

Yonge St Monthly Meeting
Also called - Botsford St Church, Newmarket Monthly Meeting
1950 – 1960

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**Society of Friends
Newmarket Monthly Meeting Minutes
Newmarket, Ontario
1950-1960**

Clerk
Marjorie Keffer 1950

Ass't. Clerk
Katherine Winger

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**- 1950 –
Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Feb. 2, 1950.**

- I The minutes of Annual Meeting were read and approved.
- II The treasurer's report was read and accepted as follows.
- III Maria Wolfe read letters from Germany from those who received parcels from the Meeting forwarded by Dorothy Henkel, also a communication from her regarding [cut off] of Leonora Burnitz in November after a lengthy period of ill-health. Leonora Burnitz was the founder of Friends' Work in Frankfurt, Germany and was a helpful worker to the end of her life. She will be greatly missed by Friends there.

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- IV The following members were appointed as delegates to attend Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held here February 11th.
Maria Wolfe, Ida Harden, Wilhelmina Rose, Ethel Trewhella, Katherine Winger, Lulu Cleland, Margaret McSkimming, Kenneth Muma, Marjorie Keffer.
- V A discussion regarding the Queries took place. It was felt that if individuals and Meetings lived up to the queries no revision would be necessary as the responsibilities outlined in them are still as obligatory to true Christian conduct as when they were written. However this Meeting is open to suggestions for improvement in them.
- VI A Committee to plan for Quarterly Meeting Supper was appointed as follows –
Katherine Winger, Lulu Cleland, Ethel Trewhella.

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- VII The Clerk presented a request from the local Gideon Group for the use of the S.S. rooms for their Meetings once a month. It was agreed to allow them the use of the small S.S. room and the kitchen at \$3.00 per month. (3rd Monday of month)
- VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in March (March 2.)

Newmarket Monthly Meeting March 2, 1950.

No Meeting was held on account of bad weather conditions and so few able to attend.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 12, 1950

- I A special Meeting was called at the close of the Meeting for Worship on Sunday March 12, to consider tender for redecorating of the Meeting House. It was decided to accept Mr. D. Cowal's tender for painting walls and ceiling of main room and front vestibule at \$400.00. Details of colour etc. were left to be dealt with by a committee consisting of the trustees and clerk and Lulu Cleland and Ethel Trehwella.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting held April 6, 1950.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The matter of procuring more stationary for the Monthly Meeting was brought up, as our supply is nearly gone. Clerk was authorized to order same.
- III The Clerks are asked to send out quota letters as soon as possible.
- IV The treasurers report was read and approved as follows.

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- V The matter of selling choir seats to help with price of decorating the Church was discussed. It was agreed to dispose of them if a reasonable price can be obtained.
- VI Plans for the visit of Philip and Virginia Towle were discussed. It was agreed to give them \$10 for expenses with the Sunday School to contribute whatever portion it can of this amount.
- VII An application was received from Lowell W. Keffer asking to be transferred to the list of active members. Lulu Cleland and Ethel Trehwella were appointed to visit him and if they are satisfied he is to be welcomed at a morning Meeting for Worship as soon as possible.
- VIII The Clerks were appointed to prepare the report on "The State of Society" and the statistical report.

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- IX The meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in May.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 4, 1952.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II It was agreed to advertise choir seats and to sell them if a reasonable price can be obtained.
- III Lulu Cleland reported that Lowell Keffer had been interviewed by committee re his transfer to active membership and that they were satisfied This meeting accordingly welcomes Lowell to active membership with Katherine Winger to write him of his acceptance.
- IV The Clerk presented the statistical report and the report on the "State of Society, which were accepted.
- V It was agreed to pay \$25 from this Meeting for our share of Yearly Meeting quota.

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- VI The financial report was read and accepted –
- VII Delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto as follows –
(May 12)
Lulu Cleland, Lowell Keffer, Maria Wolfe, Ida Harden, Marjorie Keffer, Wilhelmina Rose,
Katherine Winger, Margaret McSkimming, Kenneth Muma, John McSkimming.
- VIII A letter was received from Conran Hay asking that we appoint two of our members to meet with the standing committee on elders.

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- IX Margaret McSkimming and Ida Harden were appointed from this meeting.
- IX It was decided to try to have a “Home Coming” Sunday on June 4th for the reopening of the Meeting House after re-decoration. Clerk to write Burton Hill and invite them to be with us on this occasion.
- X Meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in June.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 1, 1950.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was agreed to sell the Choir seats for \$20.00.
- III Home Coming Sunday June 4th was discussed and the basket lunch to be ~~held~~ served at noon planned
- IV It was agreed to have Newmarket Friends supply lunch for out of town guests at Yearly Meeting in the evenings at Pickering College.

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The treasurer’s report was read and accepted –

- V Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Sept. 7th 1950.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Clerk reported a temperance speaker to be with us on November 19th a.m. and a visiting Friend on October 15th for evening service.
- III It was agreed to allow Youth for Christ and C.B.M.C. use of the Meeting House for \$5 per month if no Supper meetings held.
- IV Douglas Ropp spoke of need for repairs on parsonage furnace. It was agreed to have this done as soon as possible.

- V As Maria Wolfe and Rosemarie have moved to Toronto, it was agreed to send Maria a letter of appreciation from this Meeting for her work as treasurer and for help in our Relief Work.
- VI The treasurer's reports were read to the end of August and approved.

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Marjorie Keffer agreed to keep the treasurer's books for the present with the auditors to audit the books as soon as possible

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- VII The following delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here Sept. 16th.
Ida Harden, Lulu Cleland, Martha B. Moore, Ethel Trehwella, Lowell Keffer, Marjorie Keffer, Wilhelmina Rose, Katherine Winger.
- VIII Lulu Cleland and Katherine Winger were appointed a committee to arrange for Quarterly Meeting supper.
- IX Adjourned to meet first Thurs. in October.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held October 5, 1950.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The treasurer's report was read as follows and approved.

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- III It was agreed that we give \$10 to Ernest Lamb of California who is visiting meetings under the Com. on Evangelism & Outreach of Five Years Meeting and expects to be with us October 15th.

~~Correction It was also agreed that we give \$10 towards Lowell Keffer's expenses to Richmond on the~~

~~IV Young Friends Planning Committee for 1951 Conference Oct. 27, 28.~~

- V Meeting adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in November.
- IV A request was brought in from Lowell Keffer for \$10 towards his expenses to Young Friends Planning Com. at Richmond Oct. 27, 28 for 1951 Conference. This meeting agreed to grant this sum.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 2, 1950.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved with one correction.
- II The treasurer's report was read as follows and approved –

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- III The Clerk reported that the parsonage furnace which was to be repaired could not be fixed and a new furnace had to be put in. The trustees were able to procure a good used furnace from Danforth Furnace Works, Toronto at \$125.00. This is to be installed by a local Furnace Co.
- IV The Clerk also reported a donation of \$25.00 received from Mrs. Gertrude Sisler in memory of her parents Mr. & Mrs. Ed. Goodwin. This donation is to go to the Thank Offering fund.
- V The following were appointed as delegates to Yonge St. Quarterly Meeting to be held in Toronto Nov. 11th.
Lulu Cleland, Ethel Trehwella, Ida Harden, Katherine Winger, Margaret McSkimming, Kenneth Muma, Wilhelmina Rose.
- VI After some discussion it was decided to hold Monthly Meeting at the close of the Sunday morning service for the winter months.
- VII Adjourned to meet the first Sunday in December (Dec 3.)

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Sunday Nov. 12th

A meeting was called at the close of the morning meeting to discuss a request from the Gospel Tabernacle Congregation for the use of our building for a few Sundays while theirs is being redecorated. Friends were agreeable to this, granting request with remuneration to cover expenses of heating, lighting etc.

The matter of postponing our Temperance Sunday Service of Nov. 19th on account of Camp Reunion at Pelham was also brought up. Friends agreed to have speaker at later date if arrangements can be made.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Dec. 3, 1950.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II A report was given on what progress had been made in procuring and installing the furnace in the parsonage.
- III All but one member of those appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto were present. Lulu Cleland reported an interesting Quarterly Meeting with reports from Five Years' Meeting.
- IV The treasurer's report was read as follows and accepted –

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- V Clerk reported receiving Temperance Literature and envelopes. It was agreed to take offering for Temperance Work early in New Year.
- VI Douglas Ropp presented a request from Ministerial Association for the first meeting (Jan. 2) of the Annual Week of Prayer Services to be held in our Meeting House. This was agreeable to Friends.

- VII Lowell Keffer gave a report on his trip to Richmond Indiana (Oct. 27, 28) in the interests of the Young Friends' Conference to be held at Wilmington College in the fall of 1951.
- VIII Meeting adjourned to meet at Annual Meeting 2nd Sunday in January (Jan. 14). It was suggested that we dispense with the last hymn on Sundays Monthly Meeting is held.

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**- 1951 –
Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 14, 1951
(Annual Meeting.)**

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Reports for the year were read as follows and approved. (See next page.)
- III The name of Katherine Winger was added to the auditors.
- IV It was agreed to give the loose offering for Sundays Jan. 21 and 28th to the Missionary Society for Special appeal for Japanese Church. If this amount is not equal to \$10 the amount is to be made up to \$10 from funds.
- V It was also agreed to take Temperance Offering in February. Envelopes to be given out February 4th.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet first Sunday in February (Feb. 4th.)

No mtg. Feb.

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The Missionary Report was read by the Clerk –

The Missionary Society has met each month with the exception of October, in the homes of members. One public meeting was held in the schoolroom on the evening of September 14th which was addressed by Mildred Fahrini on India.

At Easter we were glad to welcome Philip and Virginia Towle of New England who showed slides and told of their experiences in travelling among Friends. Our Study Book was "Religious Life on our Mission Fields". A special Thank Offering was taken in May for building fund of Church in Shimodate, Japan.

Financial Report

Receipts

	\$	¢
Bal. on hand from 1949 -	\$1.88	
Miss. Collections	14.88	
S.S. and Birthday Collections	15.12	
Special Offering Japanese Church	8.65	
Special Offering open mtg. Mildred Fahrini	<u>4.48</u>	
Total	\$45.01	

<u>Expenditures</u>	\$	¢
Sent to Violet Carroll for Japan	43.65	
Charges on above		<u>.57</u>
Total	44.22	
Bal. on hand Dec. 31, 1950		<u>.79</u>
	<u>\$45.01</u>	

The Willing Helpers' Report

The Willing Helpers' Meetings have been held regularly each month with a few exceptions and an average attendance of 6, with different members leading the meeting in turn.

One public meeting was held in October as our Thanksgiving Meeting at which Mrs. Ethel Trehwella gave a very interesting paper on her trip to Pennsylvania in September.

