, notwithstanding their many cares, to spend some time in reading and in secret communion, that they might be more able to train the little ones committed to their care. We were all advised to devote a portion of our time to the culture and improvement of our minds, as a duty we owe to ourselves and our society, to the Church at large and to the rising generation. Our reports on temperance, mission and Sabbath school work show that the interest in these various fields of labor has been maintained. The report of the evangelistic committee encourages us to continue the work, believing their labors have been greatly blessed. As we lift our eyes we see the harvest is plenteous and the laborers too few: and our young people have been admonished to enter early into the Lord's work, both by aged father, Issac Sharp, from England, and our young brother from your Yearly Meeting.

Now, dear sisters, we bid you God-speed in every work and service for the Master. May the grace of God abound with you and us. Your affectionate sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

ABIGAIL N. MENDENHALL,

*Clerk.*

OHIO.

*Dear Sisters,—*

Although we have received no epistle from you at this time,



yet in the love and fellowship of the Gospel we greet you with the Apostolic benediction, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus, our Lord." The "good tidings of great joy," which shall be to all people, have been proclaimed in our meetings in demonstration of the spirit and with power, resulting in abundant blessing to the church. As our lost condition in the fall, and the way of salvation through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, have been earnestly presented, some who had not known Him in the forgiveness of sin, have realized their need of a Saviour, and believers, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth, are being built up in the most holy faith.

The sacrificial offering of Christ, whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, has been definitely taught, as the ground upon which the justification of the sinner is based. "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." This essential truth having become a realized experience in the soul, through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is the effective agent in carrying forward the work of grace in the hearts of all who yield a willing obedience thereto, it becomes the hallowed privilege of every one, who in true humiliation and self-surrender, seeks to know the "fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ," to receive through His precious blood, not only remission from the guilt of sin, but also deliverance from its power.

Our hearts are made glad that so many of our young sisters testify that they have entered by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God, knowing that the Lord Jesus "is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them."

Interesting and encouraging reports have been read from committees having charge of educational and Sabbath school, home and foreign mission work, and the subject of temperance. The Church offers to its membership different lines of service, so that opportunity is afforded to every one that is equipped with the Christian armor and walking in the light, to exercise the special gift bestowed by the Spirit according to the will of

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God. Then may we not shrink or falter in following the Master, in simple reliance upon Him, earnestly seeking to win precious souls for His kingdom. Laying aside every weight, "let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," to whom be all glory now and for evermore.

Your sisters in Christ.

Signed on behalf the Meeting,

ELIZABETH S. HILL,  
*Clerk.*

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INDIANA

*Dear Sisters,—*

We have been much comforted this year in receiving the salutations from other Yearly Meetings, and listening to the account of what our Father in heaven is doing for His church in other parts of His vineyard. We are able, at this time, to say, Surely He hath also "hired us," as the reports from our Subordinate Meetings show the many phases of work that are being carried forward in much zeal for God. We remember that "without Him we can do nothing," but are assured by the Apostle that we "can do all things through Christ strengthening us." And while God is calling us to greater faithfulness, we rejoice that we have a part in the work. We have been reminded that we have places of service in the church militant that our brothers cannot fill; and the words of the wise man have been revived in our hearing, "The price of a virtuous woman is far above rubies." As we trace out in the Scriptures of Truth the many recognitions of woman's service in the great army of Israel of old, and, later, her work and zeal in the Apostles' day, we have been made to feel that surely, not less now than then, are we called to take our places in promoting the spiritual kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have had very interesting reports from the different Meetings on the subjects of Temperance and both Home and Foreign Missions, and believe that our Father in heaven is qualifying many

among the young to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty." With the salutation of the Lord we remain your sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

NAOMI W. HARRISON,  
*Clerk.*

IOWA.

*Dear Sisters,—*

Being again permitted to assemble in a Yearly Meeting, we gratefully acknowledge the presence of Christ our King, in whom we are rejoicing day by day.

The epistles from sister Yearly Meetings have been unusually interesting, being fraught with the same faithful love to Him who is Lord of all, the same earnestness in the great cause of righteousness and truth, accompanied with faith that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. We have been strengthened and our joy made to abound by the wise and loving counsels of many dear Friends from abroad, whose coming among us we regard as a precious token of our Heavenly Father's love. Among them our dear aged father in Israel Isaac Sharp, whose words were indeed those of matured experience and a deep trust in God.

Our united prayer is for full dedication of heart and life to God, that we may be made instrumental in spreading the gospel in all its fulness. There is an increasing interest manifested in the cause of temperance. Our work has been on the line of entire prohibition, and though the enemies of the Lord have been suffered to triumph for a time, our trust is still in Him for ultimate victory; while our labour in many places has been crowned with success.

