

Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends Men's Minutes 1834 - 1876

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Image 42 - West Lake Monthly Meeting announcing the death of James Noxen.

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Image 167 – Genesee YM held at Yarmouth for the first time.

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At Genesee Yearly meeting of Friends opened at Farmington 9th of 6th mo 1834.

Joseph Jones was nominated to open the meeting and appointed to serve as clerk during the first sitting.

The accounts from Farmington and Scipio Quarterly meetings and Pelham and Canada half Yearly Meetings were produced by the representatives whose names being called were all present except three - Those from Farmington were William F. Burling, Joseph Jones, Alden Gifford, Isaac Colvin, Abraham Willson, Elisha Pound- From Scipio, Isaac Griffin, Aaron Baker, Samuel Jenny[?], John Strickland[?], Acres Rathbon, William Knowles and John Searing - Canada Half year meeting, Jacob Cronk, Cornelius White, John Watson, Jonathan Clark, James Noxen and Nicholas Brown - Pelham, Isaac Wilson, William Becket, Cornelius Mills, Benjamin Lount and Reuben Haight.

The following minute was received from the Yearly Meeting of New York.

At a Yearly Meeting held in New York by adjournments from the 27th to the 31st of 5th month inclusive 1833

The following written report was received from the joint committee appointed inst year, on the proposition for a division of this Yearly meeting.

To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee of men and women Friends on the subject of establishing a new Yearly Meeting, report, that in consequence of the prevalence of the Cholera, at the season when the Quarterly meeting of Farmington and Scipio stood adjourned for the accommodation of the committee, but few of our number attended to the appointment although friends pretty generally prepared and desirous of attending thereto.

At a meeting of the committee to take the subject into consideration, the members being generally present, after a free and full expression of sentiments, the committee is united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting that a Yearly Meeting be established as proposed by the Quarterly meetings of Farmington and Scipio. Consisting of those meetings and two half yearly meetings in Canada, to be called Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends, and to be opened in second day after the second first day of the 6th month 1834 at the eleventh hour A.M. The meeting of Ministers and Elders on the seventh day proceeding at the same hour.

This interesting subject now claimed the solid consideration of the meeting and the report of the committee was fully united with, and Friends of the Quarterly meetings of Farmington and Scipio and the half year meetings of Canada and Pelham are left at liberty to open a Yearly Meeting agreeably to the proposition and Samuel Carey, Jacob L. Mott, John Mott, Isaac Gaige, Richard B. Glasier, Thomas Weigler?, Andrew Skeamon? & Humphry Wilbur are appointed to join a committee from the women

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Yearly meeting to attend at the opening of it.

Extracted from the minutes by Stephen Underhill Clerk

The names of the above committee having been called four of them were present.

The following friends accepting attended This meeting namely, George Hallon? from Indianna, with a certificate from White water monthly meeting dated 26th 2^d mo 1834 Indorsed by White water Quarterly meeting 3^d. Mo 1st. 1834.

Joseph Foulke, with a certificate from guinedd monthly meeting dated ??? of 5th mo. 1834, indorsed by Abbington? Quarterly meeting 5th of 5th mo 1834.

Jacob ??? with a certificate from Baltimore monthly meeting for the western district, dated 7th of 3^d mo. last with an indorsement by Baltimore Quarterly meeting 12th. of same month.

Elizabeth Leedham with a certificate from Radnor monthly meeting State of Pennsylvania dated 5th of 4th mo last.

Mary Pike with a certificate from Byberry monthly meeting dated 4th mo. 29th 1834.

Phebe ??? with a minute from New York monthly meeting 4th of 6th mo. 1834.

Richard B. Glasier From same monthly meeting dated 4th of the present month.

Hannah Merritt With a minute from Troy monthly meeting dated 4th Mo

Benjamin Underhill with a minute from Amawalk monthly meeting dated 9th of 5th mo. last.

Elijah Fish with a minute from Falls monthly meeting dated 10th of 5th mo last.

Benjamin Ferris with a minute from Wilmington monthly meeting State of Delaware dated 5th Mo. 30th. 1834 and

Samuel West with a minute from Chester Monthly meeting Pennsylvania dated 26th. of 5th mo. last.

The clerk was directed to make an indorsement on the certificates and minuted of our friends from a distance, expressive of their attendance of this meeting and that their company has been acceptable and sign them on behalf of the meeting.

The friends composing this meeting being now separated from the Yearly Meeting of New York, and it being necessary to have a discipline by which we are to be regulated in future after a free communication & sentiment, it was concluded to adopt the discipline of New York yearly meeting that which is now among us, as our own.

Epistles have been received from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Indianna, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Ohio which were read and their contents satisfactory and edifying. The following friends were appointed to take them in charge and aw way may open for it, prepare

essays of epistles to those meetings and produce them to a future sitting Viz- John Watson, Joseph Jones, William S. Burling, Thomas Jr. Alsop, Joseph Frost, Griffith H. Cooper, Thomas Shotwell, Joseph Hiberson?, Abraham Wilson, Aden T. Corey, Nicholas Brown and Elisha Baker.

The subject of holding public meetings for worship in Yearly meeting week receiving the solid attention of friends, it was concluded that meetings for worship be held on 4th day of the week, at the 11th hour, at this place at South Farmington & ??? and Palmyra.

The representatives were directed to meet at the close of this sitting to consider of and propose to next sitting, the names of suitable friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk for this year.

Then adjourned to meet at the 11th hour on 3^d day morning.

Third day morning 10th of 6th mo.

About the time adjourned to friends assembled.

William S. Burling, on behalf of the representatives proposed Joseph Frost? For clerk and Thomas Jr.? Alsop for assistant clerk the present year who being separately considered, wee satisfactory to the meeting and they are appointed to those services.

The state of society as represented in the answers in the queries claimed the solid attention of the meeting, and much concern was manifested on account of the many deficiencies noted in them, with desires for the improvement of the members of the society, in faithfulness in the various branches of our christian testimony.

The summaries of the answers are as follow.

1st. It appears that the greatest part of friends are careful to attend in our meetings for religious worship and discipline - Yet all the accounts are marked with deficiency, and several of them say participating in the middle of the week - the hour is nearly observed - There is some appearing seeping in meetings - no other unbecoming behaviour noted, and some care is expressed in the several deficiencies.

2^d It is manifest that there is a want of love and unity among many of our members. Yet it appears that where differences arise endeavours are used to end them, and that tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged.

3^d The most of friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and appearance and they endeavour by example and precept to train them in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession - yet deficiencies are noted in two of the answers and caire said to be taken - The scriptures of Truth are frequently read in the families of friends, and care is extended in these aspects towards others under tuition.

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4th Friends appear to be clear of the unnecessary use of spiritious liquors, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion, except four instances of the former and seven of the latter, which it is under care.

5th The necessities of the poor and of those who have appeared likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded them, and their children and others under the care of friends are instructed in school learning to fit them for business.

6th Care in the several parts of this quere, except three instances of attending marriages accomplished by a priest.

7th Clear as far as appears, except two instances of bearing arms, and two of paying a fine in lieu of military service.

8th Friends generally are careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts and not to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious

profession - there does not appear to be any who have given reasonable grounds to fear on those accounts.

9th Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders seasonably in meekness and agreeably to discipline, with some exception from one meeting.

10th It appears that the answers from subordinate to superior meetings are the substance of and forwarded on the answers from the preparative meeting.. The subject of the improvement of the condition of the Indian natives located within the limits of this meeting having been introduced, it was concluded to separate a few friends to take it into consideration and propose to a future sitting such measures in relation to them, as may appear right for this meeting to adopt and if way should open for it to bring forward the names of suitable friends, to propose a standing committee to take the necessary care on that subject. The following friends were appointed to that service (naming) Elisha Baker, Ambrose Cock, John Webster, Asa B. Haight, Isaac Post, Thomas J. Alsop, Washington Weeks, John Colvin, James Noxon, Nicholas Brown, Isaac Wilson, Amos Armitage, Alden Gifford, Aden T. Corey, Cornelius Mills and Samuel Tucker.

The propriety of appointing a committee to take charge of the concerns of this meeting, usually denominated a Meeting for sufferings engaged the attention of friends and it was considered to appoint a committee to take the subject into consideration and propose to a future sitting the names of suitable friends to constitute that meeting, to which service the following friends were appointed Viz. Harvey Frink, William S. Burling Griffith H. Cooper, Joseph Frost, Aaron Baker, Thomas J. Alsop, Jonathan Clark, Jacob Cronk, Samuel Philips, William Becket, Elijah Shotwell and Cornelius Mills.