The hydro bills for the Church lights have been paid each month from Willing Helpers' funds. One quilt was quilted during the year. The Willing Helpers sponsored the cleaning of the Meeting House in May.

Financial Report

<u>Receipts</u>	\$	¢
Bal. on hand from 1949	\$3.01	
By Collections	13.35	
Birthday Box	5.12	
Quilt		<u>3.00</u>
Total	\$24.48	

<u>Expenditures</u>	\$	¢
Electric light for Church	18.16	
Tea		.85
Cookies		.49
Cleaning aids		<u>1.22</u>
	\$20.72	
Bal. on hand		<u>3.76</u>
Total	<u>\$24.48</u>	

Flower Fund

Amount Received	\$2.15
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Expenditures

Flowers	1.00
Christmas, Birthday & Get well cards	.85

Stamps	<u>.12</u>
	1.97
Bal. on hand Dec. 31	<u>.18</u>
Total	\$2.15

The Sunday School Report was read by Lowell Keffer.

The Sunday School was held each Sunday except the Sundays from July 16 to Sept. 3rd with an average attendance of 11.34 and a high of 19 on April 9. On April 9th Philip and Virginia Towle of New England were our guests. They showed lantern slides in colour dealing with their European travels.

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On June 4th we observed opening Sunday for our newly redecorated Meeting House with Burton Hill and family as our guests.

On Rally Sunday September 10th Mr. [Tice] showed moving pictures on "The Roadrunner and the Rattlesnake", and gave a short talk afterwards.

Four members of our Sunday School attended the Camp Neekaunis reunion held at Pelham on November 19th. Our Christmas program was held in open session on December 24th. Moving pictures were shown by Mr. [Tice] and an offering of \$10.00 was taken for the "Save the Children" Fund. Presentations for attendance were awarded to 10 of the 17 present.

Financial Report

Bal. on hand Jan. 1, 1950	\$ ¢
Bank	8.85
Cash	14.36
Collections	48.04
Upper Room	1.45
Missionary & Birthday Offerings	15.06

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	\$ ¢
Miscellaneous	28.32
Donations	1.25
Bank Interest	<u>.06</u>
Total	<u>\$117.39</u>

	\$ ¢
<u>Expenditures</u>	
Sunday School Supplies	19.73
Upper Room Booklets	3.00
Missionary Fund	15.06
Miscellaneous	62.22
P.O. order and stamps	2.37

Bank balance	12.23
Cash on hand	<u>2.78</u>
Total	<u>\$117.39</u>

Outstanding Donations for year 1950
 Save the Children Fund \$10.00
 + \$5 cheque sent direct.
 Camp Neekaunis \$13.75.

The Monthly Meeting financial reports were read as follows for December and for the year.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held February 4/51.

No meeting was held in February.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 4, 1951.

- I Minutes of Annual Meeting were read and approved.
- II No meeting was held in February on account of small attendance.
- III The treasurer's reports for January and February were read and approved as follows - (See next page)
- IV Milton Keffer sent thanks to the Meeting for fruit basket sent to him while in the hospital.
- V A letter was read from the Canadian Friends' Service Committee re meeting sponsoring displaced families from Europe. The Meeting did not feel able to undertake this work at present, but would keep it in mind.

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- VI It was decided to donate \$25 to the Home Mission Work from this Meeting to be paid before May 31st.
- VII It was agreed to have quota letters sent out as usual.
- VIII It was agreed to go back to the regular date for next meeting, Thursday April 5, at 8 p.m.
- IX Adjourned to meet at this time.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held April 1951.

- I Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.
- II Treasurer's report read and accepted as follows –
- III Reports are to be ready for next month on State of Society and Statistical Report to be prepared by Clerks.

IV Adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in May. (May 3)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Sept.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting held May 3rd, 1951.

No Meeting was held due to poor attendance.

The Yearly Meeting Reports were read in Sunday morning May 6th and accepted.

A special meeting was called on May 20th when it was decided to have the porch roof of the parsonage repaired as soon as possible.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 7, 1951.

- I Minutes of special meeting were read and approved.
- II Treasurer's reports for April and May were read and approved as follows. - (next page)
- III A discussion of plans for the fall and winter work was carried on. It was decided to call a meeting in August to consider plans further.
- IV Adjourned to meet at call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting held September 13, 1951.

- I Minutes of last monthly meeting read and approved.
- II Delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting Sept. 15 as follows –
Lulu Cleland, Marjorie Keffer, Martha B. Moore, Ida Harden, Wilhelmina Rose, Maria Wolfe, Ethel Trewhella, Margaret McSkimming, Katherine Winger.
- III The treasurer's reports for July and August were read and approved as follows –

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- IV It was decided to try to have evening Meeting this fall also a prayer and bible Study Group during the week.
- V Adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in October (Oct. 4.)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting held October 4th 1951.

- I Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.

II The financial report for September was read and approved as follows.

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- III It was agreed to find out if Friends' Hymnals are available from Wooler Meeting. Lulu Cleland is to see about this matter.
- IV Plans are being made to begin evening services on October 21st with Toronto Bible College Group to assist.
- V It was decided to have a prayer and Bible Study Group Thursday evenings beginning October 11th.
- VI Adjourned to meet first Thursday in November (Nov. 1).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 1, 1951.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved
- II The financial report was read and approved as follows –

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- III Delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto Nov. 10th.
Lulu Cleland ✓, Wilhelmina Rose, Ida Harden ✓, Margaret McSkimming ✓, Maria Wolfe ✓,
5 Katherine Winger ✓
- IV Civil defense measures in the event of war conditions were discussed and what part Friends would be able to contribute.
- V Douglas Ropp asked for permission to make some alterations in kitchen walls, if feasible, to allow more heat in kitchen.
- VI Adjourned to meet first Thursday in December (Dec. 6)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Dec. 6, 1951.

- I The minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was reported that five delegates attended Quarterly Meeting in Toronto in November.
- III Douglas Ropp is to further investigate possibilities of alterations in kitchen to allow more circulation of heat.
- IV The financial report was read as follows and accepted –

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- V Adjourned to meet at Annual Meeting 2nd Thursday in January (Jan. 10.)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 10, 1952 (Annual Meeting)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held February 7th, 1952.

- I Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.
- II The treasurer's report was read and approved.

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- III It was suggested that pictures of early Newmarket Friends, early documents etc. be assembled for exhibition at Yearly Meeting.
- IV Adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in March.

No Meeting held in March due to poor attendance.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 1, 1952.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II It was decided to get estimates on painting of house trim and veranda of the parsonage.
- III A letter from Margaret Pennington was read asking for donations for expenses of delegates to Oxford Conference. This was left to individuals to give what they wish.
- IV It was decided to give \$25.00 by cheque for our share of the Yearly Meeting quota.
- V The statistical report was read and approved.
- VI The "State of Society" report was read and accepted.
- VII Ethel Trewhella read a memorial to Martha B. Moore, which was authorized to be sent on to Yearly Meeting.
- VIII The following were appointed delegates to Quarterly Meeting to be held May 10th.
Lulu Cleland, Ida Harden, Wilhelmina Rose, Maria Wolfe, Marjorie Keffer, Margaret McSkimming, Kenneth Muma and Katherine Winger.

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- IX The financial report for April was read and approved.

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- X It was decided to again serve tea in the evenings at Yearly Meeting.

- XI Members are asked to bring pictures documents etc. suitable for exhibit at Yearly Meeting to the June monthly Meeting.
- XII Adjourned to meet first Thursday in June.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 4, 1952.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report was read and approved. It was decided to pay taxes for year on property.
- III The resignation of Douglas Ropp as pastor of the Meeting was read and accepted. The Meeting wishes to express to Douglas and Helen Ropp their sincere appreciation for their faithful and helpful service in our midst during the past nearly four years. It was agreed to have a farewell presentation for them early in June to which the Meeting will give cheque for \$15.
- IV It was decided to go ahead with the painting on the outside of the parsonage and to decide on colours when contacting painter.

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- V It was decided to give \$5 from Meeting funds towards cookies to be served at Yearly Meeting.
- VI It was agreed to put notice in both Canadian and American Friend for Quaker family to come and live in parsonage and give leadership in the Meeting.
- VII Adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 19, 1952.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held October 2, 1952.

- I The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report was read and accepted.
- III It was decided to rent parsonage charging \$45 for upstairs rooms (heated) and \$30 for downstairs with downstairs tenants to heat the whole house. Clerks to write rental board concerning rent.
- IV Adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in November.
- VI Adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in December.

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Newmarket Monthly of Friends held November 6, 1952.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
 - II The Clerk reported that the parsonage is rented at \$65 per month (\$45) upstairs heated and \$20 downstairs with downstairs tenants to supply fuel and run furnace.
 - III The financial report was read and accepted.
 - IV The following were appointed as delegates to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto November 8th –
Maria Wolfe, Ida Harden, Lulu Cleland, Marjorie Keffer, Katherine Winger, Wilhelmina Rose.
 - V After some discussion it was suggested that when no speaker is available for Sunday worship service we have a discussion period for part of the service. It was also suggested we try to obtain copies of the Oxford Conference Study booklets for this purpose.
- See other page

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Dec. 4, 1952

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II A letter re clarification of Meeting membership was read from Clifford Parsons, Clerk of Quarterly Meeting. There was some discussion on this matter but it was felt that no further action could be taken on the matter at present.
- III The Clerk presented a request from Margaret Pennington, Chairman of Yearly Meeting programme Committee, in regard to Sunday Meetings on Yearly Meeting Sunday. There was a suggestion that the morning meeting be held at Yonge Street and the evening meeting in the Meeting House here. It was the feeling of this meeting that we would prefer the morning service here as in other years. However it was agreed that this was a matter for the programme committee to decide. Clerks are asked to write Margaret Pennington to this effect.

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- IV A letter was received from Burton Hill, Clerk of Yearly Meeting, Ministry Council and Oversight, concerning State of Society Reports. In accordance with the suggestion that the State of Society of each meeting be examined each month, it was felt that a somewhat deeper concern for our meeting was indicated by a freer participation of members in the meeting for worship.
- V It was decided to bring Oxford Conference pamphlets to Meeting next Sunday for distribution among members so that they may be able to bring some messages from them.
- VI The financial report was read and accepted.
- VII It was suggested that Burton Hill might be able to visit our meeting about once a month. It was agreed that we pay him \$15 per Sunday when he comes.
- VIII Adjourned to meet at Annual Meeting 2nd Thursday in January January 8th, 1953.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 8th, 1953 (Annual Meeting)

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The Clerk reported that a donation of \$250.00 had been received from the Samuel Rogers Memorial Fund with \$150.00 to be used to repair Meeting House roof. A donation of \$20.00 was also received from Mrs. J.M. Walton.
- III Reports were given on the year's work from
Missionary Society
Willing Helpers
and the December financial report from the Monthly Meeting also the Financial Annual Report.
- IV It was also reported that the Clerks were corresponding with a friend interested in our Meeting who might consider coming to Newmarket.
- V Adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in February.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held February 5, 1953.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II It was decided to get estimates on having a new roof on the meeting house.
- III The financial report was read and accepted –

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- V It was agreed to have lighting in upstairs hall in parsonage changed.
- VI The matter of relief work was discussed and it was agreed to support Service Committee if any action is taken in flood relief.
- VII In reviewing the "State of Society", it was felt that a new feeling of individual responsibility was taking place in the meeting. Members are helping and a closer feeling of fellowship is manifest in Sunday morning meeting.
- VIII The meeting was adjourned to meet the first Thursday in March.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 5, 1953.