The subject of Foreign Missions has been brought before us at this time; and in order to cast in our mite with others, we have organized a Women's Foreign Missionary Association, which has pledged itself to support a lady missionary in Jamaica, a sister present offering herself to the work.

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We are also forcibly impressed with the abundant need of Home Missionary work. Our sympathies have been largely enlisted for a class hitherto much neglected, who have fallen from the path of rectitude, and from whom sisters in Christian homes have held themselves too much aloof.

Young mothers have been exhorted to bring their little ones early to Jesus, and dedicate them to Him, as did Hannah of old, believing this to be a powerful means of preserving them from the evil of the world.

While considering all these different subjects as they have come before us, we have watched with intense interest the opening door for service in the great whitening field; and the question, "Who is sufficient for these things?" is answered to our hearts when we read from the blessed Book, "Our sufficiency is of God." We rejoice that our Saviour is abundantly able to keep us in our homes, with all their cares and duties, where there is so much need of faith and strength and patience.

We would encourage all God's children—yes, we would encourage you, beloved sisters, to go on and on in the ever-brightening path that leads through grace to glory; and our prayer is that we may all know of being perfected in the fullness of the blessed will of God.

Having been permitted to transact the business which has come before us in much harmony and unity, we thankfully commend ourselves and "you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified." (Acts xx., 23.)

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting,

JANE H. BLAIR,

*Clerk.*

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WESTERN.

*Dear Sisters,*

We respond to your loving message with thanksgiving and praise, in a fresh experience of the love of God, uniting and blessing us together in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We have in attendance a number of Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, among these our aged friend Isaac Sharpe. The gospel has been preached reminding us of the many privileges we may enjoy under the fulness of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, His offices and His power to bestow upon us the richest of His blessings, and to prepare and qualify us for usefulness in the church and in the world, were dwelt upon; and we were exhorted to yield our hearts unreservedly to Him, bearing in mind that as a people our needs were never greater than now.

The reading of your epistle brought vividly before us the responsibility of mothers in bringing their children to the Lord; and they were feelingly entreated to continued faithfulness, remembering the injunction, "Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old he will not depart from it."

Very satisfactory reports from the various departments of church work have been presented, and prayerfully considered. Our Women's Foreign Missionary work has been abundantly blessed of the Lord, both in Syria and Mexico; and we enter upon the coming year with renewed energy and strengthened faith, in the promises of our blessed Master.

The subject of Bible School work was especially dwelt upon, and the great responsibility devolving upon those engaged therein, was brought before us, impressing the necessity of thorough dedication unto the Lord, on the part of teachers and officers.

The Report of our Evangelistic Committee shows that systematic work, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has been abundantly blessed.

Near akin to this is our Home Mission Committee for prison visiting, holding prayer meetings amongst the poor and neglected, establishing Mission Schools for children, and carrying the total abstinence pledge into all these departments.

With the salutations of love we are your sisters,

REBECCA T. HOBBS,

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## KANSAS.

*Dear Sisters,*

We again salute you in much love, though strangers to the outward and widely separated, we feel the blessed assurance by the reading of your epistle that you with us have been brought nigh by the precious blood of Christ ; realizing that we all have the same loving Father to care for us in all conditions of life. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities ; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. " Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need," believing that God is our sufficiency in all things.

In mingling together at this time we have felt much of the fulness of Christ ; and many have been made to cry out " Lord I believe, help thou my unbelief."

The responsibilities of home duties have been very feelingly dwelt upon, encouraging mothers to make home pleasant that their children may be more attracted to it, thus escaping many temptations ; also that great care be taken to furnish them with proper literature ; to see that their enquiring minds be provided with suitable books and periodicals. Let the highest aim of every mother be, to train her children for Christ.

The reports from our various missionary fields have been encouraging. We feel great cause for thankfulness in the success we have already attained in the temperance work, as our Prohibitory Law does prohibit in the greater portion of our State, yet as in other evils we find need to watch and work in other places, and while we have an unwearied enemy to contend with, Christians should ever be aggressive, pulling down the strongholds of sin and Satan.

We have been cheered by the company of many dear Ministers from other Yearly Meetings, of whom a large number are sisters. We rejoice that the Lord is still bestowing that precious gift upon us, and we are realizing the fulfillment of the prophecy " I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit."

May we all be faithful and willing in his hands, keeping low at his feet, that we may be ready to do his blessed will.

In conclusion we would say "Rejoice evermore, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks."

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

DRUCILLA WILSON,  
Clerk.

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NEW ENGLAND.