The following friends were appointed to propose the name of a suitable friends to serve as Treasurer, as also to take into consideration and propose a Sum necessary to be raised for the use of this meeting the present year Viz. Isaac Colvin, Pliny Sexton, George Pryer, John Merritt, John Watson, Philip Haight,

William Becket and John G. Hill - To report to a future sitting,
Then adjourned to 5th day morning at the 11th hour

5th day morning 12th of 6th mo.

Near the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

The committee on the subject related to the Indians reported that, in their opinion the operation of the society of friends was so far implemented in the recovery most? Given to the Indian of aid and assistance, that it was most advisable to appoint a committee to attend to the concern and propose the following friends be compose that committee (namely) Aden T. Corey, Ambrose Cock, John Merritt, Elisha Baker, Elisha Fairman, Joshua? Tucker, Joseph Frost, Thomas J Alsop, Isaac Post, Nathaniel Sisson?, Griffith H. Cooper, Aldrich Colvin, Nicholas Brown, Joseph Jones, Aden Gifford, Russell Frost, John G. Hill, and Samuel Lundy. Which was united in by the meeting, and the friends named in the report with the exception of Russel Frost on account of his absence were appointed a standing committee on indian affairs, for three years, to report annually to this meeting.

The committee appointed at last sitting to consider of and propose the names of suitable friends to compose? a meeting for sufferings, proposed Griffith H. Cooper, William S Burling, Hugh Pound, Pliny Sexton, John Colvin, Elisha Baker, Aden Gifford, Isaac Colvin, William Wilson, Harey Frink, Samuel Lundy, Joseph Jones, Webster Laing, Nathaniel Sisson, Isaac Cock, Ambrose Cock, John Stephen?, John Merritt, Joseph Frost, William Russell, Aaron Baker, Thomas J Alsop, Stepen White, Jonathan Clark, Nathan Dennis?, Amos Armitage, Cornelius ???, Isaac Wilson, Asa Scooley and Elijah Shotwell - Which names are sattisfactory to friends, and they were appointed to that service for three years, and essay their proceedings annually before this meeting.

The committee to prepare the name of a friend to serve as treasurer proposed Isaac Lapham, who was appointed to that service. They also considered the raising of one hundred dollars for this meetings use - ??? concluded to increase it to two hundred dollars and our Quarterly and half year meetings were directed to raise and forward their respective quotas of that sum and pay it to the Treasurer.

It appears by the accounts from the quarterly meetings that one friend has accepted of the office of Supervisor, only that of Alderman and one has been a member of the State Legislature the past year.

Farmington says friends are suffered by dis??aint on account of military requisitions to the amount of 179.89/100 dollars taken for demands amounting 72.44/100 dollars and that one friend was ??? imprisoned twenty days for a demand of seven dollars.

Scipio informs that 109.37/100 dollars have been taken from friends for demand of 58 dollars, and that two friends have been imprisoned each fourteen days for a demand of four dollars each, for noncompliance with military requisitions.

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Farmington reports \$25.97 raised and forwarded for the use of the committee on Indian concerns and Scipio \$10.55 for the same purpose.

It appears that four schools have been kept, part of the past year, agreeably to the advice of the Yearly Meeting.

The following friends were appointed is again continuing [unreadable] in raising money for the use of this Meeting Viz. Wadwin Arnold, John H. Robinson, Sunderland Pattison Jr., Caleb Manchester, William Merritt, John Shepherd, Cornelius White, Samuel E. Phillips, Philip Haight, Isaac Wilson, Elijah Shotwell and Cornelius Hill to report to next sitting.

The womens meeting inform that the interesting subject of the guarded education of the children of friends, has deeply engaged their attention, and this meeting being exercised on the same account, concluded to appoint a committee to unite with an appointment from the womens meeting in taking it into consideration and report to next sitting the result of their deliberations To which service the following friends were appointed Viz. Griffith M. Cooper, Daniel Russell, Abraham Wilson, Elisha Freeman, George Dunlap, James Noxen, George Pryer, Harvey Frink, Caleb Manchester, Nicholas Brown, Stephen Kester, William Becket and John Watson.

Adjourned to meet on 6th day morning at the 11th hour.

6th day morning 13th of 6th mo - About the 11th hour friends assembled.

The committee on the subject of education reported that they were united in believing it would be right for a committee to be appointed to take the subject generally under their care and visit our Quarterly and Monthly meetings and as way may open for it, the preparative meetings and families of friends and to report this meeting next year their views as to what measures may be most likely to promote the desired objectives after a time of solid deliberation was united in by the meeting and the following friends were appointed to constitute the committee mentioned in the report, who are to unite with an appointment from the womens meeting in the concern namely William Herrendeen, Griffith H. Cooper, Gideon Mowry, Isaac Colvin, Aden T. Corey, Pliny Sexton, Harvey Frink, Samuel Hance, Elisha Freeman, David Batty, James Noxen, John Watson, Edmond Tucker, John Shepherd, Jonathan Clark, Nicholas Brown, Elijah Shotwell, William Russell, Daniel Quinby, Asa Scooley, Samuel Lundy, Abraham Willson, Caleb Manchester, Cornelius Mills, Stephen White, Isaac Wilson, Thomas J Alsop, and Nathan Dennis.

The committee on Indian concerns proposed that 150 dollars be raised for their use - Our Quarterly and their year meetings were directed to raise and forward their quotas of their sum, and pay it to Thomas J Alsop Treasurer to that committee.

The committee to prepare essays of epistles to the Yearly Meetings which have opened a correspondence with this introduced one for each of the following Viz. New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore Ohio and Indiana with which a small alteration in one of them, were approved and directed to be signed by the clerk and forwarded to those meetings.

The committee to fix the quotas of the different meetings informed that more money is wanted for the use of this meeting. Farmington and Scipio pay, each, one third and Canada and Pelham each, one sixth. Which was satisfactory to friends and our Quarterly and Half year meetings were directed to be requested accordingly. Joseph Jones, Elisha Barker, Thomas J Alsop and Nicholas Brown were appointed as this meetings correspondents - The clerk was directed to forward the necessary information to the above named Yearly Meetings, by annexing it to the epistles.

Pliny Sexton and William J. Burling were appointed to produce the necessary blank books for the use of this and the womens meetings and were authorized to draw on the treasurer for the amount.

Edward Herrendeen, Hugh Pound, Sunderland Pattison Jⁿ, and John Colvin, were appointed to prepare some suitable places for the accommodation of committees, and if necessary, to erect a building for that purpose - They are also to see that double partitions be made between the two apartments of this house and report the expense next year.

Indiana Yearly Meeting has appointed Joseph P. Plummer and Robert Morrisson of Richmond, Indiana and David Evans and Noah Hains of Waynesville, Ohio as their correspondents.

The business of the meeting having been brought to a close it concluded under a sense of the overshadowing wing of Ancient Goodness, which has been mercifully extended in the several sittings thereof, uniting friends in a harmonious exercise for the welfare of the church desiring that she might arise and come forth out of the wilderness leaning on her Beloved fair as the moon, clear as the sun and terrible as an army with banners and adjourned to meet again next year if the Lord permit.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington 15th of 6th mo. 1835 [the

Accounts were received from all our Quarterly and half year meetings from which it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives Viz. From Farmington Hugh Pound, Isaac Colvin, Sunderland Pattison Jⁿ, Joseph Jones and Elisha Baker Scipio, Ambrose Cock, Thomas J. Alsop, Acors Rathbon, Ephraim Otis, John Searing, Josiah Letchworth, and John Prior - Canada, Samuel D. Cronk, Stephen White, Jonathan Clark, Abraham Brown and William J. Philips - Pelham, Joseph Wilson, Benjamin Birdsall, Thomas Graham and Cornelious Mills - Who all attended except five.

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The following friends from distant meetings attended this meeting Viz. Priscilla Cadwallader, with a certificate from Blue river monthly meeting dated 4th. of 7th. mo 1829, endorsed by Blue river quarterly meeting 18th. of same month

Samuel Comfort with a minute from Falls monthly meeting, Bucks county Pennsylvania dated 9th of 5th. mo. 1835.

John Wine, with a minute from Flushing Monthly meeting 4th of 6th month 1835.

Stephen Tredwell with a minute from Rensselaer month meeting dated 23^d. of 4th. mo. last.

Hannah Mitchel, with a minute from Middletown monthly meeting Bucks county dated 6th of 3^d mo. 1835.

Priscilla Townsend, with a certificate from Spruce street monthly meeting Philadelphia dated 25th of 4th mo. 1835, endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting 5th of 5th mo. last.

Elizabeth Thomas, with a minute from Baltimore monthly meeting for the western district dated 5th of 6th mo. 1835.

James Mott and Lucretia his wife, with minutes from Cherry street monthly meeting Philadelphia, both dated 20th of 5th mo. last.