- I The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report was read and accepted –

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- III A Letter from Fred Haslam in regard to relief for Flood Victims in Europe was read reporting that the Canadian Friends' Service Committee was not making a public appeal but would be glad to accept and forward individual contributions.

- IV A letter was read from Margaret Pennington, Chairman of the Y.M. programme Committee stating ~~that~~ a suggested outline of Y.M. Sunday Meetings as follows – 9.30 a.m. worship at Yonge Street Meeting House
11.00 a.m. Worship at Newmarket Meeting House
7.30 p.m. Worship at Newmarket Meeting House followed by Sunderland P. Gardiner lecture at 8 p.m.

This outline was approved by this meeting with Clerks to write Margaret Pennington to this effect.

- V Estimates on shingling of Meeting House roof were submitted with lowest about six hundred dollars. It was decided to leave the matter over until a later date when prices might be lower.

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- VI The meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in April (April 2nd).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held April 2nd, 1953.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
II A letter of sympathy was written to Norwich Monthly Meeting concerning the passing away of Joseph Clayton.
III A letter was received from the Clerk of Quarterly Meeting giving the time and place of next Quarterly Meeting and bringing to our attention the matter of Hamilton Meeting to be discussed at that time.
IV A request was presented from the upstairs parsonage tenant to have their kitchen painted. It was agreed to have this work done.
V The treasurer's report was read and accepted as follows –

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- VI Members were asked to contribute towards the State of Society Report for the May Monthly Meeting.

VII It was decided to give Wilbur Kamp \$25 towards his expenses in coming to the Dont) Meeting for Sunday April 12th.

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- VIII It was decided to send out quota letters and to allow \$35 for quota from the general fund for Yearly Meeting expenses.

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- IX Adjourned to meet the first Thursday in May (May 7th.)

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 7th, 1953.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

- II A letter was received from Norwich Monthly Meeting in reply to our letter of sympathy in the passing away of Joseph Clayton.
- III A letter was received from Marion Hill re box of ~~committee~~ books from Service Committee to be sent to our meeting. A list of the books is to be made so that we can account for same.
- IV It was decided that we lay down our meeting on May 31st to meet with Yonge Street Friends in their Half-Yearly Meeting

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- V The financial report was read as follows and accepted.

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- VI It was agreed that we see about some new matting for the Meeting House floors. Lulu Cleland and Katherine Winger were appointed a committee to look after the matter.
- VII The "State of Society" report was read and accepted.
- VIII The statistical report was read and accepted.
- IX The following delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto on May 9th. Ida Harden, Maria Wolfe, Lulu Cleland, Katherine Winger, Wilhelmina Rose, Marjorie Keffer, Margaret McSkimming.
- X The presence of Wilbur and Lois Kamp of Winchester, Indiana, was very acceptable and their helpful participation much appreciated. Friends are asked to prayerfully consider the future of our Meeting and to await further communication from the Kamps as the way may open.

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- XI The meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in June (June 4th.)
(No Meeting held.)

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 10th, 1953.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held October 1, 1953

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II It was agreed that we send our \$5 Relief Money to the Canadian Friends Service Committee this month to cover cost of Oxford ~~Group~~ Conference Booklets.
- III It was reported that a transfer of membership for Doreen Smith may be made to be sent to Presbyterian Church, Midland, also that Emma Boyd wishes her name
[V] kept on our roll.
- IV A letter re Ernest Lamb coming to visit meeting was read. It was decided to try to arrange a Meeting if he desires to come.

V Adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in November.

Treasurer's Report read and accepted.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 5, 1953.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II We were privileged to have Ernest Lamb visit our meeting on October 20th. He addressed a group of about fifteen in the evening after which a social time was enjoyed by all present.
- III It was decided that we send our \$5 Relief money for this month to Korea.
- IV It was agreed that we send a letter to our local M.P. protesting against conditions as described by the General Manager of the Ontario Humane Society where animals have been abused.
- V The financial report for October was read and accepted.
- V Delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto November 14th, as follows –

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- Marjorie Keffer, Ethel Trehwella, Katherine Winger, Margaret McSkimming,
- 4 Maria Wolfe, Wilhelmina Rose, Ida Harden.
- VIII It was decided that we obtain information about new hymnals, Ethel Trehwella to contact Toronto firms and the Clerk to write Friends' Book Store in Richmond, Indiana.
- IX The meeting adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in December.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held December 2, 1953.

- I Minutes of last Meeting read and approved.
- II Four delegates attended Quarterly Meeting Nov. 14th in Toronto.
- III The financial report for November was read and accepted.
- IV It was decided to pay Lowell and Glen's Keffer's travelling expenses to Y.F. Conference at Toledo (\$30.00).
- V Permission was granted to to tenant of upstairs in parsonage to sub-let for the winter if they go to Toronto for winter months.
- VI It was agreed to paint bathroom in parsonage. Ethel Trehwella and Marjorie Keffer to look it over to see what needs to be done.
- VII It was decided to send our December Relief Money (\$5.00) to Canadian Friends Service Com. to help with their Special Christmas appeal.

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- VIII In regard to the hymnbooks which were sent on approval, it was agreed to postpone our decision and return the books, as none of those sent are just what we want.

- IX It was decided that we have the **line** fence temporarily repaired on the east side of Meeting House lawn.
- X The meeting was adjourned to meet the second Thursday in January (Jan. 14) Annual Meeting.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 14, [1954] (Annual Meeting).

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II It was agreed to have bathroom in parsonage painted also to see what can be done about putting railing on parsonage stairway.
- III It was also decided to get estimates on painting of kitchen and small S.S. room in Meeting House. Estimates to be presented to February Monthly Meeting if possible.
- IV It was decided to use January Relief money (\$5.00) to send parcel to Germany which will include coffee tea and cocoa.
- V Reports for the year were given from Missionary Society, Willing Helpers and the Monthly Meeting Financial Report for the year.

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- VI Maria Wolfe was asked to audit the books.
- VII It was agreed to send a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Hookings and Louis in the loss of husband and father George V. Hookings.
- VIII A discussion was held in regard to literature for book table. It was agreed to subscribe to the "American Friend" also to obtain a copy of the "Discipline" for use of the Meeting. It was also suggested that titles of books desirable for Meeting be brought to next meeting.
- IX It was decided to have electric switch in lobby repaired.
- X Meeting adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in February (Feb. 4.)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Feb. 4, 1954.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The matter of thinning out the trees around the Meeting House was discussed. It was decided to see what can be done about this sometime in the near future.
- III The financial report for January was read and approved.
- IV It was agreed to give our \$5 Relief money for this month to the Temperance Federation for their work rather than have a speaker come and have individual contributions.
- V A reply was received from Mrs. George Hookings in reply to our letter of sympathy in the passing away of Mr. Hookings.
- VI The Meeting was adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday of March (March 4th).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 4th, 1954.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for February was read and accepted.
- III It was agreed that we send our \$5 relief money for this month to the Scott Mission in Toronto.
- IV Margaret McSkimming's presence at our Monthly Meeting was very acceptable. Her returning minute from Oxford Conference has been presented to the meeting.

She expressed a concern that someone from the Meeting here might visit Phyllis Creedy who is living in this vicinity for a time.

- V Maria Wolfe brought a concern for a German Lutheran minister to hold a service in our Meeting House for the German speaking people of the Community, sometime in the near future.

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Dr. Goegginger is minister of German Lutheran Church on Sherbourne St. Toronto. It was agreed to leave the matter over until next Monthly Meeting for consideration.

- VI Adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in April (April 1)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held April 1, 1954.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II A letter of thanks was received from the Scott Mission in Toronto, also from the Ontario Temperance Federation who received \$5 donations in February.
- III It was decided to give \$5 Relief money for this month to Yonge Street Mission, Toronto.
- IV Margaret McSkimming's returning minute from Oxford Conference was endorsed by this Monthly Meeting.
- V A note of thanks was received from Roxie Hughes for flowers and letter sent to her at the time of Burt Hughes' passing away.
- VI It was agreed to pay for part of paint for downstairs parsonage rooms (\$3.00)
- VII The financial report for March was read and accepted.

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- VIII It was decided to pay \$50 towards Yearly Meeting quota for this year.
- IX It was decided to send out quota letters as usual, also to go over last year's State of Society Report at next monthly meeting and make any necessary changes.
- X The Clerk reported that Ashley and Myrtle Stuart, who answered our "ad" in American Friend may visit our meeting in the near future.
- XI The meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in May.

Special Meeting

- I A called meeting of Newmarket Monthly Meeting was held on Monday May 3rd to discuss arrangements for Ashley and Myrtle Stuart and family who are visiting our Meeting from Iowa.
- II A travelling minute on behalf of the Stuarts from their home meeting in Oskaloosa Iowa was read.

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- III It was agreed that we pay \$35.00 towards their return expenses to Iowa.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 6, 1954.

- I Minutes of last Monthly Meeting were read and approved also minutes of special called meeting of May 3rd.
- II The statistical report for last year was presented and approved, also the monthly financial report.
- III A letter was received from Burton Hill changing date of May visit from May 16th to May 23rd.
- IV A letter was received from Edgar Z. Palmer, Lincoln Nebraska requesting picture of Newmarket Meeting House. Lowell Keffer offered to take snap which can be enlarged.
- V The following delegates were appointed to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto May 8. Maria Wolfe, Ida Harden, Lulu Cleland, Wilhelmina Rose, Marjorie Keffer, Katherine Winger.

