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MINUTES

OF CANADA YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS HELD AT PICKERING,
ONT., CANADA, BY ADJOURNMENT FROM 6TH MO. 25TH.
TO 6TH MO. 30TH, 1886.

1. Reports have been received from the different Quarterly Meetings by their Representatives, who are present with exception of six ; a reasonable excuse offered for the absence of one.

REPRESENTATIVES.

PELHAM.—Charles J. Treffry, Thomas Haight, Squire W. Hill, Charles Walker.

YONGE STREET.—Seneca Doan, Benjamin Moore, William Dale, Albert E. Wright, Charles Starr, Elias Rogers, Smith Clark, Cyrus R. Sing.

WEST LAKE.—Corey B. Cronk, Anthony T. Haight, Joseph Bowerman, Esli Terrill, Andrew Jackson, James Terrill, Caleb Brown.

2. The Caretakers are :—Charles Walker, James Stover, Edward Cohoe, Edmund Wright, Cyrus Rogers, William J. Dale, Levi Rogers, Robert H. Saylor and Stephen W. White.

They are encouraged to faithful attendance to duties during the Sessions of this Meeting.

3. In view of the absence of so many of those to whom the Quarterly Meetings have committed trusts on behalf of the Church, we wish to encourage those who are appointed as Representatives and Caretakers to faithful attendance at future

Yearly Meetings, with the realization that we who have met here, are gathered in the very presence chamber of the King.

4. Certificates on behalf of the following Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings have been read, and we welcome these dear servants of the Lord amongst us at this time. We would give them our warmest greetings, and extend to them the right hand of fellowship, earnestly praying that their gospel labors amongst us may be very richly blessed of the Lord.

Thomas Kimber, a Minister of New York Y. M., and his wife, Mary S. Kimber, an Elder.

William Allen, a Minister of Ohio Y. M.

Barclay Jones, a Minister of Iowa Y. M.

William L. Pearson, a Minister of N. Carolina Y. M.

Jonathan M. Jay, a Minister of Indiana Y. M.

5. We appoint Benjamin Cody, Samuel Rogers, Martha Rogers and Hannah Wright, a Committee to prepare Minutes of their attendance and present to a future sitting.

6. The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has been read. We admire the wisdom that has lead our Friends to send us such a full exposition of truth and counsel for the needs of the day, and appoint Samuel Rogers and Elias Rogers a Committee to procure a reprint of 1000 copies, for apportionment to subordinate Meetings, and to draw on the Treasurer for cost.

We direct this valuable document to the prayerful attention of our members.

7. On minutes from West Lake appears the following: "We are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to allow us to hold our First Day Meeting at the hour of eleven a.m., instead

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of at ten, as heretofore." After consideration we unite in granting the same, and the hour of the Meeting on First Day of Quarterly Meeting is changed accordingly.

8. We appoint Thomas Harris, Charles J. Treffry, Mary Anne Lulima Harris, Isabel Stover, Seneca Doan, Benjamin Moore, Hannah Moore, Martha Rogers, Stephen W. White, Rufus Garratt, Maria Haight and Lucy Cronk, our Nominating Committee, their duty being that of prayerfully considering the qualifications, and bringing forward names of Friends to serve on Committees.

9. We note from Minutes of Pelham Quarterly Meeting, the appointment of Whitson Beckett as Correspondent for Pelham Monthly Meeting. Address, Effingham, P.O.

10. The subject of the evil effects of Tobacco having been brought before us on Minutes from West Lake, we direct the Clerks to prepare a Minute of advice against its use, and present to a future sitting.

11. Adjourned to meet 10 a.m. on Seventh day in separate session.

SEVENTH DAY, A.M.

12. About the time adjourned to the Meeting convened.

13. Benjamin Moore, on behalf of the Representatives, proposes the names of Howard Nicholson and William V. Wright to serve the Meeting as Clerk and Assistant respectively, which being separately considered are united with, and they are appointed for one year.

14. Henry Wilson and Albert E. Wright are appointed Messengers.

15. We appoint W. V. Wright, Thos. Harris, William Dale, as a Committee on Gospel service. We direct them to meet and confer with visiting Ministers, and to make such arrangements as appear best for the furtherance of their service in the distribution of the Ministry on First Day, and exercise a watchful supervision over all Meetings for worship during the sessions of this Yearly Meeting.

16. A Minute of Mahunta M.M., North Carolina, liberating William L. Pearson for service whithersoever in the providence of God he may be led, has at this time been read to the satisfaction of this Meeting.

17. Epistles from New York, New England, Ohio, Kansas and North Carolina, have at this time been read to our instruction and comfort.

18. A Minute of the proceedings of the Representative Meeting, has at this time been laid before us, and after some information was given, the further consideration of the subject was deferred to a future sitting.

19. The Clerks present the following Minute of Advice on the use of Tobacco. It is accepted and directed to the prayerful attention of members :—

“The subject of the evil effects of Tobacco having been brought before us in the Minutes from the Quarterly Meeting of West Lake, this meeting was brought into deep exercise on the subject. We have had very touching recitals of the experience of many present, and much thanksgiving that the Lord has delivered them from this snare. After a lengthened and prayerful deliberation upon the subject, while not seeing our way clear to legislate directly on the prohibition of the use of Tobacco at this time, we very strongly urge upon all our members the evil effects which come directly from its use and the far greater evils which follow in its train. We would

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lovingly, yet most earnestly advise all who have named the name of Christ to abstain from the use of tobacco in any form, as most inimical to their spiritual life, as well as having a most deterring effect upon their influence in the Master's cause. While some leniency may be allowed to the aged among us who are addicted to the use of tobacco, we would strongly urge upon all parents, Sabbath School workers, and others, that they set before the young the evil effects of this pernicious habit."

20. The Nominating Committee propose the following as Committee on Correspondence:—John T. Dorland, Jr., Harris Knight, Albert E. Wright, Cyrus R. Sing, Squire W. Hill, J. P. Bowerman, Elias Rogers, Wm. J. Moore, Chas. G. Bowerman, Chas. J. Treffry, Thos. Harris, Albert L. Rogers, Samuel Rogers, Rufus Garrett, Wm. V. Wright, Stephen Cronk, Alexander Derbyshire, Thomas Wise, Albert S. Rogers, Wm. Joseph Howard, Albert Colquhoun.

We unite, and they are appointed to draft Epistles to those Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, and present to a future sitting.

21. Adjourned to meet in joint session at 2 p.m.

IN JOINT SESSION.

22. Met pursuant to adjournment.

23. The Pastoral Committee present the following Report:—

To the Yearly Meeting,—

In resigning the charge committed to our care, we have not been able to see the labors accomplished that we could have desired. In the first place, the Yearly Meeting's direction for the quota to be paid before the close of the year was almost unheeded.

With an overdrawn balance due the Treasurer from last year, the Treasurer of the Pastoral Committee had no right to ask for the sum directed to be placed at their disposal, so that they have not been warranted in entering on anything like a systematic visiting of the various meetings by Christian workers, with a view to holding a series of meetings where opportunity should offer, and the Holy Spirit direct. Yet, on the other hand, we have reason to praise our Lord for the blessings received and the services rendered by those who have come amongst us, and by our own ministers and members. The command to "Preach the Gospel to every creature," should arouse us to greater diligence and to more energetic aggressive action.

Your Committee have lately drawn on the Treasurer for \$60.00, which, added to the receipts from all other sources, makes the sum of \$160.35; of this we have expended \$152.68, leaving a balance of \$7.67.

We reverently hope that the hearts of many believers have been comforted and made strong, and that others have been turned from darkness to light by the power of the Holy Spirit accompanying the words of those who have gone forth.

