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AT CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, HELD AT PICKERING, BY ADJOURNMENT, FROM THE 30TH OF SIXTH MONTH TO THE 5TH OF SEVENTH MONTH, INCLUSIVE, 1876.

Sixth day, the 30th of Sixth Month.

1st. By Reports received from the Quarterly Meetings it appears that the following Friends were appointed their representatives in this meeting, viz :

PELHAM. — Jesse Stover, Thomas Walker, William P. Barker, Albyn Stover, Andrew Wilson, Joseph Waring, Herbert Nicholson, William Cohoe, Elisha Taylor.

YONGE STREET. — Levi Rogers, Elihu Chapman, Gervis Cornell, William Dale, Benjamin Cody.

WEST LAKE. — Esli Terrill, Gilbert Jones, Jonathan P. Ward, Anthony T Haight, and Anthony Haight.

Who were present except three. Elihu Chapman, one of the absent ones, deceased, since his appointment.

The Care-takers were nearly all present.

2nd. There were in attendance the following named Friends, members of other Yearly Meetings, who produced Credentials of Unity from the Meetings to which they belong, viz : Thomas W. Ladd, Mary S. Knowles, Hannah E. McKeel, Mary Jane Weaver, Hannah B. Goddard, Esther Griffin, New York ; Deborah C. Thomas, Baltimore ; Fernando G. Carlland, North Carolina ; David B. Undergraff, Esther B. Tuttle, Lida G. Romick, Jacob Baker, Isaac Thomas, Hannah Binns, Ohio ; William Allen, Elwood Scott, Susanna Scott, Indiana ; William P. Haworth and Joshua Moffitt, Western.

Anthony Haight, Levi Rogers, Thomas Walker, Jesse Stover, Thomas Clark and Ira Clark were appointed to join a similar committee of Women Friends to prepare as way shall open for it, suitable minutes in duplicate relative to their attendance, and produce to a future sitting.

3rd. The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting of this year was received, and read to satisfaction; in order that Friends generally may have the perusal. Seneca Doan and Gervas Cornell, Jr., were appointed to procure the reprint of 1,000 copies, to apportion them to the Monthly Meetings, and to draw upon the Treasurer for a sum necessary to meet the expense.

4th. Epistles addressed to this from the Yearly Meetings of London, Dublin, New England, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Western, Iowa and Kansas were received. The reading of which has brought our distant brethren feelingly near to us. The following Friends were appointed as ability is received, to prepare essays of Epistles to those Meetings; also, to New York and Indiana Yearly Meetings, viz: Thomas Clark, Stephen Cronkite, Thomas Harris, William Wetherald, Howard Nicholson, James F. Barker, Allen M. Dorland, Thomas Walker, Stephen White, Herbert Nicholson, James Wetherald, Ira Clark, Seneca Doan, William B. Stover, Arnoldi Haight, Benjamin Cody, Andrew Hill, George Rorke, Jacob J. Spencer, Albert C. Stover, Benjamin Moore, Alexander Derbyshire, John Palmer, Jr., Anthony Haight, James Keightby and Esli Terril.

5th. The Representatives were directed to audit the Treasurers accounts, to ascertain the condition of the Treasury, to propose a sum needful to be raised the present year, and report to a future sitting.

They were also directed to confer together, and propose to next sitting, the name of a Friend for Clerk, and one for Assistant. Also to propose two Friends to serve as Messengers to this Meeting.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Seventh day morning, the 1st of seventh month.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

6th. Anthony Haight on behalf of the representatives, proposed the names of Adam Spencer for Clerk, and John Wright for Assistant. The nominations were approved by the Meeting, and the Friends named appointed to the service.

James Richardson and Henry Wilson, were proposed as Messengers, and appointed accordingly.

7th. The Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting was received and read at this sitting.

8th. Appended to the Epistles from our Friends of Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings, are postscripts containing propositions as follows:

FROM WESTERN YEARLY MEETING.

On the reading of the correspondence of the several Yearly Meetings, this Meeting has again been introduced into prayerful, and fraternal interest and sympathy, for all that bear our name, and especially for the Yearly Meetings on the American Continent. We are again impressed with the necessity of a General Conference, by delegates from the several Yearly Meetings, to take into consideration and endeavor to reach conclusions upon such subjects as concern the general welfare of our Society, and to meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon during the course of its consideration by the several Yearly Meetings.

FROM INDIANA YEARLY MEETING.

The proposition contained in the Epistle from Western Yearly Meeting for a conference of committees from all the Yearly Meetings on the general interests of our Religious Society was not concurred in by this Meeting, but in consideration of the condition of Friends in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting who are in harmony with their brethren of other Yearly Meetings, we have thought best to appoint a committee to unite with committees of other Yearly Meetings, in considering what can be done in reference to them.