Stephen Woolston, with a minute from Falls monthly meeting dated 9th of 5th mo last

Charles Townsend with a minute from spruce street monthly meeting dated 28th of last month

John Townsend Hallock with a minute from Marlborough monthly meeting dated 3^d of 6th mo. 1835 and.

Sarah J. Ludom with a minute from Spruce street monthly meeting dated 23^d of 4th mo. last.

Epistles were received from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and this which were read and their contents were satisfactory and edifying - The following friends were appointed to take charge of them, and if way opens for it to prepare essays of epistles to those meetings as also to Indiana Yearly meeting and produce them to a future sitting (namely) William S. Burling, John Watson, Thomas J. Alsop, John Searing, Pliny Sexton, Griffith M. Cooper, George Prior, AdenT. Corey, Daniel Quinby and Jonathan Clark.

A deep and lively exercise prevailed in this meeting on account of the oppressed condition of the affrican race, and it was concluded to separate a few friends to take the subject under their consideration and propose to a future sitting such measures as may appear proper for this meeting to adopt for the amdioration of the condition of those people, to which service the following friends were appointed Viz. Nicholas Hallock, John Searing, Isaac Lapham, John H. Robinson, John Merritt, Samuel Hance, Thomas J. Alsop, Jonathan Clark, Joseph Frost, Abraham Brown, Jacob Cronk, Benjamin Birdsall, Joseph Wilson, Daniel Quinby, Aden T. Corey, William S. Burling, Aaron Baker, Griffith M. Cooper

Freeman Clark, Cornelius Mills and Joseph Lockwood.

The representatives were directed to stop at the close of this sitting to consider of and propose to next sitting, the names of suitable friends to serve as clerk and assistant clerk of the meeting.

Then adjourned to meet at the 11th hour on 3^d day morning.

Third day morning 16th of the month, about the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

Hugh Pound, on behalf of the representatives informed that they had agreed to propose Joseph Jones for clerk and Thomas J. Alsop for assistant clerk for this year - Which names being satisfactory to friends, they were appointed accordingly.

The state of society as represented in the answers to the queries claimed the solid attention of the meeting and much exercised was felt and expressed by concerned friends in attendance, on account of the various deficiencies noted in the answers, of which the following is a summary.

1st. Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, altho' there is a slackness in some, and one account says, particularly in the middle of the week - the hour is pretty well observed - nearly clear of sleeping in meetings - No other unbecoming behaviour noticed in them and some care taken in the deficiencies noted.

2^d. Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes brethren, with some exceptions from three meetings - When differences arise care is taken to end them, and there appears to be a concern to avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction.

3^d. Most friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and endeavour, by example and precept, to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our christian profession tho' there are deviations in the

observance of the several parts of this query - The scriptures of Truth are read in their families and care is extended in these respects toward others under tuition.

4th. They do as far as appears except four instances of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, and ten of attending places of diversion, and care taken except in one instance.

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and they relieved when necessary - and they are advised and assisted in such employments as they are capable of and their children and all others under our care are instructed in school learning to fit them for business, except some remote families as stated in one account.

6th. Clear in the several parts of this query except seven instances of keeping company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, seven of attending

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marriages of those who have gone out from us, two of attending marriages accomplished by a priest, and one of a parent conniving at and attending the marriage of his daughter, and care taken in each.

7th. Clear in the several parts of this query except two instances of friends complying with military requisitions and two of paying military fines which are under care except one case.

8th. Friends appear careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts and not to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession with some exception from two meetings on account of the seasonable payment of debts and when there has appeared occasion for fear on these accounts, care had been taken

9th. Care appears to have been generally taken seasonably to deal with offenders in meekness and agreeably to discipline, with some exceptions from two meetings.

10th. We believe they are.

Then adjourned to the 11th hour on 5th day morning.

Fifth day morning 18th. of the month near the 11th hour the meeting convened.

The committee on Indian concerns made the following report Viz.

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Which was satisfactory to the meeting, and the committee were encouraged to continue their labours for the benefit of those people Our quarterly and half year meetings were requested to raise, by voluntary subscription, the said sum of \$150 and pay to Thomas J. Alsop treasurer to the committee.

The following friends were appointed to examine the accounts of the treasurer of this meeting and report to next sitting what sum may be necessary to be raised the ensuing year for this meetings use, also to propose the name of a suitable friend to serve as treasurer Viz. Isaac Colvin, Ambrose Cock, Charles Hill and Samuel Cronk.

The committee on the subject of education reported as follows Viz.

Which after solid deliberation and a free communication of the sentiment, was adopted by the meeting, and directed to the observance of our subordinate meetings.

The joint committee of men and women friend, appointed at last sitting, on the subject of slavery, reported that it has received their close attention, which resulted in preparing an essay of a minute of advice to our subordinate meetings and an essay of a memorial to Congress both of which were presented to the meeting The minute of advice is as follows.

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The subject engaged the solid attention of friends, and the minute of advice was directed down to our subordinate meetings and the memorial to Congress, having been read and with a small alteration, approved was directed to be signed by the clerk, and forwarded to the care of the meeting for Sufferings.

The committee to provide some suitable place for the accommodation of committees, and to make double partitions in this house reported that the partitions H had been made and that the expenses \$82.38 which the treasurer was directed to pay. They also informed that they had conferred together respecting the erection of a building for the accommodation of committees, and concluded not to build one at present.

The subject of preparing and furnishing returning minutes to distant friends attending this meeting, claimed the attention of friends and resulted in directing the clerk to prepare minutes for our friends in attendance stating that they had acceptably attended this meeting.

Then adjourned until 11th hour on 6th day morning.

6th day morning 19th of the of the month, about the hour adjourned to friends assembled

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were produced and read. They contained a proposition to increase the number of friends to compose that meeting, on account of the remote situation of many of the present members, which frequently operated to prevent the transaction of necessary business for want of a sufficient number to for a quorum - The proposal was united in by the meeting, and the following friends were appointed to propose to this meeting the names of suitable friends to form the contemplated

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Addition namely) John H. Robinson, Gabriel Odell, Simeon Loins, Isaac Post, Jacob Cronk, Cornelius White, Jesse Willson, and Joseph Willson.

The committee to prepare essays of epistles to the Yearly Meetings corresponding with this produced one to each of the yearly meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana which with some alteration were satisfactory to friends and directed to be signed by the clerk and forwarded to those meetings.

The committee to propose some additional names of friends to compose the meeting for sufferings proposed Sunderland Pattison Jⁿ., Welcom Herrendeen, William Getchel, Elihu Durfee, John H Robinson, James Haight, John Searing, George Smith, Russel Frost, Nathaniel Russell and Samuel Jenny which being satisfactory to the meeting, they were appointed to that service for three years.

The committee to settle with the treasurer report that they have examined his accounts and found in his hands \$108.89 and are of the opinion that it will not be necessary to raise any money this year. They propose Isaac Lapham for Treasurer the ensuing year which was satisfactory to the meeting and he was appointed accordingly

It does not appear that any friend has accepted a post of profit and honour in the government since last year, except one instance of accepting the office of Supervisor.

Farmington reports \$66.66

Scipio " 66.71

Canada ~~Pelham~~ 25.00

Pelham report their proposition of the money for the committee on Indian concerns

Our school has been kept about 4 months under the care of friends, last year - It appears that the sum of \$97.03 has been taken from friends for demands amounting to \$56.70 f and that one friend has been imprisoned 14 days for non-compliance with military requisitions.

Having been enabled, through the condescending goodness of our Heavenly Father, to transact the many important concerns that have come before us in brotherly love and condescension, the meeting adjourned to meet again next year, with Divine permission.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held the 13th of 6 Mo 1836

The Representatives from our Quarterly Meetings & the Two half years Mtgs. being called all answered to their names except Three - their names are as follows Joseph Shelden, John H Robinson, Griffeth M Cooper, Isaac Colvin, Elisha Freeman, Hugh Pound, Ambrose Cock, David Mitchel, George Prior, Stephen Bogardus. John Searing, Peter Leavins, Joseph Havard, Nicholas Austin, Amos Armitage, Thomas Watson, Charles Hill, Phineas Kinsey, John Marsh, Daniel Wallson & James Miler

The Clerk being absent the Mtg concludes to Appoint Thomas J Alsop for Clerk & John Searing for Assistant Clerk for this sitting & the Representatives are requested to take the Subject into Consideration & Propose the names of suitable Friends to serve this Mtg in those capacities for the future sittings there of the present year.