We trust that we shall never see a stationed salaried Pastorate amongst us. That those whom God shall call to go forth and proclaim the "glad tidings," may go untrammelled from everything that savors of contract between man and man, following whithersoever He leadeth.

And we further trust that those whom God leaves to attend either to their farms or to their merchandise, may be equally good stewards of what he has entrusted to them, and that they shall see that the Ministry is not hindered for want of means, and may all realize the truth that we are "Kings and Priests unto God."

May our slackness and failure in the past stimulate us to renewed energy in the future, and teach us where to look for assistance and strength.

On behalf of the Committee

JOHN R. HARRIS,
Chairman.

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This has been supplemented by interesting account by the workers who have co-operated with the Committee in this glorious work of winning souls.

We accept the Report, thankful for what has been done, and direct the Nominating Committee to bring forward names of Friends to serve during the coming year; the Pastoral Committee in future is to be known as the Home Mission Committee.

A Subscription being opened and a Collection being taken up, has resulted in \$386.00 being raised.

We are in favor of appointing two Sisters in each Monthly Meeting to solicit further subscriptions.

24. Adjourned to meet Second day at 10 a.m. in joint session.

SECOND DAY, 10 A. M.

25. About the time adjourned to the Meeting convened.

26. We have received at this time from the Trustees of the Musher Fund and from the Book and Tract Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, by the hands of Thomas and Mary S. Kimber, a donation of about \$100 worth of books comprising lives of friends and their valuable works. We gratefully accept the same and place them in the hands of Samuel Rogers, John T. Dorland and Howard Nicholson, to distribute as may seem in their judgment best.

27. The special Epistle from London Y.M. has at this time been read.

28. The consideration of the state of the Society as evinced by the Answers to Queries was taken up and proceeded with as far as the fourth.

Arose for recess.

Resumed after recess.

29. The remainder of the Answers to Queries were considered and the following summary adopted. In order that our members may profit by the loving counsel that we have received at this time, we direct the Clerks to embody the same in a Minute of Advice addressed to them, and present to a future sitting.

SUMMARY ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

I. Most Friends are careful to attend all our Meetings for worship. With exception from one Preparative the hour nearly observed.

II. Friends are preserved in a good degree of love one toward another, one exception noted which is under care. When differences arise care is taken to end them.

III. Our Meetings for transacting the affairs of the Church are regularly held with exception of one Preparative Meeting and we believe the discipline to be impartially administered in the spirit of restoring love, though not as seasonably at all times as desired.

IV. With a few exceptions our Members 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.

V. With two or three exceptions of young men in one Preparative Meeting, as to the use, Friends are, as far as known, clear of the manufacture, sale or use of intoxicating liquors, except for purposes strictly medicinal.

VI. With some exceptions, Friends are just in their dealings, and punctual in fulfilling their engagements.

VII. One Meeting reports trust funds in the hands of those who have seperated from us. Titles to property are duly perfected, recorded and kept valid.

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30. The question of the adjournment of the Yearly Meeting was considered, and we decide to meet in Pickering next year.

31. The needs of Colebrook Meeting have been laid before us by Alexander Derbyshire and the sum of \$116.30 was quickly raised in the face of the Meeting as a thank-offering to the Lord for the Spiritual work done in that place. The subscription list was placed in the hands of Stephen W. White, Bloomfield, P.O.

32. The subject of Birthright and probationary membership, was taken up and fully discussed with much interest, and the subject is referred to the Representative Meeting for further consideration, to report next year.

33. Adjourned to meet at 10 a.m. on Third day.

THIRD DAY, 10 A. M.

34. Pursuant to adjournment the Meeting again convened.

35. The Statistics from the Quarterly Meeting as under are read and approved.

STATISTICAL REPORT FROM QUARTERLY MEETINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 1ST 6TH Mo., 1886.

NAME OF MEETING REPORTING.																															
Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting.	55	73	370	55	5	4	34	2	2	1		2	3	9	2																
West Lake " "	58	43	290	27	4	2	77	0	2	2	0	0	9	8																	
Pelham " "	36	80	325	48	6	6	7	1	6	4	10	0	10	6	1																
Canada Yearly Meeting.	149	196	985	130	15	12	118	3	10	7	10	2	22	23	3																
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 41. A M addressed to follows:—

36. The Committee appointed, p. 17, sec. 43, Minutes of '85, reports appointment answered.

37. The Printing Committee, '85, page 5, sec. 9, reports appointment attended to.

38. The Nominating Committee propose that the following compose our Home Mission Committee for the coming year:—
John R. Harris, Isabella Stover, Squire W. Hill, William J. Dale, Charles Starr, Hannah Moore, Stephen W. White, Lucy Cronk, Annie D. Taylor.

39. They also propose that,

Mary W. Hill, Agnes Harris, for Pelham, M. M.

Edith Walker, Marianna Treffry, for Norwich, M. M.

Charlotte Rogers, Martha E. Hughes, for Yonge St. M. M.

Martha Bond, Martha J. Moore, for Grey, M. M.

Alma Dale, Elma Cronk, for Pickering, M. M.

Esther Rogers, Edith Bowerman, for Toronto, M. M.

Lily E. Haight, Alice P. Garrett, for West Lake, M. M.

Mattie Dunn, Annie Terrill, for Cold Creek, M. M.

Maggie Jackson, Mary E. Gowdy, for Moscow, M. M.

be appointed to solicit subscriptions and donations for the use of the Home Mission Committee, and they are enjoined to earnestness that the work may not suffer for lack of means to carry it on.

40. S. W. Hill, S. J. Treffry, Chas. Starr, Albert Wright, Harris Knight, A.S. Rogers, Calvin Lapp and Alex. Derbyshire are instructed to meet to revise the apportionment of documents and report.

41. A Minute from the Meeting of Ministers and Elders addressed to its absent members has at this time been read as follows:—

From Canada Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders assembled at Pickering, to our Friends in the Ministry and Eldership throughout our various meetings absent at this time Greeting :

Dearly Beloved,—

As we have gathered at this time under presence of our Holy Head, with thanksgiving for mercies vouchsafed us during the past year, with great union in the life of our risen Lord, and with the company of dear friends from other yearly meetings whose labors of love have edified us, a tender concern came over the meeting for those who are members of this body with the weighty responsibilities this imposes upon them, who, from various causes, have not met with us. That you may understand our feeling for you, that you may be assured that the heart of the Yearly Meeting beats warm toward you in your varied conditions and surroundings, it was concluded to send you the following partial outline of the exercises of the Meeting in the hope that each member may feel during its reading, that it is addressed to him personally.

We lingered on the threshold in earnest vocal and silent prayer that upon our entering the courts of the Lord we might leave behind us all painful memories, might "put away all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and evil speaking, with all malice" bringing our hands empty to the Lord that He might fill them with service.

Worship means prostration, and as we bowed ourselves before the Lord we were reminded of the vision in the third chapter of Zachariah where he saw the high priest Joshua, standing before the angel of the Lord and Satan standing at His right hand to resist Him:

Here we have taught us, in type, our priestly privileges as believers to minister in holy things and the constant resistance of Satan.

The testimony concerning Joshua was "is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?" and, dear friends, what more are we. Are not our hearts thrilled with a great thanksgiving as we look

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back to the time when we were thus plucked from the fire? All spiritual life as well as all true service begins there, when we came as sinners and were saved through the merit and meditation of Jesus Christ; but we are, it may be, conscious of being clothed with filthy garments, even while we stand before the angel of the Lord. There may be self righteousness in our service, iniquity in our holy things, and these need purging; our garments must be removed from us that we may be clothed upon with the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Is there not need of constant cleansing? We must walk not in the light of past experience, or our own attainments, but in the "light of the Lord" only. Plucked, cleansed, anointed, crowned, these are the ascending steps to our experience.