After a time of deliberation, the following named Friends were appointed in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends, to take the subject into consideration in all its bearings and report to a future sitting, viz: William B. Stover, James T. Barker, Seneca Doan, George Rorke, Thomas Clark and Allen McDorland.

9th. The Meeting entered upon the consideration of the state of Society as presented by the answers to the queries, and read the first and second with the answers to them.

10th. Meetings for Divine Worship to-morrow according to appointment.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock on second-day morning.

Second-day morning the 3rd of the month.

About the time adjourned to Friends again met.

11th. The minutes of the Representative Meeting for the past year was read, and the labors of that body approved. The time of their appointment having expired, Henry Sutton, Israel D. Titus, Andrew Hill, William Wetherald, Seneca Doan, Allen Cody, Joseph Dale, Levi Rogers, Esli Terrill, Athony Haight, Allen McDorland and Alexander Derbyshire were appointed to consider of, and propose to a future sitting, the names of Friends for the service.

12th. The examination of the state of Society was resumed, and the remaining queries and answers were read. A summary of the answers are as follows:

SUMMARY ANSWERS.

1st. A want of faithfulness in the attendance of Meetings for Worship, and discipline is reported from all the Meetings, in some more than others. With a little exception the hour is nearly observed. Not quite clear of unbecoming behavior. One report says especially, in want of due regard for the feelings of others. Some care taken.

2nd. With some exceptions Friends are preserved in love one towards another. One Meeting reports a lack of love, arising from a want of unity in sentiment. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. One Meeting has a little exception as to the seasonable care. Talebearing and detraction not so fully avoided and discouraged as is desirable.

3rd. With some exceptions in the several parts of this query, Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian Religion as proposed by us, and in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins; and are good examples in these respects themselves. They endeavor to guard their children and others under their care against corrupt conversation, and the reading of pernicious books. One Meeting says, greater care in the choice of books for our children is desirable.

4th. With some exceptions Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5th. With one exception, which is under care, Friends appear to avoid the use of intoxicating drinks, except for purposes strictly medicinal, and are clear of frequenting taverns. Two instances of attending places of diversion.

6th. The circumstances of the poor and those who appear likely to require assistance are inspected, and relief afforded. There appears to be none requiring advice and assistance in getting suitable employment. Their children, and others under our care, are nearly all of them being properly educated for the ordinary duties of life.

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

8th. With three exceptions, one of failure in business one of not fulfilling engagements, and care taken, and one of endeavoring to evade the payment of a debt, Friends appear to be just in their dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, and careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on those accounts they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery.

9th. Care is reported to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our discipline, with some abatement as to the timely care.

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

The evidences of a want of faithfulness to Christian principle, as brought to view in the answers to the queries introduced the meeting into deep exercise, and much good counsel was imparted, tending to stir us up to greater care and watchfulness in

reference to ourselves to the motives that lead to actions. To be concerned that our hearts are made right with God, and that all our relations with Him and with our fellowmen may be according to His will. That our minds may be so imbued with the love of God, as to do honor to His name at all times, and that we love one another with a pure heart fervently. To be exercised with that charity that suffereth long and is kind. We were feelingly exhorted to seek after and come to a clear understanding of the profession we are making of our principles, and the testimonies that are an outgrowth of them; and that we maintain a walk consistently therewith. May we be concerned to train up our children in the way they should go, in right principles and practices. To provide for them suitable reading, to exercise a religious care in the selection of books for their use, and as a prominent means to the great end in view, to inculcate in their minds a knowledge of the Holy Scriptures; to be diligent in the private and daily reading of them in our families, to improve those opportunities according to the will of God, whether it be in silent or vocal prayer, in counsel or instruction, in which we shall have good hope in his blessings.

A caution was expressed that we keep to the strictly medicinal use of intoxicating drinks, that the use be not abused. A concern was also expressed in reference to the use of Tobacco. In sympathy with those who use it, in the difficulty of abandoning it, were they counselled to seek for divine aid in the matter. Particularly, were the young advised to avoid the use, in order that there be not a succession of those who use it.

May all Friends maintain a just and upright dealing with their fellow men.

May we accept the exhortation to repair the wall in our appointed place, and maintain the watch over against our own houses; may we not turn aside to solace with the enemy, but maintain first principles, so as to know, more and more, the Salvation that God doth "appoint for walls and for bulwarks."

13th. Our Preparative Meetings are directed to make yearly appointments, to ascertain in how many families the Holy Scriptures are read daily, and in how many they are not so read, and to encourage such families in the reading thereof.