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- VI It was decided to send no report on the "State of Society" to Quarterly Meeting as we felt Newmarket Meeting had no change to report.
- VII It was decided to give our \$5 Relief money for May to the Salvation Army Red Shield Campaign.
- VIII It was agreed to lay down our Meeting for worship on May 30th to unite with Yonge Street Friends in their Half-Yearly Meeting.
- IX Adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in June.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 3, 1954.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Five delegates attended Quarterly Meeting in Toronto the 2nd Saturday in May.
- III The "State of Society" Report was read by Ethel Trehwella and accepted to be forwarded to Clerk of Ministry and Oversight of Yearly Meeting.
- IV The financial Report for May was read and accepted. It was agreed to pay the year's taxes.
- V A letter was received from The Newmarket and District Association for Retarded Children asking for the use of our schoolroom for the month of June. It was decided to charge no rent for June. Other arrangements to be made later if they wish to continue

- VI It was decided to have three hundred folders printed to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Friends coming to Yonge Street.

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- VII It was decided to try to have the Yearly Meeting programme advertised the week before Y.M. if possible.
VIII It was agreed to advance five dollars \$5.00 for the expenses of Yearly Meeting Teas.
IX Adjourned to meet in September or at the call of the Clerk.

Special Meeting.

A special meeting was called after Meeting Aug. 22, to decide about putting washroom in for use of school for Retarded Children, also for Meeting House use. Two estimates of \$300.00 for plumbing were received. It was agreed to go ahead with project with whichever plumber can start at once, with carpenter work to be done separately.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Sept. 9, 1954.

- I The minutes of June Monthly Meeting were read and approved also of called Meeting Aug. 22.
II The financial Report for July and August was read and accepted
III The Clerk reported that the large S.S. room has been rented to the Newmarket and District Association for Retarded Children for the coming school year at \$35 per month for the present. This was approved.
IV Delegates were appointed to Quarterly Meeting to be held here Sept. 18th as follows –
6 Ida Harden, Katherine Winger, Wilhelmina Rose, Maria Wolfe, Marjorie Keffer.
V The Clerk reported that new tenants are coming into the parsonage downstairs rooms at \$35 per month.
VI The matter of a Study Group for both groups of Friends in this district was discussed. Suggestions were made that the 4th Oxford pamphlet might be taken up Sunday mornings in our group when no speaker is available with a possible get-together of both groups once a month.

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- VII The Meeting adjourned to meet 1st Thursday in October.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held October 7th, 1954.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
II It was decided to get some copies of 4th Oxford Conference Booklets.
III The financial report for September was read and accepted.

- IV It was decided to have woodwork in washroom stained and varnished.
- V A letter of appreciation was received from the Newmarket and District Association for Retarded Children expressing their thanks to the Friends' Meeting for their co-operation in the work of the School.
- VI A request from the "Ways and Means Committee" of the School was presented asking permission to paint schoolroom and put in more adequate lighting fixtures.

It was agreed to allow the Association to paint walls and ceiling of schoolroom with doors & window frames and wainscoting to be left in oak stain finish as at present.

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It was also agreed to allow lighting to be changed to suit needs of school on the understanding that fixtures be replaced on termination of contract with school if we so desire. The School Association is to supply labour and materials for [above].

- VIII It was decided to have Glen Keffer look after furnace fires for the school at \$10 per month from October to May.
- VIII Adjourned to meet the first Thursday in November (Nov. 4)

On Sunday, October 17th it was agreed to donate \$25 to the Young Friends for the Camp Neekaunis stove fund.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 4, 1954.

- I Minutes of October Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was decided that we donate \$25.00 to the Canadian Friends' Service Committee for Ontario Hurricane Relief fund.
- III The financial report was read and accepted.
- IV Delegates to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Toronto Nov. 13th were appointed as follows –
4 Maria Wolfe, Lulu Cleland, Katherine Winger, Lowell Keffer, Wilhelmina Rose, Ida Harden, Margaret McSkimming, Marjorie Keffer.
- V The Meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in December.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Dec. 2, 1954.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and found correct.
- II The financial report was read and approved.
- IV It was decided to send a letter of sympathy to Jerrine Kinton whose husband Derwent Kinton recently passed away.
- V The Clerk reported that some slight repairs were necessary in parsonage ceiling due to water leakage at the time of the hurricane.

- VI A committee of two, Lulu Cleland and Katherine Winger, were appointed to meet with Conservative Friends regarding a Study Book.
- VII Yonge Street Friends having accepted our invitation to meet in our Meeting House for their monthly meeting will meet at 3 p.m. Dec. 26th.

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All Friends are cordially invited to meet together at this time and enjoy a time of fellowship and to remain for a social hour at the close of the Meeting.

- VIII It was decided to purchase a copy of Arthur Dorland's book on Friends in Canada for the use of the Meeting.
- IX The Meeting adjourned to meet at Annual Meeting 2nd Thursday in January (Jan. 13).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Jan. 13, 1955 (Annual Meeting)

- I The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
 - II Reports were presented from the various organizations – Willing Helpers, and Missionary Society. A letter from Herbert Nicholson was read. He gave a very interesting account of work accomplished in Japan during 1954.
 - III The financial report for December was read also the financial report for the year 1954. These reports were accepted.
- Maria Wolfe is appointed to audit the books.
- IV A letter was read from Stanley Van Every concerning budget requirements for Canada Y. Meeting. It was decided to send \$25 to the Building Fund for Offices at Richmond Indiana Y. Meeting quota commitment to be considered later.
 - V It was agreed that we purchase two dozen new cups for Church kitchen.

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- VI There was some discussion as to the time of holding Monthly Meeting. This matter was left over until next meeting.
- VII Adjourned to meet first Thursday in February (Feb. 3).

At a called Meeting Sunday Jan. 30th it was agreed to allow the "Youth for Christ" Organization the use of the Meeting House on Monday evening March 28th for a special Rally.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Feb. 10, 1955.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for January was read and approved.

- III A letter from Arthur Dorland was read concerning his book "History of Friends (Quakers) in Canada. He will let the Meeting have two copies for the regular price of one (\$4.00.) It was decided to send for two copies.
- IV A letter from the Ontario Temperance Federation was read. It was agreed to send a donation of five dollars (\$5.00) to this work.
- V It was also agreed to donate twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to the C.F.S. Committee for their Relief Work appeal.
- VI The Clerk reported that Yonge Street Friends would be meeting at Pickering College for their next afternoon Meeting Feb. 27th.

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- VII Two young Friends, Glen Keffer and Stuart Starr were present and presented a concern that a Spring Camp Re-union night be held at Newmarket under the joint sponsorship of Newmarket and Yonge Street Friends during Easter week-end, Friday to Sunday (April 8, 9, 10.)

An invitation from the two monthly meetings to be issued jointly to Young Friends. Lulu Cleland and Glen Keffer were appointed a committee from this monthly meeting to work with Helen Clifton and Stuart Starr of Yonge Street Meeting, to work out details and report to next Monthly Meeting.

- VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in March.

No Monthly Meeting held in March and April on account of small attendance.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 5, 1955.

- I The minutes of the February Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
- II The "State of Society" Report was presented and approved to be sent to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting May 14th.
- III The Statistical report was read and approved showing no change from last year.
- IV In view of the fact that Yonge Street Quarter's quota has been increased for 1955 it was decided to send \$100 from this Meeting as our contribution.
- V The following were appointed as delegates to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held in Toronto, May 14, 1955.
- 5 Lulu Cleland, Maria Wolfe, Wilhelmina Rose, Katherine Winger, Marjorie Keffer, Ida Harden, Margaret McSkimming.
- VI It was agreed to again lay down our Meeting for Worship on May 29 in order to meet with Yonge Street Friends in their Half Yearly Meeting to be held in Yonge Street Meeting House on that date.

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- VI It was decided to have insulating done in upstairs of parsonage sometime during the summer.

- VII It was suggested that we purchase new curtains and small rug for platform in Meeting House. This was left over until next Monthly Meeting.
- VIII It was agreed that we again serve evening lunch at Pickering College during Y.M. sessions.
- IX The Meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in June (June 2).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 2, 1955.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II Five delegates were present at Quarterly Meeting in Toronto May 14th
- IV The parsonage has been partially insulated and it was decided to have the remainder of the work done as soon as possible.
- V It was decided to get prices on curtain material for platform rail also on small rug for platform under piano for Meeting House.
- VI The treasurer's report for May was read and accepted.
- VII The tax bill for current year of \$159.12 has been received. It was agreed to pay same before discount period expires.
- VIII It was decided to again allow the use of the schoolroom for the School for Retarded Children for year 1955 and 1956 with rent to be considered when condition of furnace checked.

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- IX It was agreed to have ceiling in Meeting House cleaned or re-painted in summer months if possible, also lobby with inside doors built in schoolroom.
- X The Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 15, 1955.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The treasurer's report for June, July and August was read and accepted.
- III Delegates were appointed to attend Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held here September 17 - as follows –
- 7 Ethel Trewhella, Maria Wolfe ✓, Ida Harden ✓, Katherine Winger ✓, Wilhelmina Rose ✓, Lulu Cleland ✓, Margaret McSkimming ✓, Marjorie Keffer ✓.
- IV A letter was received from Glen Keffer requesting that his membership be transferred from birthright to active in Newmarket Monthly Meeting. It was agreed under existing circumstances that Glen be excepted into active membership in Newmarket Meeting.
- V A letter was received from a Religious Group asking permission to rent the Meeting House for Sunday evening services.

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It was agreed that this would not be advisable as evening services of our own are sometimes held or those of an interdenominational nature.

- VI The Clerk reported that Newmarket and District Association for Retarded Children wish to carry on in the S. School room for the coming year. It was agreed that a rental of \$45 per month would be necessary this year on account of having to install new furnace. The furnace work is under way and will be completed as soon as possible.
- VII Adjourned to meet the 1st Thursday in October (Oct. 6)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held October 6, 1955.

- I The minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Seven of the eight delegates appointed to attend Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting held here on September [17th] were in attendance at the Meeting.
- III The Willing Helpers reported that three quilts (2 large and 1 small cot quilt) had been made and donated to the work of the Elizabeth Fry Sisterhood of Toronto Meeting.
- IV The financial report for September was read and accepted.
- V A letter was received and read from The Committee on Closer Affiliation, asking for help in compiling the New Discipline for the Canadian Yearly Meeting. Some discussion followed and members are asked to study present discipline and bring ideas to next Monthly Meeting Nov. 3.
- VI It was agreed that we invite Yonge Street Friends

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held November 3, 1955.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II We gratefully acknowledge the presence of Elmer, Elma and Stuart Starr, who are meeting with us, and welcome them to the fellowship of the Meeting.
- III The financial report for for October was read and accepted.
- IV It was agreed that we send a letter of thanks to Mr. Alec Spear for his kind gift to the Meeting of the furnace and fan.
- V Delegates were appointed to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Toronto on Nov. 12 as follows –
- 6 Maria Wolfe, Lulu Cleland, Marjorie Keffer, Ida Harden, Margaret McSkimming, Katherine Winger.
- VI A letter was received from the Committee on Closer Affiliation asking for suggestions for the new discipline. It was decided to submit the following suggestions

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(1) To make the whole discipline as short and concise as possible.