The following Friends from distant Mtgs attended this & produced their Certificates which was read in this Mtg viz

Amos Peasly with a Certificate from Green St. Mo Mtg Philadelphia held the 21st of 4th Mo 1836 & endorsed by Philadelphia Quarter held the 3rd of 5th Mo 1836

Thomas McClintock with a Certificate from the same Mo Mtg held the 21st of 4th Mo 1836 & likewise endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Mtg held the 3rd of 5th Mo 1836

Benjamin Gurney & wife Martha with a Certificate from Coeman [Coeymans] Mo Mtg held the 1st of 6 Mo 1836

Eleanor Haviland with a Certificate from Nine Partners Mo Mtg held the 19th of 5 Mo 1836

Charles Marriote with a Certificate from Hudson Mo Mtg held the 24th of 5 Mo 1826

Hannah Titus with a Certificate from Coeman [Coeymans] Mo Mtg held the 1st of 6 Mo 1836

Ruth Spencer with a certificate from Rensselaerville Mo Mtg held the 28th of 6th Mo 1836

Lorin Orvis & Lillie his wife with a Certificate from Ferrisburgh Mo Mtg held the 27th of 4th Mo 1836

Epistles were Rec^d from the Yearly Meetings of Newyork, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Indiana which were read to our satisfaction, - The following friends were appointed to take Charge of them & if way opens for it, to prepare Essays of Epistles to those Meetings , & also to Ohio Yearly

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Meeting Viz Aden T. Cory, John Watson, Nicholas Brown, William S. Burling, Ambrose Cock, Thomas J Alsop, John Merritt, Amos Armitage, John Searing, Isaac Colvin, Benjamin Birdsall?, Thomas Graham, Cornelius Mills & Griffith M Cooper.

The following Friends are appointed to Settle with the Treasurer of this Meeting & Report at a future sitting, They are also requested to prepare the names of Suitable Friends for Treasurer to this Meeting for the ensuing Year viz. Abraham Brown, Cornelius Mills, Samuel Knoxen, Charles White?, Pliny Sexton, Aldrias? Colvin, Isaac Baker, Stephen Estes, John Hussey, they are directed to Consider & propose to a future sitting of this Meeting what sum may be needed for the ensuing Year

A proposition was laid before the Meeting to direct that hereafter an After noon Meeting to be held at Farmington Meg house on the first day of week in which this Yearly Meeting is held, which being considered is united with & it is accordingly directed to be held at the 4th hour.

Adjourn to meet at the 10th hour on 3rd day Morning

Third day Morning 14th of the Mo the Mtg Convened

John Robinson on behalf of the Representatives inform they are united in proposing

Thomas J Alsop for Clerk to this Mtg & John Searing for Assistant Clerk, who being separately Considered are united with, & they are appointed to those services for the ensuing Year

The Queries have all been read in this Mtg & the Answers from Our Subordinate Mtgs, & the various deficiencies notice in them has caused a great degree of exercise, calling for the reproof?, Council & encouragement for their removal, the Summaries are as follows viz

Answer 1st Most Friends appear Careful to attend all our Meetings for Religious worship & Discipline, Yet there appears to be a neglect in some, & our Account states a neglect in the midweek Meeting, the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping in Meetings no other unbecoming behaviour noticed in except two instances, & care taken in the deficiencies notice.

Answer 2nd We believe that love & unity are maintained as becomes Brethren with five exceptions & one ??? exception of some instances, when differences have arisen Care has been taken to end them, an friends appear careful to avoid and

discourage tale bearing, & detraction except in Two instances & care taken

Answer 3rd Friends generally are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness & many endeavour by example & precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, Yet there are deviations in all the different branches of this query & some care taken, we believe the are read in friends familys & frequently in some & under care in these which is extended to those in our tuition

Answer 4 They are as far as appears except Six instances of attending places of diversion, & one of the unnecessary use of spiritious Liquors & care taken.

Answer 6th Clear in the several parts of this Query except Six instances of Keeping company & Marying persons not in membership with us & Eight instances of attending Marriages accomplished by a priest & Eight of attending the Marriages of those that went out from us & one of parents conniving at a Marriage of that kind, & Care taken in the deficiencies

Answer 7 Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as appears except three instances of Complying with Military requisitions, & one friend has paid Two fines & care taken

Answer 8 We believe friends are careful to perform their promises and pay their just Debts, except one Meeting says generally so, & also an exception of one instance from another, none known to launch into business beyond their ability to manage with one exception & under care

Answer 9 Care is mostly taken severally to deal with offenders in the spirit of Meekness and agreeably to our Discipline

Answer 10 We believe they are

Farmington Quarter has forwarded a proposition to alter the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting to the first fourth day in the first Fourth, Seventh & Tenth Months & Scipio Quarter has also forwarded a proposition to alter the time of holding that Meeting to the second Fourth day in the 1st, 4th, 7th, & 10th Months in 7th also are D??? on consideration it has concluded to appoint the following Friends to take the subject into consideration & Report their sense of the propriety? Of the alteration & at a future sitting of this Meeting viz John Merritt, Grifith M Cooper, Elisha Freeman, Benjamin R Mitchel, Nicholas Brown, John Strickland Jun, Amos Ruthbun, Elias D Garmo?, James Knoxen, Sunderland Gardner & Isaac Willson.

Adjourn to meet at 11 o'clock on 5 day morning

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Fifth day Morning the 16th of the Month the Meeting Convened about the time appointed

A proposition came up from Scipio Quarter [unreadable] Discipline after a time of Solid deliberation this Meeting concludes to appoint a Committee to take the subject

into consideration & Report their sense of the propriety thereof to a future sitting of this Meeting, to which service the following Friends are appointed viz Isaac Colvin, David Quimby, Wilson Herringdeen, Elijah Pound, Pliny Sexton, Gabriel Odel, Hugh Pound, John Merritt, Aden T Cory, Joseph Noxen, Ambrose Cock, John Searing, Aron Baker, Acas Rathbon, Amos Armitage, Nicholas Alston, Nicholas Brown, Peter Leavens, Jacob Cronk, Stephen White, John Watson, Thomas Graham, Joseph Willson, Benjamin Birdsall, Isaac Willson, Charles Hill, Cornelius Mills, & William Beckett

The Committee appointed to take the subject into consideration, the proposition from Farmington & Scipio Quarters for an alteration of the time of holding those Meetings Report they believe it right they should be left at liberty to hold them agreeable to their propositions, with which this Meeting unites, & direct those Meetings to hereafter meet accordingly

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were presented & Read in this Meeting, & satisfaction has been expressed with the transaction of the business thereof

By the Accounts Received from our Quarterly Meetings it appears that Friends have suffered to the amount of 105.32 Dls for demands for noncompliance with Military requisitions of 57.60 Dls, & Two Friends have suffered imprisonment for Fourteen Days each, & Two more for Eighteen days each, & one for 16 days on the same account

There are Reported by our subordinate Meetings Nine Schools as having been taught agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meetings & On family School a part of the Year -

A proposition originating in the womens Meeting for appointing a Committee to consider the propriety of establishing manual labor schools, was heard before this Meeting which Claiming the weighty attention of Friends, it is concluded to appoint the following Friends to unite with a Committee of Women Friend to take the

Subject into consideration & report to a future sitting of this meeting the results of their deliberation viz Elias Durfee, William Cronk, Nathaniel Russel, John F Robinson, Isaac Baker Thomas Jeship?, Josiah Litchwork, Austin Cross, Stephen Bogardus, John Searing, Abraham Brown, Stephen White, John Cooper, John Wilson, Joseph Hazard, Benjamin Birdsall, Abner Beckett, Jesse? Willson, & Cornelius Mills.

The Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer of this Meeting Report that there is remaining in his hands 108.39 Dls, & they propose Isaac Lapham for Treasurer for the ensuing Year with which this Meeting unites & appoints him to that service.

Farmington Quarter forwarded the information that some? meetings are at a loss to know what offices in government are considered Post? ff Profit & honor in Government, this Meeting concluded it best to refer the subject to a Committee to take the ~~subject~~ into Consideration & report the following Friends are appointed viz Asa Palmer, Griffith M Cooper, Elisha Baker, John Strickland, George Prior, Caleb Manchester, Rowland Brown, Cornelius White, John Watson, Joseph Willson, Elijah Shotwell & Cornelius Mills

Adjourn to meet on 6th day Morning at the 11th hour

Sixth day Morning the 17th of the Month near the hour appointed the Meeting Convened

The Meeting during the several sittings has had the Company of several Friends from distant Yearly Meetings whose company has been acceptable to us; the Clerk is directed to give them the substance of this Minute & sign it on behalf of the Meeting.