Adjourned to 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Third-day morning, the 4th of the month.

The meeting convened about the time adjourned to.

14th. The committee to nominate Friends for the Representative Meeting proposed the following, who were appointed accordingly. They were directed to meet and organize for service. Thomas Walker, Jesse Stover, Adam Spencer, Albert C. Stover, Jacob Gainer, Jr., John Richard Harris, Ira Clark, Benjamin Cody, Seneca Doan, John Wright, Edmund Wright, Valentine Dale, Thomas Clark, Henry Lapp, Gilbert Jones, Stephen W. White, Alexander Derbyshire and Anthony T. Haight.

15th. The Bible School Committee presented their Annual Report which was approved and is as follows: It was concluded to renew the Committee, and Herbert Nicholson, Andrew Hill, Albert C. Stover, Seneca Doan, Seth Wilson, Smith Clark, Benjamin Moore, Stephen White, Alexander Derbyshire, Stephen Cronk, Esli Terrill and John R. Hudson were appointed to unite with a committee of Women Friends to consider of, and propose to a future sitting, the names of Friends for said Committee.

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT.

At a Bible School Conference, of Canada Yearly Meeting held at Pickering, the 30th of the 6th month, 1876, Reports were received from 16 Schools, a summary of which is hereby presented to the Yearly Meeting.

JOHN WRIGHT, Clerk.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

	Young St.	Mariposa	Peel	Wellington	Heathcote	Pickering	Sydenham	Rockwood	Cold Creek	Tecumseth	N. Norwich	Mill Dale	Pelham	Whitechurch	Uxbridge	S. Norwich	Total
No. of Teachers.....	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	2	9	4	8	5	4	3	83
No. of Classes.....	7	7	5	5	5	5	5	4	5	2	7	4	8	5	4	3	81
No. of Children on Roll	71	90	59	45	57	65	28	80	30	43		43	45	67	23	25	675
No. of Adults on Roll..	30	18	16	19	13	16	11	10	20			8	96	11	6	4	269
Average Attendance...	61½	42	35	30	30½	41	18	31	48	16	60	28	77	34	23	20	594
No. of Members on Roll	55	50	10	19	38	26	17	7	24	4		23	45	19	6	29	372
No. of Children under 16 belonging to meet'g	21	23	17	10	45	4	14	3	7	10		16	26			9	205
How long kept open....	all yr	all yr	all yr	18 wks	49 wks	26 wks	all yr	all yr	7 wks	all yr	all yr	all yr	7 wks	50 wks	4 wks	2 mths	
No. of books in Library	250	90	2		250	175	96	150	40	50	300	104	100	150	1	30	1785
Any Paper taken.....	1	1	2		1		2	2	6	2	1	2		2			23
No. of books lent during the year.....	don't know	350			374	72	74	1070	4			400		300		100	2744
How many friends teach in other 1st day schools	3							1				3	1	1			9
Average attendance at Teachers meetings....							4										4

JOHN WRIGHT, Clerk.

16th. The Boarding School Committee presented their Report which follows:

Quarterly Meetings were requested promptly to forward the balance due on a quota of \$2000, previously directed to be paid. Also to raise and forward to the Treasurer of the Boarding School, the additional sum of fifteen hundred dollars. Robert H. Saylor was released from the service of obtaining subscriptions.

The Trustees of the old School site are authorized to sell said property, and convert the funds to the use of the committee for the purpose of furnishing the Boarding School House.

REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Boarding School Committee report as follows:

1. In obedience to the call of the Secretary, your Committee met at this place in 8th month last, and as authorized by the Yearly Meeting accepted of the new site, consisting of the grove, and hill, on the Leaven's Estate, and containing ten acres of land, the deed of which was presented to the Committee by Henry Reazin at that date.

2. The Building Committee appointed by this Committee to proceed with the execution of the seminary, have made the following report:

3. Your Committee have estimated that the heating of the Building (which we recommend should be at first with coal stoves) together with the furnishing of the said, will require the sum of about \$4000. We recommend that this sum be raised as follows, and at as early a date as possible:

1st. Balance of \$2000 quota say.....	\$1500
2nd. Sale of old School Site.....	1000
3rd. To be raised by the Yearly Meeting as it may direct	1500
Making a Total.....	<hr/> \$4000

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN WRIGHT, Clerk.

PICKERING, 7th Mo. 4th 1876.

REPORT OF BUILDING COMMITTEE.