Our thought was carried on to the next chapter—the vision of the golden candlestick and the olive trees.

The lesson is one we need to learn well, "not by might nor by power but by my Spirit said the Lord." The candlestick had no oil of itself; its supply came not from the bowl itself, but from its connection with the olive trees. In ourselves we have no light, no oil, no power—our having these depends upon our connection with a living Christ. Communion with Him is essential to the sweet flowing of the golden oil. How possible, dear Friends, to have the pipes clogged with cares and worldliness, and thus the flow be hindered or stopped. In order to be lights in the world we must have the oil supplied from the living Olive Tree.

In all our progress there is the constant resistance of Satan. He is active, vigilant, powerful. He goes about like a roaring lion, but a lion seeking its prey does not roar. Silently, stealthily as a cat, it crouches drawing nearer to its prey till the final spring and fatal blow is given that brings insensibility and death. We can only overcome him through the Saviour, one who is more mighty than he.

There was much expression of sympathy for our young ministers and workers. They need it and are quite as likely to be injured by lack of encouragement as they are by an excess of it. Have we not pressing duties in this direction, dear

Friends? Could we not lead these young people out more into work? Let the older and more experienced seek to have their company in service, make appointments for them and thus teach them to go alone. They must creep before they walk, and walk before they run.

The gift of the ministry belongs to the Church and is a precious possession. Where there is a dearth of it, it is time for the people to weep between the porch and the altar. The Church may ask for and expect the bestowal of this gift on its members. But let the way be made easy. Professional and commercial life are taking our young men, absorbing their energies and time, and few are yielding to the call to enter the white fields because of the restraints imposed, but in every field there are sacrifices. Shall not the Church be roused to earnest prayer? Are there not mothers who will consecrate their sons and daughters to this work, and then believing He accepts them, train towards this end? What gift could we ask for them greater than this?

The need of preparation for our work was urged upon us. Sound doctrine means wholesome teaching, and in order to give this, we must be scribes well instructed in the things of the written revelation. We must know what God has said and believe it. How can we know this without study of the written word? We are not to expect a second revelation of what God has already revealed. One of the great evils since the days of the early Friends has been that some men professed to be more spiritual than the Scriptures themselves. A "thus saith the Lord" must be final.

"Thou hast spoken, I believe,
Though the oracles be sealed."

This was one secret of George Fox's success. We must come with a full treasury, "God cannot bless nothing." The congregations, over whom He hath made us overseers to feed them, which we face from time to time we have also to face at the judgment seat of Christ, and He will hold us to account. Shall we be clear in that day? Do we know the whole counsel so we can proclaim it? God may forgive neglect on our

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part but the penalty goes on. But, dear Friends, may our faithfulness be such that the responsibility may be rolled from us on our hearers, so that we may say at the end, as George Fox said, "I am clear, fully clear."

Dear Friends, take heed to the ministry you have received in the Lord that you fulfil it, stir up your gifts, be faithful in preaching Christ in neglected neighborhoods, feel your responsibility toward those around you, and the God of all grace be with you.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

JOHN T. DORLAND, JR.,

Clerk to the Meeting this Year.

42 A Report has been made by Samuel Rogers (Committee on Disciplines) touching the printing and sale of Disciplines, we approve and continue the Committee to report next year.

YEARLY MEETING :

To Samuel Rogers, Dr.

508 Copies of Discipline @ 25c	\$127 00	
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Cash received for 132 Disciplines sold	\$33 00	
" " from Yearly Meeting	75 00	
" balance	19 00	
	\$127 00	

132 copies sold ; 309 distributed ; 67 on hand.

SAMUEL ROGERS,

For Committee.

43. The following communication was received from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders :

To the Yearly Meeting,—

The following appears on the report from Yonge St. Quarterly Meeting of Ministers and Elders :

"It was the judgment of this meeting, after consideration of

BIBLE SCHOOL REPORT, 1885-86.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Teachers.	No. of Classes.	Children on Roll.	Adults on Roll.	Members on Roll.	Books in Library.	No. of Books Lent.	Papers taken.	No. of Friends Teaching in other Schools.	Conversions Reported	No. of Week Schools kept open.	Average Attendance.	Teachers Meeting.	SUPERINTENDENTS.
Moscow	5	5	15	10	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	30	.....	Rnfus Jackson
Bloomfield	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	18	.....	Robert Saylor
Wellington	4	4	33	24	75	55	.....	3	.....	.....	52	57	1	B. Wistar
Cold Creek	5	5	4	14	19	60	20	9	.....	.....	21	40	.....	J. Dunn
Sunbury	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	52	12	.....	J. M. Hodgson
Heathcote	4	4	40	.....	13	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	52	25	.....	B. Moore
Swathmore	9	9	78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	55	.....	C. Sing
Tecumceth	5	5	36	0	13	150	30	20	.....	.....	50	30	1	R. Doyle
Whitchurch	2	2	30	20	13	.....	.....	5	Some	.....	.....	26	1	S. Hall
Yonge Street .....	.....	.....	65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	31	.....	C. Webb
Uxbridge	4	4	25	26	4	25	J. Jones
Toronto	9	9	125	85
Pickering	3	3	25	7	2	4	51	26	A. Wright
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**Report of Bible Schools in Pelham Quarterly Meeting, not presented to the
Yearly Meeting**

NAME OF SCHOOL.	No. of Classes.	Children on Roll.	Adults on Roll.	Total on Roll.	No. of Books in Library.	Added since last Rept.	Papers Taken.	What Lesson helps used.	No. of Friends teaching in other schools.	Average attendance.	Are teachers and officers punctual in attendance.	Have you a teachers' meeting.	Does the interest in your school evince interest in spiritual things.	How is money for school raised.	Collected for Foreign Missions.	SUPERINTENDENT
Besbrook.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Cooks.	1	25	Medium.	No	No.	Contrib'on	Box not op'nd	Wm. Stover
Pelham	8	56	39	95	264	2	2	.....	.....	51	Yes.	Yes	Yes.	Collection	\$2 56	S. W. Hill
North Norwich	5	37	40	77	100	3	3	.....	.....	40	Some ex-ceptions.	Yes	Yes.	By the School.	3 75	Edward Cohoe
Milldale	5	45	28	73	150	3	3	Friends Review.	4	39	Yes.	No	Yes.	Prep. Mtg	5 80	H. A. Sutton
Hibbert.....	4	30	11	41	175	4	4	Friends Quarterly.	.....	34	Yes.	Yes	Yes.	By the School.	.....	Wm. Colquhoun
Hawbry	3	25	15	40	40	2	2	Northern Messenger	2	30	Yes.	No	Yes.	Voluntary	.....	— Longstreet
Rockwood	6	56	12	68	150	4	4	4	1	37	.....	Yes	.....	Collection	.....	J. R. Harris
Effingham	6	35	25	60	100	80	80	S. S.	4	39	Yes.	No	By Meet- ing.	Warren Cross
Beaconsfield	5	41	28	69	220	1	1	Tines.	48	Yes.	No	Think so.	3 05	C. Walker

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45. The draft of the Epistle to North Carolina Yearly Meeting was read and approved.

46. The Committee appointed on the apportionment of documents for the ensuing year, reports as follows. We approve of the same and direct it to the attention of the Printing Committee.

The following apportionment of documents is proposed by the Committee appointed for that purpose :—

Norwich	17%	Toronto	6%
Pelham	9 "	Cold Creek	8 "
Yonge Street	19 "	West Lake	10 "
Pickering	9 "	Kingston	13 "
Grey	9 "		

On behalf of the Committee.