The Committee on Indian Concerns now produced the following Report

"We the Committee on Indian Concerns for Genesee Yearly Meeting "Report that we have attended to the appointment as far as "practicable under the circumstances in which we have been "placed. In the Course of the Year past we have procured "a suitable Friends family to remove & reside on the Reservations "200 Acres of Land, the Indians & the Committee have marked out "as the farm to be occupied by Friends for their benefit for the "time of Five Years. The Friend & his wife are to have 400 Dls "per year as a salary from the Committee, & they are to board

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"themselves; & all the produces of the said Farm is to be disposed of "for the benefit of the Committee to remunerate them for the necessary "expenditure make in making the necessary clearing & the "expenses of Building exclusive of Timber Lumber, the Committee "have agreed with the Indians to have a school taught on the "manual labor plan, for at least Six Months in each Year "where all the branches of domestic Economy, husbandry, some of "the Mechanic Sets, are to be attended too; & is to Commence after the buildings are completed

There has been expended for a Team & for other "objects relative to their Concern about 340 Dls & the present Year "will necessarily require more than heretofore, as clearing of "the Land must be urged forward & the erection of a house "to accommodate the family, & school of about 26 feet by 36, one 1 ½ Stories, & a Barn 30 feet by 44 must be erected "after Considering the subject the Committee are united in "proposing to raise the Sum of 500 Dls for its use.

"The Indians appear to be animated with a "prospect of better days, & in their Council expressed their "thankfulness to the great spirit for putting it in the hearts "of Friends to come to their relief, & looking to the Society as "their only Friends, & we believe if this care & assistance "is Continued toward them for a few Years, this oppressed "& injured people will be enabled through their own "exertions to become comfortable, & be respected by those who "are now their oppressors".

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Tho^s. J Alsop Clk of Comm^{te}

The Report is united with & our subordinate Meetings are requested to Raise, by Voluntary subscription the Sum of Five Hundred Dollars & pay it to Thomas J Alsop Treasurer of the Committee. - And it is that best, as there are no Friend belonging to Pelham half Years Mtg who are members of this Committee, this Meeting concludes to appoint to the Committee the following Friends, Benjamin Birdsall, Charles White?, Joseph Willson & Isaac Willson

Farmington Quarterly Meeting Reports \$50."

Scipio Do Do Reports "50.
Canada half Years Meeting Reports "25.
Pelham half Years Meeting Reports "18. 12 ½

Raised for the use of the Indian Committee & paid as directed

No Friend has accepted a post of Profit & honor in Government expect Three instances of Friends accepting

The office of Supervisor

The Committee having the subject of posts of profit & honor in Government, under consideration, informs that it is their united opinion that it is inconsistent for friends to accept of any office except that of overseers of highways, after a few exceptions of sentiment, it is concluded to refer the subject to the Committee, & they are requested to define, where, in their views are the officers exceptionable agreeable to the spirits of our Disciplines and the following Friends are added to the Committee viz Isaac Lapham, John Robinson, Isaac Colvin, Nathaniel Merritt, Thomas J Alsop, Aron C Baker, Stephen White, Nicholas Brown, Job Bennete, James Mills, Isaac Willson, & Charles Nile?

The Committee on the subject of the Revision of the Discipline Report, they are generally united in the belief that we are not prepared to take any step in the casual pursuit

Adjourn to until tomorrow at the 10th hour

7th day Morning the 18th of the Month about the time appointed the Meeting Convened

The Committee on the proposition from the Womens Meeting for establishing Manual Labor Schools Report, they have considered the subject & concluded to propose to this Meeting be forward a recommendation to our Quarterly & half Years Meeting, to establish Manual Labor Schools, within the limits of each; And also the appointments of a Committee be this attending to Aid & advise the subordinate Meetings in promoting that important Concern; The Committee also expressed a great desire that friends might be liberal in their endeavours to promote the establishment of such Schools; To which service this Meeting is united in appointing the following Friends as a Committee for Three Years, to Report annually; and subject is directed to the attention of our Quarterly & half Years Meeting Aron Sunderland, A. Gardner, Nathaniel Rupel, Griffith M Cooper, Reuben Dean, Oliver Durfee, Edward Haringdon, William J Burling, Samuel Lundy, Alden Gifford, Pliny Sexton, John N Robinson, John Leaving, Josiah Letchworth, Thomas J Alsop, Aden T Cory, Stephen Estes, John Merritt, John Hussey, Acas Rathbun, Stephen Bogardus, Peter Leaven, Stephen White, Joseph Harcord?, Nicholas Alston, John Watson, Nicholas Brown, Abraham Brown, James Brown, Charles Nile?, Abner Chan, Thomas Graham

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Isaac Willson, Benjamin Birdsall, Elijah Shotwell, Daniel Cornell, James Mills, Cornelius Mills, Isaac Colvin, Samuel Cornell, John Stickland Junr., Isaac Baker and David Mitchell

The womens Meeting handed to this an Essay of a Memorial to Our group imploring their attention to the subject of slavery, which this Meeting taking into consideration it is not but to refer it to the Charge of the Meeting for sufferings to Correct & forward it; the Clerk is directed to sign it in behalf of this Meeting

The Committee appointed to designate what were posts of Profit & honor in government Report they considered the Discipline sufficient & on that subject, & that each Monthly Meeting be left at liberty to construe the Discipline for themselves, it is also the united Judgment of the Committee that Friends had best avoid accepting all offices under government, which Report was satisfactory to the Meeting & directed to the attention of our subordinate Meetings

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings corresponding with us, if should open, now produced, one for each, Newyork, Phialdelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indianna, which being read in this Meeting with some alterations were approved and directed to be signed by the Clerk & forwarded

An Essay of a Minute of advice was also handed to this Meeting which being read is directed down to our subordinate Meetings

The Business of this our Annual Assembly being completed, we now adjourn to meet next year at the time Appointed

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends convened the 12th of 6th Mo 1837

The Representatives from our Quarterly & Half Years Meetings being called all answered to their names, except four. There names are Jonah Odel, William H Burling, John Knight, Asa Palmer, Elisha Baker, Ony? Johnston, Ebenezer Hanger?, Caleb Manchester, George Dunlap, Acas? Rathbun, Stephen Bogardus, Samuel D. Cronk, Richard Morden?, James Noxon, Isaac Eves, Abram Brown, James Brown, Peter Becket, Isaac Willson, George Bradshaw, William Chaney?, Hugh D. Webster and Cornelius Mills

Our Friend Edward Hicky is in attendance in this meeting with a Certificate of Unity from Wakefield Mo Meeting held at Newtown the 4th of 2nd Mo 1836, Endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting of Bucks in Bucks County Pennsylvania dated the 25th of 2nd Mo 1836 -

Our Friend Samuel Comfort also attended this Meeting & produced a Minute of Unity & concurrence from Falls Monthly Meeting held 6th of 5th Mo 1837, Endorsed by Bucks Quarterly Meeting held in Bucks County Pennsylvania the 25th of 5th Mo 1837

Susanna Jewitt? Attended this Meeting with a Minute from Deer Creek Monthly Meeting dated 11th 5th Mo 1837, Endorsed by Nottingham Quarterly Meeting held the 19th of 5th Mo 1837 [*Note this is Nottingham, Chester Co. PA.] Also one Friend John Jewitt attended this Meeting with a Minute from the same Monthly Meeting Dated 11th of 5 Mo 1837 which was endorsed by Nottingham Quarter dated the 19th of 5th Mo 1837

Likewise one was read for Almy Hull from the Monthly Meeting of Newyork dated 3rd of 5th Mo 1837

And one for Esther Haviland from Purchase Monthly Meeting held the 10th of 5th Mo 1837

Also one for David Irish? from the Monthly Meeting of Oblong, Dutchess County held the 15th of 5th Mo 1837

And one for Samuel Halsted from Amawalk Monthly Meeting held the 12th of 5th Mo 1837, whose Company is acceptable to us

This Meeting has Received Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of Friend of Newyork, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, & Indianna which were Read to our Edification & Comfort

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The following Friends are separated to take this & if way should open therefor prepare Essays and addressed to each of those Meetings & produce to a future sitting of this Viz William Clark, John Watson, Isaac Colvin, Sunderland P Gardner, Aden T Cory, William S Burling, Ebenezer L. Wanser?, Thomas McClintock, John Robinson, Griffith M Cooper & Stephen Kisler

The Representatives are requested to meet at the Close of this sitting & Consider of a propose to a future sitting the names of suitable Friends for Clerk & Assistant Clerk to this Meeting for the ensuing Year

The following Friends are appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting & Consider of & propose to a future siting the name of a suitable Friend for that service for the ensuing Year & also what sum may be necessary to raise for this Meetings use Viz Pliny Sexton, Abram Willson, David Arnold, George Prior, Samuel D. Cronk, Isaac Eves, William Harvey & Thomas Lowkie?