- (2) To put the doctrinal statement, Church government, queries etc. at the front of the book, with a few writings of early Friends in special section at the back of the book.
 - (3) As an alternative suggestion, there might be two books – one with concise statements of doctrine, faith, practice etc. and no extras and another larger book similar to the one used at present for those interested in reading in more detail for reference.
 - (4) We are united in our prayerful concern that the committee may be given Divine wisdom and guidance in this great task which is being undertaken.
- VII The meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in December (December 1)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held December 1 1955.

- I The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II Suggestions were made in regard to storing Friends' Records now at Western University under Arthur Dorland's care.

It was suggested that Pickering College, the new Registry Office, or the Public Library might be available. It was agreed that these suggestions be sent to the Representative Meeting.

- III The financial report for November was read and approved.
- IV The matter of increasing the insurance on Meeting House and parsonage was brought up. It was agreed to increase same and refer the matter to the trustees.
- V It was decided to donate the sum of five dollars from Meeting funds and special Temperance collection on Temperance Sunday to the work of the Ontario Temperance Federation.

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- VI A letter was received from the Home Mission and Advancement Committee to be sent out to non-resident and isolated Friends. Anyone knowing of Friends ~~names~~ who should be contacted is asked to submit names of same to Clerks.
- VII The meeting adjourned to meet at Annual Meeting in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street Friends the second Thursday in January (Jan. 12).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street Monthly Meeting January 12, 1956 (Annual Meeting)

- I The minutes of Newmarket Monthly Meeting were read followed by the minutes of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting. These minutes were approved.
- II It was agreed to have a joint Temperance Meeting on Sunday afternoon January 22nd at 3 p.m. in the Newmarket Meeting House, with Elma Starr as the speaker and programme to be arranged.
- III A letter was read from Canadian Young Friends extending greetings for Christmas and the New Year to the Monthly Meetings.

- IV Reports for the past year were read from the Willing Helpers and Missionary Societies and accepted.
- V The financial report for the year was read and accepted.

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- VI It was agreed to send a donation of twenty-five dollars to the Canadian Friends Service Committee for their Relief Work.
- VII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in February (February 2)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street Monthly Meeting February 2, 1956.

- I Minutes of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting were read by the Clerk, Elmer Starr and approved.
- I Minutes of Newmarket Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
- II Newmarket financial report was read and approved.
- III It was decided that we donate \$5 per month to our Missionary work from Meeting funds.
- IV It was agreed that we have a public meeting addressed by Drs. Ed. and Vivien Abbott on February 26th if that date is suitable to them. This will be sponsored jointly by Yonge Street and Newmarket Friends, with Yonge Street Friends paying cost of paper notices in "Coming Events" and Newmarket paying Abbott's expenses.

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- The offering is to go to the work of the Canadian Friends Service Committee
- V The meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in March (March 1)

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, March 1, 1956.

- I Minutes of monthly meetings were read by clerks and approved.
- II Newmarket financial report was read and accepted.
- IV Elmer Starr read a letter from Continuing Committee on Affiliation outlining work done on queries and asking for suggestions.
- V It was agreed to continue with the special afternoon meetings to be held on the fourth [Sunday] of each month.

- Arrangements are to be made for March 25th for either F.O.R. or Missionary speakers.
- VI Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in April (April 5)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street Monthly Meeting, April 5, 1956.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and accepted.
- II A report was given on the Meeting held Sunday afternoon, March 25, in the interests of the Fellowship of Reconciliation
- II It was agreed to hold our final meeting of the series for this year on Sunday afternoon April 29th to be addressed by Miss Nellie Horne of the Evangelical Union of South American Missions.
- III The financial report was read and accepted.
- IV The matter of replacing the matting in the Meeting House was discussed. It was decided to obtain prices on same and to obtain new matting if possible.
- V A communication from Albert Martin, Hamilton, was received in regard to holding the May Quarterly Meeting in Hamilton. Clerks are to reply to same.

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- VI Yearly Meeting dates have been definitely decided upon namely June 22 to 26.
- VII It was agreed that Clerks prepare "State" of Society Reports to be presented to May Monthly Meeting also statistical report to be prepared.
- VIII The meeting adjourned to meet May 3rd.

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Newmarket and Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 3, 1956.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The fourth Meeting of the Sunday afternoon Meetings was held on April 26th. This was a Missionary Meeting addressed by [Mrs.] Nellie Horne of the Evangelical Union of South American Missions. She described the Mission work with particular emphasis on the work in Girls' School Stuart Starr acted as Chairman and gave us a few interesting highlights of his travels in South America.
- II The financial report for April was read and accepted.
- III It was agreed that we try to get someone to clean the Meeting House floor and have new matting put down before Yearly Meeting.

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- IV "The State of Society" report from Newmarket Monthly Meeting was read and approved. It was decided that this be combined with a similar report from Yonge Street Monthly Meeting and forwarded to Quarterly Meeting. LeRoy Cody was asked to do this work.
- V It was agreed that we forward one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) to [Conran] Hay for Newmarket Meeting quota for Yearly Meeting.
- VI Delegates to Quarterly Meeting from Newmarket Monthly Meeting were appointed as follows –

Maria Wolfe, Wilhelmina Rose, Margaret McSkimming, Lulu Cleland, Ida Harden, Katherine Winger, Marjorie Keffer. Yonge Street Friends were also given a cordial invitation to be present at Quarterly Meeting.

- VII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in June (June 7)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 7, 1956.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
III The financial report was read and accepted.
IV It was decided to again serve tea in the evenings at Yearly Meeting with Lulu Cleland in Charge. Funds for same to be paid from Newmarket Monthly Meeting
V It was suggested that two more names be added to committee to care for graveyard on Yonge Street. The names of LeRoy Cody and John Doan were suggested.
VI It was agreed that necessary work on furnace and bathroom in parsonage be done also sink put in upstairs kitchen in summer holidays.
VII The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 13, 1956.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
II Financial report was read for June, July and August and accepted.
III It was decided that we have a Missionary Sunday at least once a quarter, first one to be in November. The offering for missions on these Sundays is already covered by our \$5 per month donation to Missionary Society.
IV It was agreed that Newmarket Monthly Meeting give a donation of ten dollars (\$10.00) towards gift to Fred Haslam who is retiring as General Secretary of Canadian Friends Service Committee. The gift is to be presented at the Annual C.F.S.C. at Sparta Oct. 13, 14.
V Clerk reported that progress is being made on furnace work and plumbing in parsonage. The furnace work has now been completed. Rent to be \$50 per month when work done.
VI Delegates to Quarterly Meeting to be held here September were appointed as follows –

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Margaret McSkimming, Ida Harden, Lulu Cleland, Ethel Trehwella, Katherine Winger, Lowell Keffer, Wilhelmina Rose, Maria Wolfe, Marjorie Keffer.

- VII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in October (Oct. 4)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Oct. 4, 1956.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
II The financial report was read and approved.

- III It was agreed that Yonge Street Friends again be invited to meet with us in our Meetings for Worship and our monthly Meetings for the winter months.
- IV Plans for the fence around Yonge Street Cemetery were presented from David P. Rogers who has left a sum of money for the front portion of the fence. Newmarket Monthly Meeting trustees, in whose charge this money is left, are to write letter approving plans as soon as possible.
- V Clerk reported that work on parsonage is still in progress. A new Chimney on the house has been necessary as the old one was completely unsafe.
- VI Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in November (Nov. 1)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 1, 1956.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Delegates were appointed to attend Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting in Toronto Nov. 10, as follows –
Ida Harden √, Lulu Cleland √, Marjorie Keffer √, Margaret McSkimming √, Wilhelmina Rose, Maria Wolfe, Katherine Winter.
- III Financial Report for October was read and accepted.
- IV Ida Harden is asked to get prices on shade for light in small S.S. room.
- V Margaret McSkimming's presence has been much appreciated at our Sunday morning Meetings for Worship at at Monthly Meeting.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Thursday in December (Dec. 6)

Annual Service [Comm.] Oct. 13 and 14
M. McSkimming & Lowell Keffer. (Report.)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Dec. 6, 1956.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for November was read and accepted.
- III It was decided to take a special Christmas Offering for work of the Canadian Friends Service Committee. If offering is under \$25.00 amount will be made up to that sum from Monthly Meeting funds.
- IV Milton Keffer and Katherine Winger attended Representative Meeting in Hamilton ~~October~~ Nov. 24st 4 as delegates. At this Meeting it was requested that each monthly Meeting appoint alternates for their representatives.
- V The names of Margaret McSkimming and Lulu Cleland, ~~Marjorie Keffer~~ were suggested as alternates.
- VI Margaret McSkimming reported attending Service Committee executive meeting in Hamilton Nov. 24th.
- VII Three delegates from Newmarket Monthly Meeting attended Quarterly Meeting in Toronto on Nov. 10. A special session of Ministry Council and Oversight was held in the morning at

10.30 a.m. followed by regular worship and business session of Quarterly Meeting at 2.30 in the afternoon.

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VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the second Thursday in January (Jan. 10) in Annual Meeting session.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 10, 1957 (Annual Meeting)

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Clerk reported Christmas offering of \$60.00 sent to Can. Friends Service Committee
- III It was agreed that we have Monthly Meeting the first Sunday of February and March in joint session with Yonge Street Friends.

A half hour of worship beginning at 11 a.m. will be followed by monthly meeting after which Friends will partake of basket lunch.

- IV Reports for the past year from Willing Helpers and Missionary Society also the Monthly Meeting financial report for year 1956.
- V Lulu Cleland was appointed to audit the books.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in February (Feb. 3)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting held in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street Monthly Meeting Feb. 3, 1957

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Elmer Starr presented a minute on behalf of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting expressing a desire to work with Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting.

Newmarket Friends are happy to welcome them and to work with them within the limits of Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting.

- III It was decided that we send a joint donation of \$10 to the Ontario Temperance Federation.
- IV A letter of acknowledgement from the Town Clerk was received in regard to the petition of Friends presented at Council Jan. 29 against the opening of a liquor outlet in Newmarket.
- V Lowell Keffer, Stuart Starr and Lulu Cleland were appointed a committee to see what Friends can do to support the campaign against the opening of the liquor outlet here and to report to this Meeting from time to time.

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- VI The Clerk brought to the attention of the Meeting that Rosemarie Wolfe had been appointed by C.F.S. Com. to attend a Seminar for High School Students in Pittsburgh Feb. 22-24. It was agreed that we allow her \$10 towards her expenses.
- VIII We are pleased to record that Burton and Lillian Hill were privileged to attend Friends' World Committee held in Baltimore recently. They gave us some account of their impressions on Sunday February 17th.
- VIII A very interesting letter was read from Drs. Ed. and Vivien Abbott on board ship on their way to take up their work in India for another term. Canadian Friends are supporting them.
- IX Adjourned to meet first Sunday in March (March 3rd, in joint session with Yonge Street Friends.