*(This Epistle was received by the Clerk after the Yearly Meeting.)*

Dear Sisters,—

Our hearts are filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father that He has permitted so many of us to meet in this our Annual Assembly ; and we desire to praise Him for every blessing, especially for Christian fellowship, which binds us together in one sisterhood of love. We have the company of several ministering Friends from all the Yearly Meetings on the continent, whose travail of soul for the welfare of Zion has been powerfully manifested, and touching appeals have gone forth to all classes, especially to those who believe in Christ yet have not made a full surrender to Him. Surely our Heavenly Father is waiting to bless and to pour out a yet larger measure of the Spirit of grace. Let us not be afraid, dear sisters, to open our hearts wide that we may receive this blessing.

We have, with gratitude, to acknowledge the help mercifully afforded us throughout our deliberations, tending to bind us more closely together in the precious bond of the Saviour's love. We have been reminded of the fact that Christian unity does not only consist in bringing us to see eye to eye, but in being prepared to bear with one another in our differences.

We have been impressed with the value and importance of our Christian profession, and our general system of church government under the headship of Christ. And we trust that our Society will always maintain its place among professing churches in testifying to a Saviour's presence, and to the reality

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of His work and reign, which is a practical answer to ritualism on the one hand and scepticism on the other.

The reading of the Epistles from the various Yearly Meetings, and from the Monthly Meeting held on Mt. Lebanon, caused our hearts to rejoice. The spirit of prayer was poured out in large measure, especially for our dear sisters in Canada, that you might "be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Reports from several mission fields show that much earnest work has been done. The need of establishing our children in the principles of peace, and the advantages of a guarded religious education, has been forcibly set before us.

The giant evil of intemperance has claimed our serious attention, and we realize how much more effectually we can work for the Master if we are fully equipped with the whole armor of God.

The subject of higher education is also claiming our serious attention, and we fully believe that if our branch of the church is to become the effectual agency which it was designed to be, we must provide for the education of the children.

We have been reminded how needful to our spiritual growth are seasons of retirement before the Lord.

Many of His dear children are called and chosen in the furnace of affliction, that He may purify them from all that obscures the reflection of His perfect image. Oh! that we may abide under the preparing hand of our loving Father. He draws us tenderly to Himself and speaks to our souls, "I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, fear not, I will help thee."

In conclusion, dear sisters, let us adopt the language of the apostle: "In nothing be anxious, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." And "the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

Signed by direction of the Meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD,  
*Clerk.*

## APPENDIX.

### Yearly Meeting Correspondents.

<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>
THOMAS WALKER .....	Norwich, Ont.
CHRISTOPHER DALE .....	Pickering, Ont.
ROBERT H. SAYLOR .....	Bloomfield, Ont.

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<i>Name.</i>	<i>Post Office.</i>	<i>Monthly Meeting.</i>
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JAMES H. STOVER .....	Norwich, Ont.	Norwich
SENECA DOAN .....	Box 32, Newmarket.	Yonge St.
WILLIAM J. DALE .....	Pickering, Ont.	Pickering
WING ASA ROGERS .....	Linden Valley, Ont.	Mariposa
JOSEPH M. ROGERS .....	Woodford, Ont.	Grey
ESLI TERRILL .....	Wooler, Ont.	Cold Creek
STEPHEN W. WHITE . .	Bloomfield, Ont.	Bloomfield
JOHN M. HODSON .....	Sunbury, Ont.	Kingston
AMOS BLANSHARD .....	Farmersville, Ont.	Leeds

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W. V. WRIGHT <i>vice</i> H. REASIN .....	1882 .....	1885.
CHRISTOPHER DALE .....	1882 .....	1885.
CHARLES WALKER .....	1883 .....	1886.
ROBERT H. SAYLOR .....	1883 .....	1886.
STEPHEN W. WHITE .....	1884 .....	1887.
JOHN R. HARRIS .....	1884 .....	1887.

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# CALENDAR FOR 1885.

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CANADA YEARLY MEETING convenes on the last Sixth Day in Sixth Month at one o'clock, p.m.

Meeting of Ministers and Elders Fifth Day previous at 10 o'clock.

SIXTH DAY, 6th Month, 26th,—

8 a.m.—Prayer and Praise Meeting, and every morning during Yearly Meeting.

10 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

1 p.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7 p.m.—Bible School Committee.

SEVENTH DAY, 27th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7 p.m.—Pastoral Committee.

FIRST DAY, 28th,—

10 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m.—Meetings for Worship.

SECOND DAY, 29th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

THIRD DAY, 30th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

FOURTH DAY, 1st of 7th Month,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Worship.

2 p.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7 p.m.—Closing Prayer and Praise Meeting.