The following propositions for alterations in our Discipline were forwarded to the Meeting by Farmington Quarter Next? To "that part of the Third Query which relates to Reading the scriptures be expunged & added to the advice's which are read Quarterly"
2nd "that written acknowledgments be no longer required from persons under dealing
3rd "that part of the 6th Query which relates to parents conniving at their Childrens keeping company with those not of our Society on account of Marriage be expunged & that it be added to the advices which are read Quarterly

4th "that the discipline be so uttered? That men and women shall stand on the same footing in all matters in which they are equally interested, such as deliberations respecting alterations of Discipline & that in recieving & disowning Members, & in granting & recieving Certificates of removal, the two branches of our Monthly Meeting shall each obtain the concurrence of the other before the subject matter be concluded
5th "That when proposals of Marriage are presented to a preparative Meeting (if the parties are both Members of the same preparative Meeting) it shall be the duty of the said Meeting to appoint a Committee in each Branch thereof, to enquire into the clearness of the parties for similar engagements with others, & a Minute of their appointment shall accompany the proposals to the Monthly Meeting, where said Committee shall Report

the result of their inquiry's when if nothing appears to obstruce and consent of Parents is produced the parties shall be left at liberty to accomplish their intentions agreeable to the good order established amongst us; And the parties are not to be required personally to request an answer to their proposals; & in cases where the parties are Member of different preparative Meetings, the proposals shall be opened in both of them and it shall then be the duty of each of the said Meetings to appoint Committees to Report to the Monthly Meeting in the case

Then were also forwarded from Scipio Quarterly Meeting the following propositions for alterations in our Discipline viz 1st "In the Third Query relative to reading the scriptures let it be ~~expunged~~ transfered to the advices ~ let the 6th Query be expunged and a Query formed that shall require an answer whether any individual either by attending Marriages or otherwise Countenance a hereting? Ministry 2nd "As respects Marriages Have the parties be required to attend the Second Monthly Meeting and that a suitable Committee of both Sexes be appointed to attend the Marriage at the Meeting house or some other suitable place, where duty it shall be to record the Certificate witness it, see it orderly accomplished and hand the Certificate to the Recorder & Report thereon to the Monthly Meeting - The Certificate to be so worded that the signatures of the parties may be sufficient without any verbal communication the residue of the Discipline on that subject to be retained 3rd "That in Certificates of removal page 88 the words "and freedom from Marriage engagements at the case may require" be expunged.

4th "That in page 60 where written acknowledgments are required to be expunged, and left for the Meeting for judge according to the Report of the Committee" ~ which being taken into Solid Consideration resulted in the conclusion to appoint the following friends to unite with a Committee of Women Friends, in taking the subject into Consideration & Report the result of their deliberations thereon to a suture sitting Viz Elias D. Garmo, William Getchel, Isaac Colvin, Griffith M Cooper, Thomas McClintock, John Robinson, Ebenezer L Wanzer?, Simeon Loines, Aaron Baker, Henry Thomas, Nicolas Hallock, Cornelius White, Abram Brown, James Knoxon, Freeman Clark, Nicolas Brown, Stephen White, Cornelius Mills, Isaac Willson, Smith Shotwell, Thomas Locker, Henry Levets, Hugh D. Webster & Aden T Cory

This Meeting Adjourn to meet tomorrow at the Eleventh hour

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Third day Morning the 13th of the Month about the Time adjourned to Friends Convened

Acas Rathbun on behalf of the Representatives informed that they had agreed to keep on Thomas J Alsop for Clerk & John Searing for Assistant Clerk for the Year; which being satisfactory to the Meeting they are appointed to that Service accordingly

The time for which the Members of the Meeting for Sufferings were appointed having expired, The following Friends are separated to Consider of & propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to form that Body viz Gideon Mosey, Asa Palmer, Abraham Cole, Gabriel Odell, John Merritt, Henry Thomas, Russel

Frost, Aaron Baker, David Barker, Joseph Hazard, Samuel D Cronk, Cornelius White, Isaac Willson, Smith Shotwell, Jacob Levet & Cornelius Mills.

The State of Society as represented in the Answers to the Queries Claiming the attention of the Meeting much wholesome Counsel was given by exercised Friends. The Answers from our Subordinate Meetings were Read & summaries of them are as follows Viz

Answer 1st Most Friends are careful to attend all our Meetings for Worship & Discipline; the most of the Answers are marked with deficiencies in this important duty, One Meeting says "a few instances wherein the attendance of Meetings is neglected" & one account says particularly in the middle of the Week. The hour nearly observed with exceptions from Two Meetings; not all Clear of sleeping in Meetings no other unbecoming behaviour observed in them, & some care has been taken in the deficiencies

Answer 2nd Love & Unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes Brethren; the the answers from each of our Meetings are marked by exceptions in which care has been extended, Care has been taken to end differences when they have appeared, Tale bearing & Detraction avoided & discouraged with some exceptions from Three of our Meetings

Answer 3rd Friends appear Careful to keep themselves their own & other Friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel; tho there are deviations from plainness marked in all the answers, & some care taken. We believe endeavours are used to train them up in a Religious life & conversation consistent with our profession; We believe the Scriptures are frequently read in Friends families, & some care extended to others under our Tuition

Answer 4th Clear as far as appears except one instance of the

unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquor & fourteen instances of attending places of Diversion & Care taken in these deficiencies

Answer 5th The circumstances of the poor & of those who appear likely to require assistance have been attended to & relief afforded them where necessary, & they are advised assisted in such employment as they are capable of & their Children & others under our Care are in a way to obtain School learning to fit them for business, with an exception from one Meeting

Answer 6th Clear in the several parts of this Query except three instances of attending Marriages accomplished by a Priest, in Two of which they went out from us & Fourteen of attending the Marriages of those who have gone out from us, & Four of keeping company with persons not of our Society on account of Marriage, & some Care taken

Answer 7th Friends appear Careful in the [unreadable] except Four instances of [unreadable] some care taken

Answer 8th Friends are mostly careful to perform their promises & pay their just Debts; Except Five instances of not performing promises & Six instances of entering into Business ??? and their abilities to manage in which care is taken

Answer 9th Care is taken seasonably, to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness & agreeably to our Discipline

Answer 10th We believe they are

A proposition was received from the Meeting for Sufferings to have the Cooperation of the Womens Meeting in that body, by the appointment of some of our sisters to act as members with men Friends in that Meeting; after Solid Consideration this Meeting resulted in the Conclusion to refer the Subject to the Committee appointed on the subject propositions for some alterations in our Discipline from Farmington & Scipio Quarters.

Farmington Quarter informs that Friends have suffered for non compliance with Military requisitions to the Amount of 86.25 DIs for Demands to the Amount of 46.16 DIs

This Meeting adjourn to the 11th hour on 5 day morning

Fifth day Morning 15th of the Month about the hour adjourned to the Meeting Convened

The Minutes of our Last Yearly Meeting were

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now read & the Committee appointed by the Meeting at that time to aid & assist our Quarters & half Years Meeting Establishing Manual Labor schools now made the following Report

Viz To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on the subject of Manual Labor Schools, have given attention theretoo, but altho exertions have been made, no way has Yet opened to establish such Schools

On Behalf of the Committee

Wm. S. Burling

Mary B Durfey

The Committee appointed to consider of & propose the names of Friends to compose the Meeting for sufferings, now propose the following Friends to that service for Three Years, which being considered an United with & are appointed to that Service accordingly, except Alden Gifford who is not present, their names are William S Burling, Hugh Pound, Pliny Sexton, Isaac Colvin, Alden Gifford, Abraham Willson, Samuel Lundy, Webster Laing, Joseph Frost, Aaron Baker, Thomas J Alsop, Stephen White, Cornelius Mills, Isaac Willson, David Barker, James Haight, John Searing, George Smith, Rupel Frost, Samuel Hance, Abram Brown, James Carpenter, Thomas Locke, William Harvey, Stephen Kister, Elisha Freeman, Asa Palmer, Daniel Rupel, Walter White, Henry Thomas, George Prior, Abraham Willis, Gabriel Odell, Edward Heringdeen, Sunderland Paterson Jun', Elastus Hussey, William Getchel, Elisha Durfey, John H Robinson, Samuel Jerring?, Durfey Herringdeen, Sunderland P Gardner, Reuben Dean, Thomas Shotwell, Solomon Rathbun, Joseph E. Converse - They are hereafter left at Liberty to meet at the 8th hour on 2nd day morning of the week of the Yearly Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting for sufferings were Read at this time & was satisfactory to the Meeting

Farmington Quarter informs they have raised & forwarded as directed for the use of the Committee on Indian Concerns 166.67 Dls - Scipio Quarter Reports 166.66 Dls, Canada half Years Meeting Reports 73.50 Dls. & Pelham half Years Meeting Reports 1.87 Dls raised for the same purpose

One School has been taught under the Care of Friends most of the Year

No Friend has accepted any part of Profit & honor in government since last Year with the exception of Two instances of persons accepting the Post of Supervisor