HARRIS KNIGHT.

47. The Printing Committee is directed to have 800 copies of the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting printed.

48. The Nominating Committee propose the following as Committee to assist visiting ministers, viz.: Squire W. Hill, Benjamin Cody, Stephen W. White, who are accordingly appointed to the service.

49. The Nominating Committee propose the following as Bible School Committee, viz. :—Charles Treffry, Sarah Cody, Annie Saylor. We approve, and instruct them to prepare blanks for Reports.

50. The Women's Foreign Missionary Society present the

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following Reports. We approve of the same and direct the Clerks to embody them in the Minutes.

To Canada Yearly Meeting,—

The Executive Committee of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society present the Report of their Corresponding Secretary, and also submit for your information and approval the names of officers for the ensuing year, and proposed plans of work.

The Committee to bring forward names of officers, propose Marianna Harris, President ; Bessie Dorland, Recording Secretary ; Phœbe J. Wright, Corresponding Secretary ; Alma Dale, Treasurer.

The Report was accepted and directed to the Yearly Meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary's Report was read and approved and directed to the Yearly Meeting.

The plan for Missionary work during the coming year was considered, and after a free interchange of thought it was decided to support Francisco Pena, in Mexico, another year, also grant him \$25 worth of Bibles for distribution in his work ; to arrange for and support a Bible Woman in Japan. The balance of our income for the coming year to be applied in Mexico by our Executive Board as way may open for it.

Taken from the Minutes of the W. F. M. S. of Canada, Y. M. of Friends, held at Pickering, 6 mo. 25th and 28th, 1886.

BESSIE DORLAND, *President.*
SARAH A. DALE, *Secretary.*

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE W. F. M. S.

No. of Auxiliaries	10
No. of Members	163
No. paying \$1.00	116
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No. of Missionary Papers taken.....	45
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SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Amount of Funds raised \$548 20
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MARIANNA HARRIS, *Treasurer.*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S REPORT.

In presenting this, our First Annual Report, it is with hearts filled with gratitude to God for the way in which He has blessed our efforts in the cause of Foreign Missions during the past year.

As in faith we have obeyed the command to go forward, we have known the way opened before us, and so encouraged to press on, trusting alone in Him who has promised to be with us always. Let us unitedly rejoice and praise His name for all His blessings.

The Reports which have come up from the Auxiliaries show an increasing interest among us as a Church. We have now ten Auxiliaries, with a membership of 163, where a year ago we had but five, with about 60 members. Meetings have been regularly held in each Auxiliary. Some have entered upon the study of the different mission fields, as recommended by our missionary periodical *The Advocate*. As none can feel for sorrows they do not know, we trust this will enlarge our sympathies, and arouse to greater diligence on behalf of those who sit in darkness.

Two of our Quarterly Societies have held open meetings which have done much to unite and interest Friends generally in the work, as well as materially increasing our funds.

The amount of money voluntarily contributed during the year for the carrying on of the work has been liberal, and encourages us in the hope that the cause has a place in the hearts of our members, and that, as a people, we are waking

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up to a more intelligent conception of our responsibilities as Christians.

No Auxilliary reports any Life Members, nor have we any applications to go out as missionaries. We would hope that our next Annual Report may be different in this respect.

In regard to the interests for which we are working, there is reason to be encouraged. From reports received from time to time from Samuel Purdie and Francisco Pena, in Mexico, we learn that the labors of the latter have been singularly blessed of God. "Never before," writes Samuel Purdie, "have I beheld such an openness to hear the Gospel as now in this land." In the 3rd mo. he writes: "It is satisfactory to me to be able to say that just now there is more growth under the labors of Bro. Pena than in any other part of the Southern Mission. The meeting at Llera may be said to have wholly grown into being through his instrumentality."

As our eyes are opened and our ears unstopped, the more clearly do we see the extent of the fields in their whiteness, and hear the Macedonian cry from the workers there, and we are impressed with the need of our being instant in the work while the day lasts. Let us not be discouraged by the greatness of the work, but rather encouraged that even the little we can do will be of use, and if our faith is tried by the slow progress apparently made, may we remember the patience of our God. "One day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day."

PHOEBE J. WRIGHT, *Cor. Sec.*

51. The Representatives produce the following Report embodying statement of deficiencies in payment of quotas. We again urge Quarterly Meetings to pay up arrears of quotas.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVES.

We have examined the Treasurer's accounts and find them as follows:—

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Total received	\$1504 59
Total payments since last Report	1430 75
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Cash on hand	<u>\$ 73 84</u>

We regret to report that the following sums remain unpaid from former quotas, viz. :—

Pelham	\$ 114 00
Yonge Street	31 00
West Lake	242 25
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Total unpaid	\$ 387 25
Amount required to retire Note in 8th Mo., 1886	212 00
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Balance remaining	\$ 175 25
Add Cash on hand	73 84
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Thus shewing if all quotas were paid in full we should have a balance on hand of	<u>\$ 249 09</u>

We recommend the sum of one thousand dollars be raised for the requirements of the Yearly Meeting during the current year, and we are united in proposing the name of Elias Rogers as Yearly Meeting Treasurer.

Signed on behalf of the Representatives.

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52. The action of the Representative Meeting in reference to the litigation, has been laid before this Meeting. We

accept the same leaving the case in the hands of the Committee appointed, Dorland v. Jones, who are continued, giving them full authority to propose and if possible effect a settlement on the basis that has now been laid before this Meeting. Such proposal to be submitted to our Counsel for approval.

53. The action of the Representative Meeting with respect to probationary membership is approved as under.

54. The Finance Committee p. 23, sec. 62, Minutes of '85 report attention paid and are continued.

55. Adjourned to meet Fourth day 1.30 p.m., in separate session.

FOURTH DAY, 1.30 P.M.

56. Met pursuant to adjournment.

57. The Minute of Advice to Subordinate Meetings has been read, considered, and is directed down to the prayerful consideration of our members as follows :

MINUTE OF ADVICE.

Dear Friends,—

Under the blessing of our Heavenly Father, we are assembled once more in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting ; and desiring that you whose presence and counsel we have missed, should know something of the good things dispensed to us, and the counsel given by our brethren and others, this minute is sent down to you with words of loving greeting. Though there are some deficiencies in the answers to the queries, we are encouraged in the belief that our members are being more and more enabled to carry out the spirit of the discipline, as they consider it their duty, and in a far higher sense their privilege, to be entirely given up to the Lord, and to take the

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lone walk with Jesus. Our attention has been particularly drawn to the query concerning family worship. These times of waiting upon the Lord should be occupied to His glory, for in them is the key-note, not only of success in business, and peace of mind, but of the life of the Church. The answer to this query involves the answers to all the rest. The blessings around the family altar depend largely upon our faithfulness in private devotion ; and when we meet in congregation of the people, we shall know of the Lord's presence being nearer, if we have already met Him in the circle of the family. Whatever our company or circumstances may be, family worship should never be omitted, and no plans for the day should be made without asking God's co-operation. It is only when we have thus covered our heads with the helmet of His salvation, that we are prepared for the dangers of the day.

Our family worship should be interesting and instructive ; and in all our public waiting upon the Lord, whilst we exalt pure worship as of paramount importance, these should be times of service for the Master and instruction, that we may be built up in the most Holy Faith. We should be punctual at all our meetings, for with the first two or three the Lord Jesus Christ has come, and we would not keep *Him* waiting. We should *not* delay in the banqueting-hall of the King. The truths of God's word must be applied *personally*. We may believe them as glittering generalities, and be lost forever. When we have been able to apply these truths to our own souls can we dare to seek office in the Church on personal or family grounds ? It would almost seem to be a sin against the Holy Ghost, to take out of His hands the prerogative of these appointments ; thus we peril not only the interests of the Church but our own souls. The flock will be unfed, and torn and scattered on the mountains, if we place as rulers of the Church those whom the Lord does not appoint.