Newmarket Financial Report was presented and will be kept on file.

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**Newmarket Monthly Meeting held in joint and concurrent session with Yonge Street
Monthly Meeting March 3rd 1957.**

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and accepted.
- II Elma Starr and Marjorie Keffer reported attending Citizens committee to organize work for Temperance forces in regard to vote on May 1 against liquor outlet in Newmarket.

The Committee is to be officially known as Citizens Welfare League and will have Committee Rooms on Main Street. Envelopes are to be printed for contributions to work, which will need considerable financial help. Elma Starr expressed appreciation of work being done by League.

- III Marjorie Keffer announced that Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting will be held in Hamilton, Highfield School on May 11th with Ministry and Oversight Meeting at 2 p.m. followed by regular Quarterly Meeting. Those attending are asked to bring basket lunch.
- IV It was agreed that we hold joint Monthly Meeting the first Sunday in April (April 7th)

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- V Rosemarie Wolfe gave an interesting report on the Seminar for High School Students held in Pittsburgh March 19-23 to which she was a delegate from Canadian Friends' Service Committee. The Seminar was sponsored by the American Friends' Service Committee. The subject was "Human Values and ~~Rural~~ Urban Re-development" There were eighteen students in attendance of several different nationalities and religious backgrounds. The students were taken on tours around city of Pittsburgh to see slum sections and building projects. Then they returned to Friends Centre for discussions and lectures.
- VI Adjourned to meet in joint session with Yonge Street Friends the first Sunday in April. Newmarket Financial Report was presented and will be kept on file.

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**Newmarket Monthly Meeting held in joint and Concurrent Session with Yonge Street
Monthly Meeting April 7, 1957.**

- I Yonge Street and Newmarket Monthly Meeting Minutes were read and approved, also minutes of special called Meeting of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting held at Pickering College March 24th.
- II The "State of Society" report was discussed and Lulu Cleland and Margaret McSkimming were appointed to prepare same for next Monthly Meeting.
- III It was agreed that Newmarket Monthly Meeting forward \$150 to Conran Hay for Yearly Meeting Quota.
- IV The work of Citizens Welfare Committee in regard to plebiscite re liquor outlets to be held May 1 was reviewed. It was agreed that we forward cheque for \$50 for this cause with individual contributions to be returned to Monthly Meeting funds as received. It was suggested that a "Vote No" sign might be placed on sign board in front of Meeting House.

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- V Elma Starr requested use of Meeting House on evening of April 22 for North York Temperance Federation Meeting. This was agreed upon.
- VI Attention was drawn to various improvements needed in and around Meeting House.

It was agreed that we have Meeting House doors painted or stained also outside bulletin board repainted. New matting for Meeting House vestibule and new rug for in front of piano are to be purchased.

Fertilizer for lawns is to be purchased. The shingling of Meeting House roof was discussed and estimates are to be obtained, also eavestroughing for east side to be done, as funds permit.

- VII The visit of Cecil Evans to our Meeting on ~~April~~ March 24th was noted and appreciation expressed.
- VIII Lowell Keffer gave a report on work of Closer Affiliation Committee to date.
- IX Adjourned to meet in joint session the first Sunday in May (May 5).

Newmarket financial report was presented and will be kept on file.

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**Newmarket Monthly Meeting held in joint and Concurrent Session with Yonge Street
Monthly Meeting May 5, 1957.**

- I Minutes of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting were read and approved and Minutes of Newmarket Monthly Meeting were read and approved with one correction.
- II The "State of Society" report prepared by Lulu Cleland and Margaret McSkimming was presented and read by Lowell Keffer. This report was accepted as read and directed to be forwarded to Yearly Meeting.
- III It was agreed to have September Monthly Meeting at the call of the Clerks.

- IV It was agreed that we procure a second estimate on having Church roof shingled. It was also decided to approach Home Mission Board and Bank for loan to finance same. Trustees to get information and report next Sunday.

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- V Harry Beer and Lowell Keffer gave a report of the Service Committee Executive Meeting held at Hamilton on recent date.

It was suggested at this Meeting that Monthly Meetings and individuals send letters of protest against atom Bomb trials.

It was also reported that a new boat be purchased for Camp [Neekau] and two new cabins built. Elfrida Vipont Foulds is to be the speaker at the Seminar to be held in July.

Arrangements are to be made for a visit from her to Newmarket and Community between Yearly Meeting and the Seminar.

- VI The Clerks of Yonge Street and Newmarket Monthly Meetings and Harry Beer are appointed to write letter of protest re Atom Bomb tests to Lester B. Pearson.
- VII Delegates were appointed as follows to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hamilton May 11th.
Elmer Starr, Stuart Starr, Lowell Keffer, Marjorie Keffer, Katherine Winger, Elma Starr, Rosemarie Wolfe, Ida Harden, Milton Keffer, Lulu Cleland, Harry [Beer.]

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- VIII Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerks.

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At a called Meeting the estimate of Lorne Keffer on shingling Meeting House roof for sum of \$960.00 was accepted, work to be completed before Yearly Meeting. In a letter from Fred Haslam re loan from Home Mission Board he stated that Rogers Memorial Trust would forward \$700 for the use of the Meeting in having roof re-shingled. Contributions to general work of Yearly Meeting may be made at discretion of Newmarket Monthly Meeting as funds allow.

September 14th

- I A Meeting was called to appoint delegates to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held in Newmarket Sept. 21st.

The following delegates were appointed –
Lulu Cleland, Ida Harden, Rosemarie Wolfe, Katherine Winger, Lowell Keffer, Wilhelmina Rose, Ethel Trehwella.

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Elmer Starr, Elma Starr, Stuart Starr, Harry Beer.

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- II The name of Lowell Keffer was suggested as an alternate member of Representative Meeting to replace Margaret McSkimming who is not available to attend meetings. This is approved.

No Monthly Meeting was held in October due to pressure of other Meetings.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 3, 1957.

- I Minutes of Monthly Meetings of May to September were read and approved.
- II The financial report for October was read and accepted.

It was decided that we have Christmas offering for Service Committee work with [\$25] from funds, also that we make a contribution to Representative Meeting for Y.M. Secretary when need arises and a contribution to Camp Nee-Kau-Nis in the Spring.

- III It was agreed that we ask the treasurer of Yonge Street Cemetery Fund for a report for Annual Meeting.
- IV A letter was received from Clerk of Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting stating the date of Meeting had been changed to November 16th due to High School Seminar being held at Friends' House on regular date.
- V The following delegates were appointed to Quarterly Meeting –
Lulu Cleland, Ida Harden, Marjorie Keffer, Lowell Keffer, Rosemarie Wolfe, Katherine Winger.

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- VI It was suggested that names for Overseers be brought to Annual Meeting in January.
- VII Meeting adjourned to meet first Sunday in December at 11.30 a.m.

**Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint Session with Yonge Street Friends,
Dec. 1, 1957.**

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was decided that the name of Lowell Keffer should be added to the list of Overseers to replace Edith Patterson.
- III It was also agreed that the name of Rosemarie Wolfe be added as Canadian Friend Correspondent.
- IV Several delegates reported from Quarterly Meeting. Note was made of Sidney Katz interview with High School Students at High School Seminar held in November at Friends' House.
- V Elma Starr and Maria Wolfe gave good reports on Service Committee at Hamilton.

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- VI The presence of David and [Rossie] Lawley was very acceptable at our Meeting on November 24th and the message of David Lawley much appreciated.
- VII It was decided to have Annual Meeting the 1st Sunday in January (Jan. 5) 1958. Meeting adjourned to that date.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Jan. 5, 1958 (Annual Meeting)

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II Reports of the years work were read from Willing Helpers and Missionary Societies.
- III The yearly financial report was read and approved, and Lulu Cleland was authorized to audit the books.
- IV It was agreed that we donate \$25 to the "Daniel Oliver" Orphanage in Labanon for rebuilding after earthquake damage. It was also agreed that we give \$5 to Boutros Khoury for expenses when he comes to speak on January 6th, on behalf of the Orphanage work.
- V A report was received from treasurer of Yonge Street Cemetery fund.

Receipts

	\$	¢
Received from D.P. Rogers	3005.00	
Bank Interest		<u>8.52</u>
Total	<u>\$3013.52</u>	

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Expenditures

To Lundy fence Company	2505.00
To cutting grass	55.70
To labour	96.50
To Cutting tree	11.00
To Exchange	<u>2.60</u>
Total	<u>2670.80</u>
Balance on deposit	\$342.72

Work will continue in Spring and grass be kept cut through summer.

- VI It was decided that we have some discussion about the New Discipline at a Sunday service in the near future.
- VII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in February.

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Newmarket and Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint Session Feb. 2, 1958

- I The minutes of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting and Newmarket Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
- II The Newmarket financial report was read and accepted.
- III Letters of appreciation were received from Canadian Friends' Service Committee and Douglas Oliver for donations sent last month (\$50.00) to C.F.S.C. and (\$75.00) to work of Daniel Oliver Orphanage in Labanon. Boutrous Khoury also sent letter thanking Friends here for their kindness to him when he came to speak January 6.
- IV It was decided that Clerks should send a letter in reply to Boutros Khoury encouraging him in the work in Labanon.
- V It was agreed that we have some further discussion re new discipline in preparation by Closer affiliation Committee as soon as there is opportunity.
- VI A letter was read from Ontario Temperance Federation asking for contribution to work. It was agreed that we give twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) towards this work.

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- VII Maria Wolfe reported on Service Committee Meeting held in Hamilton January 31st.
- VIII It was decided that we try to get someone to shovel snow on Meeting House sidewalks.
- IX Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in March March (2nd)

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Newmarket and Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 2, 1958.

- I Minutes of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting and Newmarket Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
- II Newmarket financial report was read and approved.
- III Reports were given by delegates who attended Home Mission Board Meeting and Representative Meeting held in Toronto on March 1st.
- IV A letter was read from Bert King stating that the May Quarterly Meeting would be held in Hamilton on May 10th with Ministry and Oversight Meeting at 10.30 a.m. followed by basket lunch at noon and Quarterly Meeting at 2 p.m. Friends are urged to attend.
- V It was decided that we send a letter of appreciation and encouragement to the Editor of the "Quaker Seeds" a paper published by Young Friends of Toronto Monthly Meeting
- VI It was agreed that we send a contribution on quota basis for the maintenance of the Yearly Meeting Secretary who has been recently appointed.