This meeting taking the subject of the deficiency in the Amount directed raised last Year for the use of the Committee on Indian Concerns, resulted in the Conclusion to direct the Treasurer of this Meeting to pay 91.30 Dls the Amount of that deficiency to the Treasurer of the Indian Committee

Friends were exercised on the subject of our coloured Brethren who are, or may be Claimed as Slaves, being Tried by a single Magistrate; after a free expression of sentiment the Meeting is united in appointing William S Burling, Aden T Cory, Thomas McClintock, Nathaniel Patterson & Nicholas Hallock, to prepare a Suitable Petition to our Legislature imploring that Body to extend the Trial by Jury to individuals of that description, & produce it to a future sitting of this Meeting

Adjourn to Meet tomorrow at the Eleventh hour

Sith day Morning the 16th of the Month about the hour Adjourned to, the Meeting Convened

The Committee on Indian Concerns now made the following Report Viz "We the Committee on Indian Concerns Report that we have caused the house, which was in contemplation, to be erected on the Reservation, to be completed, except a trifling job of plaistering above, with a good Cellar under it, the Barn is also finished & a good well of water dug & completed & we have Cleared about 25 Acres of Land, & got it well fenced there is also about 20 Acres which is n the ground, that looks pretty well. There is also 10 Acres of Land under Contract to be Cleared all of which is to be completed by the Ninth Month next

"There is 50 Apple Trees now about?. The the season was not propitious for as in the Year past, there was about 70 Bushels raised which has been part of it used as feeding, some sold & some handed out to the suffering Indians; there was about 200 Bushels of Potatoes, about 100 Bushels of Oats, & about 30 Bushels of wheat, some of each is still remaining on hand ~ The Committee inConsequence of the high price of Labor & Provision, have thought it right to give the Friends employed on the Reservation 500 Dls per Year, they Boarding themselves as heretofore ~ there has been a qualified female School Teacher at Twelve Shillings per week, & Boarded, the School is now opened with flattering prospects having 35 Scholars and an expectation of 10 or 15 more, who

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Are steadily to attend, they are to be employed in Domestic and Agricultural pursuits, & it is evident to the Committee that what has already been done by Friends has given the Indians encouragement to adopt more industrious habits, & they have this spring taken hold of Agriculture with renewed Vigor, & seem more engaged in making improvements on the Lands

The Committee has expended or are holden for the Amount of 1482.53 Dlsr. they have Received 1383.35 Dlsr leaving a Balance Due the Committee on the 1st of 5 Mo last of 99.18 Dlsr ~

It is necessary to pursue the course marked out for the Committee, by the Yearly Meeting to have an additional Sum raised to apply in Clearing Land & other expences incurred. We therefore recommend for the Yearly Meeting to raise 300 Dollars for the use of the Committee”

Signed on behalf of the Committee

The Report is satisfactory to the Meeting & it is directed down to our subordinate Meetings & the Committee are encouraged to proceed in that important Concern.

Our Quarterly & half Years Meetings are requested to raise the sum of 300 Dlsr by voluntary subscription as proposed by the Committee & pay it to the Treasurer of the Committee ~

The time having now expired for which the Committee were appointed. The following Friends are Separated to bring forward the names of Friends to attend to that concern viz. Pliny Sexton, Joseph E. Converse, Griffith M Cooper, Simeon Lornes?, Aaron Baker, Thomas J Alsop, Nicholas Alston, Samuel D. Cronk, John Watson, Thomas Lockee, Jacob Levets, William Harvey

The Committee to whom was refered the proposition from Farmington & Scipio Quarterly Meetings on the subject of some Changes in our Discipline Report as follows “To the Yearly Meeting”

“The Committee appointed to take into consideration the prepositions from Farmington & Scipio Quarters contemplating some changes in our Discipline, having twice met, & way not opening at this time to make any alterations, propose to the Yearly Meeting that said propositions be refered for consideration another Year Signed on behalf of the Committee 6 Mo 15 1837

“Tho^s M Clintock”

“Mary B Durfee”

after a time of solid deliberation this Meeting concludes to refer the subject for further Consideration another Year as proposed by the Committee

The Committee appointed to propose a Memorial to our State Legislature on the subject of our Coloured Brethren who are or may be Claimed as Slaves, being tried by a Magistrate now produced one which being read is satisfactory & the Clerk of this Meeting & the Womens are requested to sign it & hand it to the Meeting for Sufferings, who are directed to forward it & appoint Two or more Friends to accompany it

The Committee appointed to take the Epistles Received from the Yearly Meetings

corresponding with us, & if way should open prepare Essays addressed to each; Now produce one for Newyork, one for Philadelphia, & one for Indiana Yearly Meetings, which being read, with some alterations are united with, & the Clerk is directed to sign on behalf of this Meeting, & forward them as directed

Adjourn to Meet to meet tomorrow at the Tenth hour

Seventh day Morning of the 17th of the Month about the hour adjourned to, the Meeting Convened~

The Committee to Settle with the Treasurer & propose the name of a suitable Friend for that service for the ensuing Year; Now Report they have settled with him & find 17.09 Dls a Balance due this Meeting, in his hands, & they propose Isaac Lapham for Treasurer; in which being Considered is united with & he is appointed to that service for one Year

They propose to raise the sum of 100 Dls for this Mtgs use, our Subordinate Meetings are directed to raise their respective proportion of that sum & pay to Isaac Lapham

The Committee appointed at our last sitting to Consider of & propose the names of Friends to serve this Mtg as Committee on Indian Concerns now propose the following Friends to that service Viz Aden T Cory, Griffith M Cooper, Thomas J Alsop, Pliny Sexton, Oliver Durfee, Isaac Post, Isaac Colvin, Durfee Herringdeen, William S. Burling, Nathaniel Rupel, Elisha Freeman, John Searing, Simeon Laines, David Barker, Abram Brown, Cornelius Mills, Isaac Wilson, Hugh D Webster, Stephen White, Freeman Clark, Henry Levitts, John Watson, Aaron Baker, Henry Thomas, Samuel Lundy, Nicholas Brown, Thomas McClintock, Webster Laing, Edward Herringdeen, Azaliah Schooly & Elias Durfee - This Meeting is united in the names

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Proposed & appoints them to that service accordingly for Three Years, except Webster Laing who is not present

The Committee to prepare Essays of our Epistles to Meetings Corresponding with us, now produced one for Ohio Yearly Meeting & one for the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore which being read, is, with some alteration approved & directed signed by the Clerk & forwarded.

The Clerk is directed to prepare & furnish a returning Minute to each of our Friends who are in attendance from Other Yearly Meetings; with Minutes expressive of the satisfaction this Meeting has had in their company & sign them on behalf of the Meeting

After getting thro withe the various concerns before us, in a degree of that Love that has for its object, the Promotion of Peace on Earth & good will to men we now Adjourn to meet next Year at the time appointed

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friend Convened the 11th of 6 Mo 1838

The Representatives being Called all answered to their names except four their names are George Smith, Gabriel Odel, Thomas M Clintock, Elijah Pound, Martin

Davis, Aron Baker, George Hull, George Dunlap, Henry Mosher, Jonathan Mosy, John Merritt, Thomas Gouch, Stephen White, Samuel D Cronk, Nick^s Brown, Rowlance Brown, Elijah Shotwell, Asa Schooly, Benjⁿ Birdsall, Thomas Graham, Abner Chan & Cornelius Mills.

They are to meet at the Close of this sitting & Consider of & propose the names of suitable Friends to serve this Meeting for Clerk & assistant Clerk ~~to our next sitting~~ for the ensuing Year, to the next sitting

The following Friends attended this Meeting with Minutes from their respective Meetings viz Abraham Lowes with a Minute from Green Street Mo Meeting , Philadelphia, Endorsed by Philadelphia the 6 of 2 Mo 1838

John Hallock with a minute from Newyork Mo Meeting dated 6th of 6 Mo 1838

Samuel Comfort with a Minute from Fall Mo Mtg Pennsylvania dated 12th of 5 Mo 1838

Benjamin Mather with a Minute from Middletown

Mo Mtg, Bucks County, Pennsylvania dated the 11th of 5 Mo 1838

Rachel Hicks with a Minute from Westbury Mo Meeting held the 18th of 4 Mo 1838, endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting held the 26th of 4th Mo 1838

Maria Farrington from the monthly meeting of Flushing held the 3^d of 5th mo 1837 and one for William Willets from Westbury Monthly Meeting held 1 to 15th of 5th mo 1838.