We send this down to our subordinate meetings and members in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

58. Drafts of Epistles to London, Dublin, New York, Indiana,

New England, Baltimore, Ohio, Western, Kansas, and Iowa, have been read and approved. The Clerk is instructed to sign on behalf of this Meeting and forward.

59. We direct the Caretakers to draw on the Treasurer for the sum of Twenty-five Dollars, and pay to the Methodist Church of this place, in thankful recognition of their courtesy in granting us the use of their house, and request the Clerk to furnish them with a copy of this Minute.

60. The following is received from the Representative Meeting :

“ This Meeting is united in recommending that requesters for membership shall be held as probationary members until such time as shall be determined by the Meeting having charge of the case.”

Extracted from the Minutes.

BENJAMIN CODY,
Clerk.

61. The Educational Committee propose the names of Abram Saylor and Charles J. Treffry, to take the place of retiring members of the College Committee. We unite and they are appointed to that service for three years.

62. The following form of returning Minute is proposed by the Committee appointed to that service. We approve and direct the Clerk to sign on behalf of this Meeting.

Thomas Kimber a minister of the Gospel acceptably attended this meeting with Credentials from his Monthly Meeting.

Signed by direction of Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends, held 6th mo., 1886.

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64. The Educational Committee are continued for another year.

65. Under a grateful sense of the unmerited goodness of God in having kept us in a spirit of condescension whilst deliberating on the various subjects that have claimed our attention, and hopefully viewing the future of our Church as a means, under the blessing of God, of winning souls to Christ, we adjourn to meet at Pickering next year if the Lord will.

HOWARD NICHOLSON,

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

1. Opened in joint session on Sixth day, the 25th of 6th mo., 1886.

2. From reports received from the Quarterly Meetings, it appears the following Friends were appointed Representatives to this Meeting, viz. :—

PELHAM—Catharine Hoag, Mary Stevenson, Alice Treffry, and Isabel Stover.

YONGE STREET—Elizabeth Cody, Hannah D. Wright, Charlotte Rogers, Elizabeth Hobson, Jr., Alma Dale, Rebecca Lambie, Sarah Rogers, Mary Anne Hughes.

WEST LAKE—Sarah Foster, Eliza Brewer, Lucy Cronk, Sarah Garratt, Susannah Haight.

Whose names being called, are present, except six.

3. The Friends appointed as Caretakers during the Yearly Meeting by the Quarterly Meetings, being called, eight are present. They are from—

PELHAM—Anna Atkins, Isabel Stover, and Marianna Harris.

YONGE STREET—Elizabeth Cody, Alma Dale, Sarah Rogers, Florence J. Lambie.

WEST LAKE—Bessie Dorland, and Merrium White.

4. We have at this time the company of dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, viz. :—Thomas Kimber, William Allen, Barclay Jones, William L. Pearson, and Jonathan M. Jay,

Ministers, with satisfactory credentials from their respective Meetings. Also our beloved friend Mary S. Kimber, an Elder, companion to her husband Thomas Kimber.

We thankfully acknowledge the labors of these the Lord's anointed servants, and praise His name for having turned their feet this way.

5. Martha Rogers and Hannah Wright are appointed, in conjunction with a like committee of men Friends, to prepare returning minutes for these, and produce to a future sitting.

6. The London General Epistle was read at this time. May the loving counsel contained therein encourage us to draw nearer the Good Shepherd, so that we may hear His voice of love, and follow Him.

7. West Lake Quarterly Meeting requests to have the hour of holding their Quarterly Meeting on first day changed from ten o'clock to eleven. The request was granted.

8. The subject of the use of tobacco was introduced to this meeting by West Lake Minutes. (For action of meeting, see Men's Meeting.)

9. The following Friends were appointed as a Nominating Committee, in conjunction with a like committee of men Friends, viz.: — Marianna Harris, Isabel Stover, Hannah Moore, Martha Rogers, Maria Haight, and Lucy Cronk.

10. The Representatives were requested to meet at the rise of this meeting, to consider and propose to next session the names of suitable Friends to serve the meeting as Clerks. Also to propose names of Friends for Messengers.

11. This meeting adjourns, to meet in separate session at ten o'clock Seventh day morning.

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SEVENTH DAY, MORNING, 26TH OF 6TH MO.

12. Friends met about the hour adjourned to.

13. The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

14. Eliza Brewer, on behalf of the Representatives, informed this meeting that they were united in proposing the name of Elizabeth C. Garratt for Clerk, and Alma Dale for assistant, which being considered, were united with by the meeting and appointed to that service for one year.

15. Susannah Haight and Emma Richardson were nominated and appointed as Messengers.

16. Epistles from Dublin, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, Kansas, and North Carolina Yearly Meetings were read at this time. May the loving counsel contained in these be as refreshing streams by the wayside unto us.

17. Catharine Hoag, Bessie Dorland, Emma Richardson, Charlotte Rogers, Hannah Moore, Maria Haight, Phœbe J. Wright, Alma Dale, Annie D. Saylor, Isabel Stover, Mary A. Treffry, Marianna Harris, Delia Cronk, Sarah Foster, Louisa Nicholson, Mary Stevenson, and Jennie Lambie, were appointed to prepare Essays in reply, and produce them to a future session.

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

SEVENTH DAY, AFTERNOON.

19. Friends met according to adjournment, in joint session.

20. Report from Pastoral Committee was read and verbal accounts given by workers. (For particulars, see M. M.)

21. The Meeting adjourned, to meet Second day morning, at ten o'clock, in joint session.

SECOND DAY, MORNING.

22. About the time adjourned to, the Meeting convened.

23. The London General Epistle was read at this time. The wise counsel contained therein has given us fresh courage to ask for greater spiritual discernment, that we may know the voice of the true Shepherd and follow Him.

24. We have received from the Mosher and Murray Fund, and from the Book and Tract Committee of New York Yearly Meeting, by the hands of Thomas and Mary S. Kimber, a donation of about one hundred dollars' worth of books, containing views of Friends, and other valuable works. We gladly accept these, and place them in care of Samuel Rogers, John T. Dorland, and Howard Nicholson, to distribute as they may think best.

25. Friends proceeded to read the Queries, with their answers, as presented by the Quarterly Meetings, to the fifth query.

26. Then adjourned, to meet at two o'clock, in joint session.

AFTERNOON.

27. Met near the time adjourned to.

28. Friends engaged in reading the remaining Queries with their answers. (For summary, see M. M.)

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30. The subject of birthright membership was introduced to the Meeting. (See M. M.)

31. Adjournment, to meet Third day morning, at ten o'clock, in joint session.

THIRD DAY, MORNING, 29TH.

32. Friends met, pursuant to adjournment.

33 For business of this session, see M. M.

34. Adjourned, to meet this afternoon, in joint session.

AFTERNOON.

35. About the hour adjourned to, Friends met.

36. For transaction of business during this session, see M. M.

37. The Meeting adjourned, to meet to-morrow, at half-past one o'clock, in separate session.

FOURTH DAY, THE 30TH OF 6TH MO.

38. At the hour adjourned to, Friends met.

39. The Epistle from New England Yearly Meeting was received and read.

40. Essays of Epistles addressed to London, Dublin, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Western, Iowa, North Carolina, and Kansas, were read and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to sign and forward to their respective meetings.

41. The Children's Letter has been read and approved, and the Printing Committee directed to have 1500 copies printed and apportion them to the Quarterly Meetings, in proportion to children on roll in the various schools.