The Building Committee for the erection of a seminary, for Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, make the following report :

1. Having advertised for tenders for the erection of the seminary, upon plans and specifications, prepared by William Duffus, architect, and already accepted by the general Committee, we received a number of tenders, and after several meetings for the purpose, we finally let the contract on the 18th of 9th month last, to Dingle, Cameron & Edwards, of the Town of Oshawa, for the sum of \$24,300, leaving a margin of \$700 which will be fully absorbed by incidental expenses.

2. The contractors have given first-class sureties to the full amount of their contract, and are bound to have the building completed by the 1st of first month next.

3. The committee are held bound by the contract to pay the contractors 80 per cent. monthly on the work done, and certified by the architect, and the balance within one month of the completion of the contract.

4. The amount of money available and at our disposal for the purpose of erecting the seminary including amounts already paid is \$21,758.06, leaving a balance of \$324.94 which it will be necessary for the general Committee to provide, from the funds subscribed before the close of the present year.

5. The contractors are proceeding rapidly with the erection of the building, the work of which is being prosecuted, quite to the satisfaction of the Committee and of the architect.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

JOSHUA N. RICHARDSON, Chairman

Pickering, 7th Mo. 3rd, 1876.

17th. The Committee on the propositions from Western and Indirna Yearly Meetings, reported as follows, which was approved :

To the Yearly Meeting:

We your Committee to whom was referred the propositions from Western and Indiana Yearly Meetings, relative to a general conference of delegates, report that after serious consideration and a free interchange of sentiment, we are united in the judgment, that way does not open to recommend the Yearly Meeting to take any action in the premises.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS CLARK.

ELIZA BREWER.

Pickering, 7 Mo. 3rd, 1876.

18th. The epistle to London Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Meeting for Divine Worship to be held at 10 a. m.

Fourth day afternoon the 5th of the month.

The Meeting convened according to adjournment.

19th. By reports received it appears there are 26 meetings 1546 members, 236 families, 275 parts of families, 278 children of school age, nearly all attending Common Schools, 2 receiving instruction at home, 10 births, 14 deaths, 69 received into membership, 6 resigned membership, 2 were disowned, 17 removed to other Yearly Meetings, and 7 received by certificate. Two preparative Meetings not represented.

20th. The Executive Committee of the Book and Tract Association made their report as follows, which was approved:

REPORT.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Executive Committee of the Book and Tract Association of Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, report that they have on hand about the usual stock in Books and Tracts, fully equal to the demand in quantity. The only purchase of Tracts since last Yearly Meeting is twenty dollars worth from Richmond. The orders for Tracts, though very few, have been filled. The sale during the past year has been smaller than at any former times.

We have received no reports from any of the sub-committees.
Taken from the minutes.

EDWARD CORNELL, Clerk.

Pickering, 6th Mo. 1876.

TREASURERS REPORT.—ASSETS.

6th Mo. 28th, 1875.	Cash on hand.....	\$133.86
	Sale of Books during the year...	33.28
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		\$167.14

DISBURSEMENTS.

7th Mo. 6th, 1875.	Paid for Books and Tracts.....	\$89.00
	Telegraphing.....	3.20
7th Mo. 1st, 1876.	Cash on hand.....	74.94
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		\$167.41

WILLIAM V. RICHARDSON, Treasurer.

21st. The representative made report as below: Our Quarterly Meetings are requested to raise their respective quotas of \$300 and pay to the Treasurer of this meeting.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We have examined the Treasurers Accounts and find them correct, and a balance in his hands of.....	\$549.61
And there is a bank note falling due on the 11th inst, of.	216.61
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When cancelled will leave a balance of.....	\$233.00

We recommend that the sum of \$300 be raised the current year.

On behalf of the Representatives,

WILLIAM P. BARKER,

Pickering, 7 Mo. 5th, 1876.

TREASURERS ACCOUNT.

Yearly Meeting in account with Treasurer.

1875, 7th Mo. 1st	Balance.....	\$ 61.64
	Cash from Grey Mo. Meeting.....	8.90
	Cash from Pelham Quarterly Meeting	10.00
	Cash from Yonge St. by A. Haight...	3.75
1876, 2nd Mo. 18th	From West Lake Meeting.....	57.45
6th Mo. 30th	Norwich and Pelham.....	189.00
	West Lake.....	173.55
7th Mo. 2nd	Yonge Street.....	280.00
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		\$784.29