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- VII It was agreed that the Clerks send a letter of sympathy to Grace Hay and family in the passing away of Conran Hay.
- VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerks.
- VI The financial report was given for March. One hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) quota is to be sent for Yearly Meeting use.

- VII Members attention was drawn to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held in Hamilton on May 10th also representative and nominating Committees to be held in Toronto, June 14.
- VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the 1st Sunday in May.

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Newmarket and Yonge Street Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 30th 1958. (April Meeting)

- I Minutes of Newmarket and Yonge Street Monthly Meetings were read and approved.
- II The “Spiritual State of Society” Report is to be prepared for Quarterly Meeting by Clerks. Suggestions to be embodied in this report were given by various members.
- III The Clerk is to also make up Statistical report when forms are received.
- IV It was agreed that we give twenty-five dollars (\$25) to the Camp Nee-Kaunis improvement fund. Individual members are also urged to contribute as much as possible.
- V It was decided that we have parsonage halls redecorated, ceilings and woodwork painted and floor re-finished.

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- VII It was also agreed that we pay registration fee for Seminar at Camp Neekaunis for delegates if necessary.
- VIII It was decided that we have the Meeting House Clock repaired.
- IX The Meeting adjourned to meet at the Call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 15, 1958.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for May was read and accepted.
- III It was decided to investigate possibility of putting heavier wiring in upstairs apartment in parsonage.
- IV It was agreed that we send a letter of sympathy to Fred Haslam in the recent passing away of his wife Maud Haslam.

It was also agreed that we send a letter of appreciation to Burton Hill and family for their service to our Meeting during the past year.

- V A letter of encouragement was received from Charles Marland and read. Charles Marland, a visiting friend from England, was present at our Meeting sometime ago and gave acceptable ministry.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 7, 1958.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was agreed that wiring in parsonage be inspected and repairs made according to need.
- III Two broken grates in parsonage furnace are to be replaced.
- IV As Yates Jewellers have been unable to get wheel for Church Clock it was agreed that it be taken to another watch-repairer.

It was also agreed to have piano tuned.

- V It was reported that Burton Hill can come for Sept. 14th and will show slides of their Western trip in afternoon if so desired. This was agreed upon.
- VI The following delegates were appointed to Quarterly Meeting to be held here Sept. 20th.
6 ✓ Lulu Cleland, ✓ Rosemarie Wolfe, Milton Keffer, ✓ Marjorie Keffer, ✓ Wilhelmina Rose, Ethel Trehwella, ✓ Katherine Winger, Ida Harden, ✓ Margaret McSkimming.
- VII The financial report was read and accepted.

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It was agreed that we have freewill offering for Lebanon Refugee fund, to be in by end of September.

- VIII The Meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held October 5, 1958.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was reported that \$19 had been received for the Lebanon Relief fund (+ \$11) received later
- III It was noted that Carl Winger had kindly repaired the Meeting House Clock. Our thanks is to be publicly extended to him on the occasion of Burton Hills next visit.
- IV Our attention was drawn to the special community service to be held at the Yonge Street Meeting House at 2.30 on Oct. 19th when a plaque presented by the Historical Society will be unveiled. This plaque is in commemoration of the coming of early Friends to Yonge Street and the building of the Meeting House in 1810.

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- V The matter of extra heat for upstairs apartment at parsonage was discussed. It was agreed to reimburse the Wheelands for electrical heater purchased by them (\$19.95) and also to have heavy wiring installed as soon as possible.
Heater to remain property of Meeting.
- VI The financial report was read and accepted.
- VII Elma Starr spoke about Youth Temperance Conference to be held on Thanksgiving Day Oct. 13 in United Church. It was agreed that we sponsor a delegate to this conference.
- VIII Expressions of good-will and best wishes were extended to Burton Keffer on his coming marriage on October 11th.

IX The Meeting adjourned to the first Sunday in November.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 2, 1958.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for October was read and accepted
- III Portions of Minutes of last Quarterly Meeting were read and discussed.
- IV Delegates to Quarterly Meeting to be held in Toronto November 8 were appointed -
Ida Harden, Wilhelmina Rose, Marjorie Keffer ✓, Lulu Cleland ✓, Katherine Winger,
Margaret ✓ McSkimming.
- V The presence of Romaine Jones of Toronto Meeting was recognized, and she was extended a
welcome to our Meeting.
- VI A letter from Representative Meeting with questionnaire on membership was read. Clerks
are asked to reply to same giving information requested.
- VII Meeting adjourned to meet first Sunday in December.

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- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The minutes of Ministry, Council and Oversight from Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting were
read and noted.
- III A greeting was received from Lebanon Orphanage.
- IV The financial report for November was read and accepted.
- V The matter of placing Christmas Message from our Meeting in High School paper was
discussed. A committee of Lulu Cleland and Katherine Winger was appointed to see after
this.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in January or at call of Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Jan. 4, 1959.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was agreed that we send a letter of thanks to Jerrine Kinton for supplying the Meeting with
poster welcoming newcomers to Meeting. This poster has been placed in the front vestibule
of Meeting House.
- III Letters of greeting were read from Lebanon and Japan.
- IV Lulu Cleland and Elma Starr reported on Home Mission and Representative Meetings held
Jan. 3. There was considerable discussion at these Meetings on visitation of Meetings, new
meetings, older small meetings and scattered Friends.
- V It was agreed that Annual reports be given next Sunday.
- VI Adjourned to meet first Sunday in February (Feb 1)
Reports.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Feb. 1, 1959.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The Annual reports were read on Sunday Jan. 11th at the Meeting and accepted.
- III The financial report for January was read and accepted.
- IV A letter was received from the Ontario Temperance Federation asking for our support. It was agreed that we send the same contribution as last year (\$25)
- V It was decided that we purchase two new brooms for Meeting House.
- VI A request was presented from Mrs. Wheeland that we have ceilings in parsonage painted. It was agreed that we pay part of expense for this work.
- VII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in March (Mar. 1)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 1, 1959.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II A letter of appreciation was received from Violet Carroll in reply to “get-well” wishes sent from Newmarket Friends. Violet Carroll was in hospital due to a heart attack, but is improving.
- III The financial report for February was read and accepted.
- IV It was decided that we pay \$300.00 for Yearly Meeting quota to be sent to Reginald Smith Y.M. treasurer.
- V The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in April. (April 5)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held April 5, 1959.

- I Minutes of March Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for March was presented and approved.
- III The electrical work and painting in parsonage have been completed, also repair to switch plate in vestibule of Meeting House.
- IV It was agreed that we give fifty dollars \$50 from this Meeting to Camp Neekaunis.
- V A letter from Douglas Oliver with report from Boutrous Khoury on conditions at Daniel and Emily Oliver Orphanage in Lebanon was read.
- VI A questionnaire from Service Committee on work being done and work for the future was read and discussed. This is to be answered as fully as possible.
- VII The “State of Society” Report is to be prepared by Clerks for Quarterly Meeting also statistical report.
- VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in May (May 3)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 3, 1959.

- I Minutes of April Meeting were read and approved.
- II Clerk reported quota (\$300) sent to Y.M. treasurer, Reg. Smith.
- III Financial report for April was read and approved.
- IV It was necessary to replace oil tank for furnace. This account is to be paid (\$50.50) to Ernest Hill.

Furnace is to be cleaned and necessary repairs done and pipes replaced in summer months.

- V It was also agreed that the schoolroom is to be repainted during summer months.
- VI It was decided to make contribution to fund for publishing "The History of Newmarket", by Ethel Trewhella. Contribution made of \$20.00 for which 4 copies of book to be received by Meeting.
- VII The "State of Society" Report was read and approved to be sent on to Quarterly Meeting.

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- VIII It was decided that we try to prepare news items from Meeting for "Canadian Friend".
- IX The statistical report was read and approved.
- X A memorial for Ethel Trewhella is to be prepared and sent to Yearly Meeting.
- XI Delegates to Quarterly Meeting in Hamilton May 10 are to be anyone who can attend.
- XII Meeting adjourned to meet first Sunday in June. (June 7)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 7, 1959.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Four delegates were able to attend Quarterly Meeting held in Hamilton May 10, 1959, Katherine Winger, Milton and Marjorie Keffer from Newmarket Monthly Meeting and Elmer Starr from Yonge Street Monthly Meeting. They report a good attendance and time of fellowship.
- III The financial report for May was read and accepted.
- IV A suggestion was made that we have vestibule of Meeting House repainted when schoolroom done, as paint is chipping off. This matter was left over to be done if funds permit.
- V The matter of procuring a new hot plate for kitchen was brought up. It was decided to purchase same.
- VI It was agreed to supply funds for supplies for evening Teas at Yearly Meeting, also for afternoons. Lulu Cleland to be in charge of arrangements.

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- VII Milton Keffer reported that Mr. Breen has been engaged to cut Meeting House lawn for summer. This is approved.

- VIII The memorial for Ethel Trewhella was presented to Quarterly Meeting and also published in "Canadian Friend".
- IX The presence of two boys from Pickering College, Harry Chapman and Rusty Gibson, who have faithfully attended our Meetings for Worship throughout the school term, will be greatly missed throughout the summer months. We hope to welcome them back when the school opens again next fall.
- X The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September [6, 1959]

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II Letter from Retarded Children's School Association was read asking that school be continued on monthly basis until new school ready. This was agreed upon.
- III The financial report was read and approved.
- IV It was agreed that we have S.S. room stove pipes cleaned and ~~house~~ parsonage furnace as soon as possible.
- V As the Wheelands are going to Montreal for the winter they have asked permission to sub-let their apartment furnished. This was agreed on with Wheelands to be responsible to Meeting for rent. The new tenants are Mr. and Mrs. Surette. Mr. Surette is manager of Mahar Shoe Store.
- VI Delegates to attend Quarterly Meeting to be held here Sept. 19th were appointed as follows. –

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- Maria Wolfe, Ida Harden ✓, Rose Marie Wolfe, Marjorie Keffer ✓, Lulu Cleland ✓, Margaret McSkimming ✓, Wilhelmina Rose ✓, Katherine Winger ✓.
- VII A request was brought to Monthly Meeting for use of Meeting House and schoolroom facilities for the marriage of Mavis Keffer and Raymond Jesson on Oct. 17th. The members of Newmarket Monthly Meeting are invited to be present. This request was granted.
 - VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in October (Oct. 4)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Oct. 4, 1959.

- I The Minutes of September Meeting were read and approved.
- II Six delegates from Newmarket were present at Sept. Quarterly Meeting held here Sept. 19. Friends are asked to note that all Ministry and Oversight Meetings are held at 10.30 a.m. at time of Quarterly Meeting. Lulu Cleland gave a brief report on Quarterly Meeting highlights.
- III The financial report for September was read and approved.
- IV Good wishes were extended to Mavis Keffer and Raymond Jesson on their coming marriage October 17th, to be take place in this Meeting House.