42. The Meeting directed the Printing Committee to have the Epistles printed with the Minutes.

43. And now as we are about to separate, we are impressed with this truth, that our coming together has not been in vain. The Master of assemblies has met with us, and we desire with thankful hearts to acknowledge His holy help. We met for a purpose ; books have been opened ; examinations have been made ; judgments have been given. Through all these we have been encouraged to aim at a higher standard in future. We have been feelingly reminded of another Meeting, when *other books* will be opened ; investigations will not be needed, for all states shall be known. *Final judgments* of a serious character shall be given, such as will seal the awful destiny of all whose sins have not gone beforehand to judgment.

In view of this coming day, may we give heed to the injunction of the great Apostle of the Gentiles : " Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done *all* to stand."

Under this solemn covering, we adjourn, to meet here again next year, if the Lord permit.

ELIZABETH C. GARRATT,

Clerk.

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EPISTLES

Addressed to Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends, 1886.

LONDON.

Dear Sisters,—

Your acceptable epistle has been received by us at this time with others from America, and has been welcomed as another evidence of the love that should unite all those who belong to the one faith of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We rejoice that you are able to give such an encouraging report of your various labours of love : while the fields are white unto harvest, what need there is for labourers to be willing to work therein. Foreign missions have received much thought in England during the past year, and our younger members, through their connection with the Missionary Helper's Union, have been stimulated to increased interest and effort.

In considering the condition of our meetings for worship, we have been brought under much concern, desiring, in the words of our query, that we may individually be giving fuller evidence of "true conversion of heart of love to Christ, and self-denying devotedness to Him." So that the language of all may be, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" What a blessing would attend our gathering together, if each one of us were willing to say to every call of our Lord, "Here am I, send me." We have with us many friends from your side of the water, whose presence is cheering, and whom we are very glad to welcome amongst us.

Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, make you perfect in every

good work to do His will, working in you that which is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Heb., 13 : 20-21.

We remain,

Your affectionate sisters.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting,

MARIA RICHARSON,

Clerk.

DUBLIN.

Dear Sisters,—

Your loving epistle brought forth many expressions of interest and sympathy in our meeting, which has been so far a time of deep instruction, increasing our responsibilities and humbling us under a sense of our distrustfulness of God's bounty.

Like you we can acknowledge the goodness of our Father's care in sending several of His servants at this our annual gathering, and their labours amongst us have been very helpful ; for as regards the church we constantly need, as the Apostle Jude says, to be built up on our most "Holy Faith that we may keep ourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." Many have been the earnest pleadings for holy boldness in the service of our blessed Master—for the willing mind, the dependent trustful following of our Good Shepherd—remembering the words "Give ye them to eat," resting assured that He will break the bread and give the supply, and leave more for ourselves in the end than we had in the beginning.

The parents amongst us have been solemnly reminded of their great responsibilities as such, of their accountability to God in regard to the impressions they make, the example they set, the teachings they give to the immortal souls committed to their care. They have been encouraged notwithstanding the humiliating feelings of the many failings of character in

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themselves, which must often be very apparent to their children, not to neglect, when the Spirit of prayer is given, to offer it for and with them. These prayers will be answered by a loving Father, who not only has the power to deliver out of the world, but to keep them from the evil.

The loving encouragement given to the hidden ones, we would also hand to our dear sisters in Canada. The hidden stones in a building are often those of most importance, giving strength to the structure. The ministry of the Gospel consisteth not alone in public preaching, but equally in doing God's will in the sphere in which in His wisdom He has seen fit to place each one of us.

"The fretting friction of our daily life,
Heart weariness with loving patience borne,
The meek endurance of the inward strife,
The painful crown of thorn,
Prepare the heart for God's own dwelling place,
Adorn with sacred loveliness the shrine,
And brighten every inconspicuous grace
For God alone to shine."

"And He alone who knoweth man,
And knoweth life and what its changes teach,
Is wise to choose, and competent to plan
The earthly path of each."

We have been impressively reminded of that new commandment given us by our Master that we should love one another, and we long that more and more of the blessed spirit of Christian charity should fill our hearts towards all. Of how little value, dear friends, is any form of religion not in harmony with that peace and goodwill proclaimed at the coming of Christ our Saviour. The difficulty of maintaining this point of love and forbearance amidst the strife of contending factions, we never had more reason to feel than at the present crisis of our country's history, which fills so many with anxiety and dismay. Yet we trust and pray that all things may yet be overruled for good by Him, whose eyes behold the nations, and who ruleth by His power forever.

We echo your words: How much we have to be thankful

for, surrounded by all the blessings of the glad tidings of salvation, whilst so many still sit in darkness, and pray, that with you we may mind our calling, remembering that God hath made Christ unto us wisdom and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, that no flesh should glory in His presence.

May we all individually remember the words of the prophet Isaiah, "Fear thou not for I am with thee, be not dismayed for I am thy God. I will strengthen thee, yea, I will help thee, yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

We remain your affectionate sisters.

Signed in and on behalf of the Meeting by

ELIZA JANE RICHARDSON,
Clerk.

BALTIMORE.

Dear Sisters,—

The reading of your epistle with those from other Yearly Meetings was a very acceptable part of the opening session of our meeting.

The renewed evidence of the continued blessing of our heavenly Father, as shown by the increasing interest manifested in the reports of the different branches of the Christian work in which we are engaged, encourages us to further efforts in these lines, and in whatever service the Master is pleased to call for at our hands.

Many and fervent have been the prayers offered that the power of the Lord may be manifested in our midst, and we believe they have been answered.

We have been faithfully and tenderly reminded that we need never be left to our own devices, but may always expect and have the living presence of our heavenly Father, as we put our trust in Him. Clouds may gather but we may rise above them. And we shall surely find the declaration of the prophet Isaiah to be true, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace because he trusteth in thee."

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The report of the Peace Association, which was read in joint session, occasioned expressions on the part of many that we have need at the present time, as much as ever, to keep alive our testimony on this important subject. We must manifest before the world that we are followers of Him who is not only Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, but also the Prince of Peace.

The consideration of the state of society brought a lively exercise over our meeting, and Friends were earnestly reminded that want of punctuality in attendance of our meetings occasions loss to the individual and disturbance to the punctual. The time spent in waiting upon the Lord together, is a very precious rest and refreshment for body and soul.

Our Meetings are opportunities for the waiting ones to hear the Master's voice, and to learn to obey Him promptly. The Church is edified and built up by the faithful, loving obedience of its members in the gathered assembly more effectually than by the preaching of long sermons by one individual. May we all be faithful to our Lord and Master.

Parents have been encouraged to warn their children against the light literature of the day, and to teach that it will not build them up in the Lord's service, but rather lead them from His kingdom.

Most of our Meetings report that our members are clear of all use of intoxicating liquors; many of us are working in harmony with the Woman's Christian Temperance Union—an organization which increases in usefulness in all sections of our country. At its late National Convention every State and Territory was represented, and a delegation from Canada had seats upon its platform.

It has seemed to our Meeting to be right at this time strongly to reaffirm our conviction of the truth held by our early Friends as regards all outward rites and ordinances. We believe that the baptism of our Lord is the baptism of the Holy Ghost. He is Himself the Bread of Life. The eating of His body and the drinking of His blood is not an outward

act, but a spiritual reality. May we as a Society hold these views, not in theory only, but in practical experience.

Now may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

MARY W. THOMAS,
Clerk.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Dear Sisters,—

In the language of the prophet Isaiah would we exhort you together with ourselves, "Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." We rejoice that amidst all the trials and conflicts of life we may with confidence claim protection from the Father, into whose ear entered the petition, "I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil," and remember that the Father heareth the Son alway.