1875, 6th Mo. 30th	To Adam Spencer for paper, &c....	\$ 2.00
7th Mo. 10th	To Printing London Epistle.....	13.50
	" " Blank form for R. Road	5.00
8th Mo. 30th	" " E. Wright for printing	14.40
9th Mo. 3rd	" " Women's Minutes.....	28.25
9th Mo. 6th	" " and Binding Minutes	
	and Book of Meetings.....	68.00
12th Mo. 18th	Wm. Dale attending at Meet'g H'se	17.00
24th	Account Book.....	90
1876, 3rd Mo. 22nd	Printing Commutation Tickets....	11.35
6th Mo. 2nd	Ontario Bank cancelling note.....	2.00
28th	Gervis Cornell.....	72.28
	Balance.....	549.61
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		\$784.29

1876, 7th Mo. 1st Balance on hand.....\$549.61

22nd. The Committee to nominate Friends to serve on the Bible School Committee, proposed the following, said nominations were approved by the meeting:

North Norwich, Howard Nicholson, Gulielma Cohoe
 South Norwich, Jacob G. Spencer, Phebe J. Spencer; Milldale
 James F. Barker, Sarah T. Barker; Pelham, Alfred R. Spencer
 Abby Moore; Rockwood, John R. Harris, Mary A. Harris
 Peel, James Keightly, Isabel J. Keightly; Sydenham, Joseph
 M. Rogers, Emma Rogers; Collingwood, George Rorke, Hannah
 Moore; Tecumseth, Ira Clark, Rachel Doyle, Phebe Doyle
 Yonge Street, Benjamin Cody, Hannah J. Cody, Seneca Doan
 Whitchurch, Andrew Lamb, Mary C. Starr; Uxbridge, Samuel
 Hall, Rachel James; Pickering, James Richardson, Sarah A.

Dale; Maraposa, Wing A. Rogers, Hannah Reasin; Haldimand, Jeremiah Clark, Lydia Haight; Cold Creek, Harvey J. Brundige, Elizabeth Garrett; Huntingdon, William H. Mullett, Judith Mullett; Wellington, Allen M. Dorland, Mary A. Dorland; Bloomfield, Stephen White, Lydia S. Hubbs; Kingston, John H. C. Garrett, Elizabeth Webb; Leeds, Arza Wiltsie, Sarah Wiltsie; Adolphinstown, Byron Robinson Mary Robinson.

23rd. William B. Stover was appointed to assist the Clerk in procuring the printing of 700 copies of the Minutes of this meeting, to apportion and forward to the Monthly Meetings, and draw upon the Treasurer for funds to meet the expense.

24th. Alfred R. Spencer, Herbert Nicholson, Seneca Doan, Edmund Wright, Joseph Cody, Thomas J. Rorke, Levi Varney, Jonathan P. Ward, Joseph Wiltsie and Esli Terrill were appointed to receive the documents for their respective meetings.

25th. The Committee on returning Minutes presented, Minutes certifying the acceptable attendance of the Friends named in the first days proceedings, 2nd Minute; which was approved. The Clerk was directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting, and deliver them to the Friends respectively.

26th. A memorial from the "Dominion Alliance for the Total Suppression of the Liquor Traffic," was read at this time. The further action of the subject was referred to the care of the Representative Meeting, and Thomas Clark was requested on our behalf to acknowledge the receipt of the memorial, and the cordial acceptance of the principles contained in it by this meeting.

27th. Epistles addressed to Dublin, New England, New York, Baltimore, North Carolina, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, and Kansas Yearly Meetings were read and approved. The Clerk was directed to transcribe and sign them on behalf of the meeting, and forward them to those meetings respectively; together with the one to London.

28th. Having finished the business that has claimed the attention of the meeting, under a renewed sense of the Lord's sustaining power and help, in these truly solemn engagements we separate, purposing to meet again at this place at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

ADAM SPENCER, Clerk.

Elh Rogers L
W H Rorke L
B Moore L
R Rorke L
J J Rorke L
J Lapp L
J Clark L
G Clark L
G Clark L
E Evans
M Allen
B Wood L
G Rorke L
J J L L
R Brun L
Sam Rorke L
E Rorke L
Galema Rorke
Thomson Moore L

12 more wanted

MEETINGS!

ARE HELD AS FOLLOWS, IN CONNECTION
WITH THE YEARLY MEETING :

Representative Meeting, 4th day of the week at 3 o'clock P. M.

Meeting of Ministers and Elders, 5th day of the week, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Yearly Meeting for Discipline, 6th day of the week, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Yearly Meeting for Divine Worship, 1st day of the week, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Yearly Meeting for Divine Worship, 1st day of the week, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Yearly Meeting for Divine Worship, 1st day of the week, at 7½ o'clock P. M.

Yearly Meeting for Divine Worship, 4th day of the week at 10 o'clock A. M.

First-day School Committee, 6th day of the week, at 6 o'clock P. M.

Book and Tract Association, 7th day of the week, at 6 P. M.