- V Milton Keffer and Ray Jesson agreed to look after procuring gravel for the hole in the lawn which cars have been using as driveway.
- VI A letter was read re Chinese flood conditions brought to Y.M. attention by Janet Rees, English Friend. Some contact with Chinese officials has been made by C.F.S.C. in conjunction with British Friends.

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- VII Meeting adjourned to meet first Sunday in November (Nov. 1st).

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Nov. 1, 1959.

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for October was read and approved.
- III A letter was received from Douglas Oliver re Orphanage in Lebanon which may have to be Closed. However a fund is being started for aid to worthy boys for scholarships for higher education.

It was agreed that we send twenty-five dollars to this work.

- IV A letter of appreciation was read from Mavis and Ray Jesson for support of the Meeting for their wedding of October 7th.
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- V The following were appointed as delegates to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held in Toronto Nov. 14th.
Wilhelmina Rose ✓, Marjorie Keffer, Katherine Winger, Margaret McSkimming ✓,
Rosemarie Wolfe, Ida Harden ✓, Maria Wolfe.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet December 6th, 1959.

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held December 6, 1959.

- I The minutes of last Meeting were read and accepted.
- II The financial report was read and approved.
- III Three delegates attended Quarterly Meeting in Toronto, Nov. 14 and report good meeting with interesting discussion on Temperance Work.
- IV Clerk reported the \$25.00 contribution to Daniel and Emily Orphanage Scholarship Fund to be sent to Violet Carroll and forwarded with other Mission funds to Philadelphia.

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- V A letter was read in regard to World Refugee Year.
- VI It was agreed that we take up our usual Christmas Offering for Service Committee Work, \$25 to be given from funds + special offering.
- VII Adjourned to meet 2nd Sunday in January (Jan. 10, Annual Meeting,)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held January 10, 1960 (Annual Meeting)

- I The Minutes of December Monthly Meeting were read and approved with one correction.
- II The reports for the year were read, the Monthly Meeting financial report, the Missionary Society report and the Willing Helpers' report. These reports were accepted.
- IV It was decided that we donate \$25 to Ontario Temperance Federation Work.
- V Clerks were authorized to send letter of sympathy to Emma Boyd in the passing away of her husband, Arthur Boyd.
- VI Adjourned to meet the 1st Sunday in February (Feb. 7).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held Feb. 7, 1960.

- I Minutes of Annual Meeting were read and approved.
- II A letter of sympathy was sent to Ada Lehman on the death of her sister Meeda Lehman and a reply received.
- III The financial report was read and approved.
- IV A group of letters prepared by Canadian Friends Service Committee was read.
 - (1) To John Diefenbaker re nuclear armaments.
 - (2) To Ellen Fairclough re refugees.
 - (3) To Leslie Frost re refugees.
 - (4) To Mr. R.K. Bennett re supplies of surplus pork to be sent overseas.~~was read.~~
- V It was agreed that we make a further contribution of \$25.00 to C.F.S.C. for Refugee work.
- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in March (Mar. 6).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held March 6, 1960.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for February was read and accepted.
- IV Attention of Friends was drawn to Quarterly Meeting Conference to be held in Toronto March 12 and 13.

It was decided to send five dollars to Quarterly Meeting Treasurer for travel expense pool.

- V Friends are also asked to note Ontario Temperance Convention to be held in Toronto on March [29] and to attend if possible.

- VI Notice was received concerning a book “I Have Called You Friends”, written by Francis Anscombe, a former pastor of this Meeting. It was agreed that we purchase a copy for the use of this Meeting.
- VII A questionnaire sent out by C.F.S.C. on various aspects of peace, was discussed.

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It was decided that Clerks answer same as well as possible.

- VIII The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in April (April 3).

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held April 3, 1960.

- I The Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II Wilhelmina Rose reported on Conference held in Toronto March 12 and 13 under auspices of Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting – Subject “Quickening the Life of the Meeting”. Though the attendance was small a very worthwhile time was spent by those able to attend sessions.
- III It was decided to purchase 6 copies of “Mental Health” pamphlet prepared by Quarterly Meeting Committee from last year’s Conference Topic.
- IV Reports for Yearly Meeting are to be prepared by Clerks and presented at next Monthly Meeting.
- V The financial report for March was read and accepted.

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- VI It was decided that we have Church fence repaired, also cement steps at street.
- VII It was agreed that we get someone to look after lawn for summer.
- VIII We are pleased to welcome Anne Willson of Welland as a visitor to our Meeting.
- IX The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in May - (May 1.)

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- IX Adjourned to meet 1st Sunday in June (June 5).

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held May 1, 1960

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II It was reported that Howard Breen will look after Church lawn for summer.
- III It was agreed that Church fence be replaced and painted.
- IV A letter of thanks was received from Rosemarie Ebersmann for wedding gift from Meeting.
- V It was agreed that we contribute fifty dollars towards salary of Service Committee general secretary for the coming year.
- VI Delegates to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held at Hamilton May 14th are to be whoever are able to attend.
- VII The “State of Society” Report was read and approved by this Meeting to be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting.

VIII The statistical report was also read and accepted. It is to be sent to Statistical Secretary. ↑

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held June 5, 1960.

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The new fence and other repairs around Meeting House were ~~done~~ completed and add to the general appearance of Meeting House and grounds.
- III The piano was tuned by Ken. Ponting.
- IV The financial report for May was read and accepted.
- V Some further repairs on parsonage are necessary, eavetroughs to be replaced, veranda floor painted hall ceiling to be repaired and furnace overhauled.
- VI The tenants in the downstairs have given notice of moving July 1. It was agreed that we purchase the T.V. aerial from them. This to remain as property of Meeting.
- VII Tea is to be served at Yearly Meeting [~~illegible~~] provided by Newmarket Friends with Lulu Cleland in charge.
- VIII Adjourned to meet at the call of the Clerk during summer months.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 4, 1960

- I Minutes of June Monthly Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for June, July and August was read and approved.
- III It was agreed that Clerk and trustees look after renting of downstairs parsonage rooms. If satisfactory arrangements can be made to carry on with coal furnace, this is to be done. If not, possibility of installing gas or oil is to be investigated and put in if necessary.
- IV Quarterly Meeting delegates for Sept. 17 were appointed as follows –
Marjorie Keffer ✓, Katherine Winger ✓, Ida Harden ✓, Lulu Cleland, Wilhelmina Rose ✓,
Margaret McSkimming, Maria Wolfe.
- V Lulu Cleland brought a concern to this Meeting that a letter be sent to Home Mission Board urging them to begin plans for opening a Rest Home for elderly Friends in Ontario. If this monthly Meeting approves the request, it is to be forwarded to Quarterly Meeting for further discussion.

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This request was approved by this Meeting.

- VI The Meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in October (October 2).
- ~~VII Six delegates reported attending.~~
- VII Six of the seven delegates to Quarterly Meeting held here September 17th were able to attend and report a good Quarterly Meeting though small in numbers.
- VIII Meeting adjourned to meet 1st Sunday in November (Nov. 6)

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held September 25th, 1960 (October Meeting)

- I Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.
- II It was reported that suitable tenants had been obtained for downstairs rooms of parsonage (Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kent.)
- III The financial report for September was read and approved.
- IV It was agreed that we purchase new supply of letter-heads for Meeting use also new Minute Book and Day Book for accounts.
- V The matter of revision of Queries 3 and 8 referred back from Yearly Meeting was brought up and discussed. We are agreed to make no serious objections to revisions as outlined.
- VI The matter of a conference to be held in March, referred from Quarterly Meeting M. and O. was discussed. It was felt that intervisitation among Meetings would be more helpful to “spiritual dryness” of Meetings than a conference which perhaps few would be able to attend.

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Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held November 6, 1960

- I Minutes of last Meeting were read and approved.
- II The financial report for October was read and approved.
- III Delegates to attend Quarterly Meeting in Toronto Nov. 12, were appointed as follows – Ida Harden, Lulu Cleland, Margaret McSkimming, Katherine Winger, Maria Wolfe, Marjorie Keffer.
- IV The matter of cemetery plots being obtainable in Yonge Street Cemetery was discussed. It was the feeling of this Meeting that the cemetery be kept for the use of Friends. However it was agreed that the matter be referred to Quarterly Meeting and that we also get advice from Representative Meeting.
- V A letter was received from Fred Haslam stating that the matter of establishing a home for elderly Friends had been discussed at representative meeting October 29th. It was referred to Home Mission Committee for study. The next meeting will be on January 7th and Newmarket Friends are asked to be present to discuss this question.

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- VI The meeting adjourned to meet the first Sunday in December (Dec. 4).

Newmarket Monthly Meeting of Friends held December 4, 1960

- I The minutes of November 6th were read and approved.
- II The financial report was read and accepted.
- III A letter of ~~appreciation~~ from Newmarket and District Association for Retarded Children was read, expressing appreciation for the use of our schoolroom for the last six years. A reply is to be sent expressing our appreciation for the good relationship we enjoyed and wishing them every success in the new School, also thanking them for the curtains which they so kindly donated to us.

- IV It was decided that we give Burton Hill and family a small Christmas gift (\$5) as a token of our appreciation of their ministry.

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- V It was agreed that we distribute envelopes for special Christmas offering for C.F.S.C.
- VI A minute was formed to be sent to Home Mission Committee concerning Home for Elderly Friends as follows –
It was agreed that Newmarket Monthly Meeting would be willing to offer our property here as available for use if the way opens and satisfactory arrangements could be made, and that we continue to explore the possibilities of starting a Home for Elderly Friends.
- VII The presence of Gus Craig of Toronto Monthly Meeting was noted and he was welcomed to our Meeting.
- VIII The matter of the “Open Sunday” question to be voted on December 5 was brought to Friends attention. It was urged that Friends prayerfully consider their responsibility in this matter.

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- IX The Meeting adjourned to meet the second Sunday in January 1961 (Annual Meeting)

Newmarket Monthly Meeting held Jan. 8, 1961 Annual Meeting.

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The Society of Friends
Newmarket Meeting House
Newmarket – Ontario

Minute re Home for Elderly Friends

At Newmarket Monthly Meeting held December 4, 1960, it was agreed that we would be willing to offer our property here, as available for use, if the way opens and satisfactory arrangements could be made, and that we continue to explore the possibilities of starting a Home for Elderly Friends.

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Concern of Newmarket Friends

Jan. 7, 1961

We have considered the concern of Newmarket Friends that the Quaker spirit is needed in the care of senior citizens and we understand that a home could be available if concerned Friends were active in the matter.

We ask Representative Meeting to make this known in the Society and if it seems right appoint a small committee to confer with concerned Friends in this matter.