Our hearts have been much exercised at this time that each one may be found using the gift committed unto her in the simplicity of the gospel, not enquiring what wilt Thou have my sister to do? but Lord what wilt Thou have me to do, so that we may indeed help every one her neighborhood, and everyone say to her sister be of good courage. We acknowledge great cause for thankfulness in that the Lord has been pleased to manifest himself unto us by His overshadowing presence in the midst of these assemblies, both for worship and for transaction of the affairs of the Church, also that He has turned the feet of a number of His messengers to this part of His heritage, where many of His little ones are hungering for the bread of life, in order that they may grow from stature to stature in the fulness of Christ. Those who respond to the query addressed to Simon Peter, "Thou knowest that I love thee," and accept the gracious commission, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs," seem too few. The report of the Evangelistic

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Committee shows an ever-widening field for labor, and all have been urged cheerfully and gladly to take each her part whether it be in furnishing means to carry on the work, or in the more active service of spreading the good news that *God so loved the world.*

Much interest has been manifested in the reports of the different branches of the Church work ; and though the fields are white unto harvest all around us and the laborers are few, yet we feel that the time has fully come for us to throw in our mite for the Foreign Mission work, lest we miss the blessing that ever rests on those who water others. We feel assured that it was according to the mind of the Spirit that a Society for that work has been organized by us this year.

We are glad to note the increased interest in the cause of Temperance, believing it to be a field into which women are peculiarly called and one in which we can join hands with the sisters of every other denomination. There has been read at this time a document on the Ordinances and the Ministry of Women from the Representative Meeting, setting forth in clear and concise language the view that has ever been held by our beloved Society, that in Christ we are complete, the handwriting of ordinances having been abolished and nailed to the cross.

May the Lord preserve you and us in the unity of the Spirit and bond of perfectness.

Finally, dear sisters, may the peace of God which passeth understanding keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

YOUR SISTERS.

Signed by direction of the Meeting,

ABIGAIL N. MENDENHALL,

Clerk.

NEW ENGLAND.

Dear Sisters,—

As a branch of the Living Vine we turn towards you with loving greeting, for we have been led to realize in a remarkable degree our oneness in the Lord, and have been filled with thanksgiving that we have a part in His glorious mission. As the Father gave Him as a witness to the people, so He has sent us into the world to be witnesses for Him. Our earnest prayer is that the Heavenly Husbandman will so cleanse and prune the several branches, that the sap of the divine spirit shall flow freely through us, and cause us to bring forth abundant fruit to His praise.

Our reports of mission work both Home and Foreign, show that our efforts for the advancement of Christ's kingdom have been blessed far beyond our expectations. We gratefully acknowledge that in seeking to help others, we too have been abundantly blessed, and many have been made to realize the truth, that every follower of the Lord Jesus is included among those to whom was given the command, to go forth "into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature."

As he who seeks for happiness as an end, utterly fails in his pursuit; so, those who seek for salvation that they may secure to themselves simply the benefits thereof, fail to enter into the joy of the Lord, whose mission was "to seek and to save that which was lost."

We rejoice that the cause of Temperance so vital to the interests of the Church, is progressing. Within the past year the Legislature of Massachusetts has enacted a "Scientific Temperance Law." Rhode Island secured a Prohibitory Amendment to its Constitution, and other States represented by us have made progress in the same line. In bringing about these results, we trust we as a Church, have had, under the blessing of God, no small share. As a nation, too, we are progressing toward the right, as shown by the enactment by Congress of the Statute, making Scientific Temperance Instruction compulsory in all institutions of learning, directly under

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the charge of the national government. We feel like putting on strength anew in the name of the Lord and pressing forward.

The lamentable conditions prevailing in many parts of our beloved country, as a result of the jealousy and strife between capitalists and those in their employ, has led us to close searching of heart and life, to see if we are manifesting the spirit of the meek and lowly Jesus, who teaches, that in all things "whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." We feel especially called as a Society, "the weapons of whose warfare are not carnal but spiritual," to show both by precept and example, that the only just solution to this difficult problem is to be found in obeying the above command. "Take heed and beware of covetousness," is a timely injunction, which all who bear the name of Christians would do well to heed.

Disturbances of any kind in the world in which we live, or in the Church itself, should only tend to drive us to a closer abiding and firmer trust in Him who is "our refuge and strength," who has all power in Heaven and in earth, and is able to bring all discordant elements into harmony with Himself. He causes even the wrath of man to praise Him. "Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him." At the same time that we are to quietly and firmly bear our testimony against all that is not of God, we believe that the Infinite Architect is carrying out through these apparently unpropitious events, His wonderful plan for the redemption of mankind, and the glory of the Church in union with Himself.

May you with us dwell much at the feet of Jesus, drinking from the fountain of living water, that we may be constantly overflowing to the refreshing of those with whom we mingle, "always abounding in the work of the Lord," to the glory of Him "who has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light."

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

ANNA G. WOOD,

Clerk.

WESTERN.

Dear Sisters,—

We have been permitted once again, through the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father to meet on our annual gathering, and receive epistles of love and sisterly greeting from yours and other Yearly Meetings.

They have brought afresh to our hearts that feeling of nearness, and Christian fellowship, which ever unites in love the chosen of the Lord, which neither distance can sever, nor kingdoms or governments divide.

Precious is the thought, though being under different earthly administrations, we can be children of the Heavenly King "that loved us and washed us from our sins, in His own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father," whose banner over us is love and His reign peace.

We have had at this time the very acceptable company of many of the Lords anointed messengers; one of whom was from your midst, who were faithful in declaring the Gospel of Christ in its fullness, freeness, and simplicity.

The meetings for worship have been seasons of humbling in which souls have been led from darkness into light, and believers have accepted by faith, the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, to make and keep them clean, fit vessels for the Masters use, wherever He may lead.

The meetings for business were blessed by a spirit of condescension, harmony and love. Practical and kindly counsel uttered by the lips of motherly experience filled our hearts with earnest desire to be more Christ-like in our homes, and the near associations of our daily lives in thought, in word and in act.

Daughters were lovingly counselled to be thoughtful of their duty and sweet privilege, in helping to bear the burdens of parents, that each with the other may understand the soul and heart need, of earthly, as well as spiritual things, that the ills of life may be lightened and the pathway brightened.

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Reports from various departments of work have been full of interest, showing a widening and deepening interest in things pertaining to church extensions.

The Women's Foreign Missionary Society has shown marvelous growth, graciously blessed and owned of Him, who leadeth His trusting children in paths unseen, and smoothes with His tender hand, the rough and rugged places, which He alone can do.

We have had the privilege of mingling with and looking into the faces of a number who have consecrated themselves to Foreign Mission work, who ere long will be in their different fields of labor, far separated by land and sea, yet never so far, but that they may rest in the cleft of the same rock, and drink from the same fountain.

Educational interests show increased desire that the higher education of our children, not only intellectually but morally and religiously, should be encouraged and maintained in our denomination. Intemperance continues to be a subject of deep solicitation, and the Church is awakening to the fact, that the gospel of Christ, must be the great lever, to work through instrumentalities yet untried, to banish it from our land. Home Mission, Pastoral and Evangelistic work through the systematic efforts of devoted laborers, has been greatly blessed of the Lord, in the saving of souls, strengthening of believers, and enlargement of the Church.

In conclusion, dear sisters, prayers arise from full hearts that this may be the beginning of a year more full of consecrated labor than in the past.

May we with you "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." To Him be glory, both now and forever. Amen.

Signed on behalf of the meeting.

REBECCA T. HOBBS,

Clerk.

INDIANA.

Dear Sisters,—

Once again, through the mercy of our Heavenly Father, we have been permitted to gather in our annual meeting. It is precious to believe that we may all be the daughters of the same loving Father, heirs and joint heirs with the same blessed Christ. We are glad to greet you, dear sisters, as part of the same great family, and to know from the precious letter that has been read from you in this meeting that the same arm of strength that has been around us has been underneath you to bear you up in seasons of trial, that the same hand that has been extended to us, has gently covered your heads in the day of battle.

The report of our Evangelistic Committee and its workers is encouraging. Fields white unto harvest are all about us and willing workers are entering therein.

We are glad the command has reached our ears and yours "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Earnest desires are filling our hearts to send the tidings of this wonderful salvation to lands less favored than ours.

As the reports have come to us of the work our various committees have been pushing forward the past year we have been made to praise the Lord and acknowledge that help has been mercifully afforded from our Divine Head, and it has tended to bind us together more closely in the precious bonds of our Saviour's love.

The Lord has again manifested his goodness to us by sending his ambassadors amongst us from other Yearly Meetings.

We have been afresh reminded of our privilege in being intrusted with the ministry of the Word as well as our brothers; and all were urged to be faithful in the exercise of their gifts. "Though we have lain among the pots, yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold."

We have been cheered and our faith strengthened by the presence of many of the aged mothers that have been spared to meet with us another year, also by the number of young

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In the fellowship of the gospel, your Sisters.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

NAOMI W. HARRISON,
Clerk.

TIMOTHY NICHOLSON, *Correspondent.*
RICHMOND IND.

OHIO.

Dear Sisters,—

In the love of Christ, and the fellowship of the Gospel, we salute you, and would gratefully acknowledge that the Lord has wonderfully manifested His presence and power in our midst, during the various sittings of this meeting, preserving in loving condescension, the harmony of the body, through all its deliberations, "unto Him be glory, honor and praise."

There are present with us a number of ministers from other Yearly Meetings, some of whom, with those of our own, have with the power of the Holy Ghost preached the "unsearchable riches of Christ," and with definite clearness pointed out the way of life and salvation "through our crucified and risen Lord," reaching the hearts of some we believe as a "saviour of life unto life."

The injunction of Jesus unto His followers of old, "Take heed therefore how ye hear," should find its place with us all today, and especially with those who hear the preaching of an "utmost salvation" through Christ, for with these opportunities come added responsibilities.

That this is the will of God, even your sanctification, is a plain scripture declaration; and we rejoice that the provisions of the Gospel are so rich and free. Coming first by "Remission of sins through repentance towards God, and faith in the

Lord Jesus," and then for cleansing from all unrighteousness. We earnestly entreat all who *know the first only* to press into a deeper and *fuller experience*, wherein you may "Reckon yourselves dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, for "Even so, we also should walk in newness of life." And those who fail to accept for themselves, "the fullness of the blessing of Christ," by obeying the Truth, are living beneath their privileges, and are not standing perfect and complete in all the will of God," who Himself hath said "Be ye perfect, even as your Father who art in heaven is perfect."

Our interest in the Foreign Missionary cause is increasing and we have been exhorted to earnest active endeavor that those who sit in darkness may be enabled to receive the Light of life, remembering the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

May you and us, be kept in the love of God, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith. "Now unto him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen."

Signed on behalf and by the direction of the Meeting.

ELIZABETH L. HILL,

Clerk.

IOWA.

Dear Sisters,—

The burden of our hearts as expressed during the sessions of our Yearly Meeting, has been to exalt Jesus our Saviour. He should be our centre and circumference. His grace is sufficient for all our needs and His religion is so universal in its application that it is perfectly adapted to every mind, whatever be its grade of development. The child may grasp it by faith and yet a master mind may exhaust the strength of his

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intellect upon it and find that infinity lies beyond. The presence of Evi Sharpless, for four years an Evangelist upon the island of Jamaica, and of Dr. Levi D. Johnson, just returned from Africa, has given fresh impetus to the missionary work already claiming our attention. Their vivid accounts of the pitiable state of the people and especially of the women in these far away lands, have stirred our hearts and inspired within us a zeal unknown before. We, as women, were repeatedly reminded that it is the religion of Christ alone that makes the wide difference between our condition and that of our oppressed and less-favored sisters. As Christ's disciples, we have a glorious commission, such as angels never knew, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" with the blessed promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." As we go out to fulfil this command, let us be *Christ-like*. He stoops to the lost with tears of pity and lifts the fallen from the pit of despair up to the solid rock of faith. The recent changes of the Government officials in the Indian field, causing many of our faithful workers to withdraw, have greatly crippled our work in that direction, but we believe the influence of their labors will continue to be felt.

Our Yearly Meeting has for three years supported and had charge of Hobson's Institute at Parsons, Kansas, a normal school for colored pupils. We believe the work done there to be thorough, and the christian influence excellent, and that God is pleased to use this method of blessing the freedmen.

As the different departments of church work have come before us, we have gratefully acknowledged the hand of the Lord in each, but have been made sensible of the need of a larger band of workers qualified and made efficient by the Holy Spirit.

With a salutation of love, we are your sisters,

JANE BLAIR,

Clerk.

KANSAS.

Dear Sisters,—

Having been permitted to meet once more in our annual assembly, we salute you in the love of the gospel in the language of the beloved apostle James, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this that the trial of your faith worketh patience, but let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing." Oh! for more of this perfection in us as a people, knowing that our old nature is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe we also shall live with Him, and walk in newness of life, seeking the things which are above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

We humbly acknowledge that very many blessings have been ours during the past year, and like the Psalmist may say, "What shall we render unto thee O God for all thy benefits." We have received loving epistles from our sisters, both in England and America, which gives cause of gratitude to our Father in heaven, because He has kept us bound together in sympathy and love. We rejoice that the cause of Temperance is claiming so much attention among the people as well as in the Church. We with you recognize the Missionary work as from the Lord, and under this feeling have organized a Foreign Missionary Board. Our heartfelt prayers arise for these that they may be so faithful in the various workings of this cause, that the Lord will be pleased to give us a large inheritance among the heathen; and while we are scattering the seed of the kingdom abroad, we may also be gathering at home. There is work for all, and if the Church, the servants of the Lord, are faithful, no race or class will be neglected. At this meeting we gladly welcome a large number of the brethren in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings, yet there are no handmaidens of the Lord visiting us at this time, in view of this unusual occurrence, the query arises in our hearts are we as women failing to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

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We have been earnestly exhorted to be individually faithful to every intimation of duty, and let nothing mar or hinder the spread of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The subject of education is one of deep interest to us, and the necessity of having teachers who have been trained in the school of Christ is pressed upon us, of having those that feel that in order to have the most perfectly developed manhood and womanhood, the culture of the heart must keep pace with the culture of the intellect were it not so, we might be only sharpening instruments to be used in the enemy's cause.

Finally, dear sisters, may you with us and we with you, individually find access by faith into that grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

In the love of Him who suffered and died that we might live, we bid you affectionately farewell.

Signed on behalf of the meeting,

DRUSILLA WILSON,

Clerk.

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CALENDAR FOR 1887.

Subject to Change during Session of Yearly Meeting.

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, 24th,—

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

10 a.m.—Representative Meeting.

10 a.m.—Meeting of the W. F. M. S.

1 p.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

SEVENTH DAY, 25th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Public Meeting of the W. F. M. S.

FIRST DAY, 26th,—

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

SECOND DAY, 27th,—

8 a.m.—Meeting of Ministers and Elders.

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

THIRD DAY, 28th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

7.30 p.m.—Gospel Meeting.

FOURTH DAY, 29th,—

10 a.m.—Meeting for Worship.

1.30 p.m.—Meeting for Discipline.

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