Jemima Hide with a minute from Peru Monthly meeting held the 24th of 12th mo 1835 indorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarter held the 11th of 12th mo 1835 whose company is acceptable to us at this time

We have rec^d and read epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Ohio the contents of which are satisfactory and edifying to us. The following friends are separate to take the subject under their charge and if way should open prepare Essays of epistles to each of those meetings & also for the Yearly Meeting of Indiana viz Sunderland Gardner, Nicholas Hallock, William S Burling, Thomas M Clintock, Nicholas Brown, Richard B Glazier, Benjamin Birdsall, Erastus Hussey & Isaac Noxen

The Representatives are requesting to meet at the close of this sitting & consider of and propose the names of suitable Friends to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant clerk & produce them to our next sitting

The Minutes from our Quarterly and half year Meetings were now at this time & also the minutes of last years & a proposition from the Quarterly Meeting of Farmington relative to some alterations on our Discipline claiming the attention of this meeting resulted in the conclusion to appoint the following friends to take the proposition from Farmington Quarter, and those referred from the last Yearly Meeting & carefully examine them and report thereon to a future sitting of this meeting viz Erastus Hussey, Isaac Colvin, Richard B. Glazier, Nathaniel Russel, Thomas M Clintock, William S Burling, George Dunlap, Thomas J Alsop, George Hullo, John Searing, Aron Baker, Samuel Janny, Samuel D Cronk, Cornelius White, Amos Brown, Rowland Brown, Jacob

Cronk, Nicholas Brown, Elijah Shotwell, Benjamin Birdsall, Cornelius Hills, Abner Chan & Smith Shotwell

[off page] Adjourn to meet tomorrow at the 11th hour

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Third day morning the 12th of the mo about the time adjourned to this meeting convened

The representatives being called upon they now proposed Thomas J Alsop for Clerk and Samuel D Cronk for Assistant Clerk which being separately considered and united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year

An epistle was now rec^d from Indiana Yearly Meeting & ??? and is relieved to the committee appointed on the subject of preparing essays of epistles to each of the yearly meetings corresponding with us

The state of Society as represented in the area? served? to the queries has been entered into at this time and much wholesome counsel administered the Summaries are as follows

Answer 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended and generally by the most although there is a neglect apparent in most of the answers and on days especially in our mid week mtgs the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping in mtg's clear of all other unbecoming behaviour in these except one instance and care taken in the deficiency

Ans. 2nd Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren with 4 exceptions and care taken care is taken to end differences, when they appear & friends are generally careful to avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction

Ans. 3rd There is a care with friends to keep themselves and their children in plainness as queried after, yet many deviating in dress and address are apparent and some care taken, and endeavours are used to train them up in a religious life and conversation, we know of no neglect of reading the scriptures nor of those under our tuition

Ans 4th They do as far as appears except 6 instances of attending places of diversion & 3 of using spirituous liquors to excess & also except one instance of a friends suffering to be on his premises? at a public vendue? And care taken

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor and those who appear likely to require assistance have been attended to some relief afforded them and they advised and assisted in seek employment, as they are capable of one account states that there appears a great deficiency in school learning to fit them for business in one meeting

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Ans 9th We believe a good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders sensibly and agreeably to discipline

Ans 10th They are

The Following friends are appointed to examine our treasurers accounts and consider of and propose to a future sitting what sum may be necessary to raise

for this mtg's use viz Benjamin Fish, John T Robinson, George Dunlap, Stephen Bogardus, Stephen White, Abraham Brown, Abner Chan, Smith Shotwell and they are directed also to bring forward the name of a suitable friend for treasurer to this meeting -

Farmington reports	31.25 Dols for this meetings use
Scipio	33.33 “ “
Canada	16.67 “ “
Pelham say they have raised their proportion	
Farmington reports	100 Dols for the use of the Indian concern
Scipio	100 “
Camada	33.70
None reported by Pelham	
Adjourn to meet at the 11th hour in fifth day morning	

Fifth day morning 14th of the Mo about the time adjourned to the meeting convened

A report was rec^d from the committee on Indian concerns which was read to the satisfaction of this mtg it is as follows

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The committee has given attention to their appointment in carrying into operation the design of New York and Genesee Yearly Meetings in aiding and assisting the Indian natives in the Cattaraugus reservation in order to improve & ??? their condition

The friend on the farm continues to receive for the services of himself and family 500 Dollars per annum they boarding themselves

The expenses of the establishment since 10th mo 1836 up to 5th mo 1838 amount to 1189.12 Dols the amount of produce 34 Dols part of which has been sold, and part given to the suffering poor. We have now about 70 acres under improvement divided into several lots, well fenced about 3 acres of which is employed in spring and winter wheat, and a prospect from present appearances of a good crop 6 acres to oats, besides potatoes

Agreeably to contract the school has again commenced at a less expense than last year if we may judge from appearances the crops now in the ground will nearly pay the expenses of the present year, but notwithstanding the committee are of the opinion and would recommend that the sum of 150 Dols be required to provide for accidents

A strong desire is manifested by the indians for the continued care of friends, more especially as the agents of the government and presumption company has lately made a desperate effort to dispossess them of their only remaining reservations for a full detail of the unjust cruel and dishonourable means resorted to to affect a pretended treaty and sale of all their lands, we refer to the accompanying remonstrance to Congress signed by 50 chiefs of the Seneca nation. Under a depp feeling of the hand of cruelty practised on these our brethren as well as our responsibility, we suggest that

the Yearly Meeting address a remonstrance to Congress on behalf of this poor oppressed & down trodden people

Signed on behalf of the committee

G. M. Cooper

Hannah Sexton

Our subordinate mtgs are requested to raise the sum of 150 Dollars and pay to G. M. Cooper the treasurer of the committee

The following friends are appointed to prepare

A memorial to Congress if way should open therefor and produce to our next sitting viz Thomas M Clintock, Griffith M. Cooper, W^m S. Burling, Pliny Sexton, Benjamin Fish, John Searing, Sunderland P. Gardner, Gideon Mosey, Erastus Hussey, John Robinson, Hugh Pound & Nathaniel Potter jun^r

Farmington Quarter forwarded a proposition to establish a Quarterly Meeting in the state of Michigan to be called Michigan Quarterly Meeting composed of friends residing there they propose that it shall be held on the 4th day preceding the first first day in 5th 9th & 12th months & on the 4th day following the second first day in 2nd mo at Ann Arbor in 6th mo at Livonia in 9th mo at Logan in 12th mo and at Milton in 2nd mo each mtg to convene at the 11th hour, which claiming the attention of this mtg. It is concluded to establish it, and a public meeting to be held after each Quarterly mtg to appear at Livonia in 7th mo, next as proposed, and the following friends are appointed to attend the opening hereof & report next year the womens meeting uniting therein viz Nicholas Hallock, Benjamin Birdsall, Hugh Pound, John Searing, Gideon Mosey, John Haight?, Cornelius Mills, Nathaniel Russel & Stephen Bogardus

This mtg has concluded to direct Michigan Quarterly mtg to be operated at Ann arbor instead of Livonia and subsequently to be held as before concluded into and the mtg of Ministers and Elders to convene the day preceding the Quarterly Mtg it the 2nd hour

Farmington reports 95.75 Dls taken for a demand of 55.80 Dls & Scipio 55.20 Dls taken for a demand of 32.07 Dls for noncompliance with military requisitions

Three instances are reported of friends accepting posts of profit and honor in government

Scipio reports one school taught most of the year under the care of friends

Adjourn to meet to morrow at the 11th hour

Sixth day morning the 15th of the month about the time appointed this mtg convened

The minutes of the mtg for sufferings were now read and the course pursued by that body approved by this meeting

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The committee appointed to prepare a memorial to Congress remonstrating against the ratification of the treaty for the sale of the indian reservation in this state, now produced one which being read is appointed and directed signed by the clerk if the womens meeting concur

The womans mtg inform they have united in sending the memorial to congress and directed their clerk to sign it Our clerk is directed to forward it

The committee to examine the treasurers acc'ts and report what sum it may be necessary to raise for this mtg and for the ensuing year & also bring forward the name of a suitable Friend for Treasurer made the following report

We of the committee to settle with the treasurer of Genesee Yearly Meeting find in his hands one hundred and seventeen dollars and ten cents which we believe will be sufficient for the expenses of the ensuing year, and would propose Isaac Lapham for treasurer

"Farmington 6th mo 13th 1838

With which this mtg unites and appoints Isaac Lapham for treasurer for one year

It appears there is a delinquency in the amount directed raised for the use of the Indian Committee of 22.05 Dls. The Treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay that sum to Griffith M Cooper treasurer of the com't

The company of our friends from other yearly Meetings with minutes has been acceptable to us at this time. Our Clerk is directed to furnish such of them with the substance of this minute

The committee on the subject of establishing manual labour Schools made the following report Viz We have given some attention to the appointment but no way has opened to take any step in that matter

The mtg has been exercised on the subject of information rec^d from the remote parts of this yearly Meeting that there are those in remote settlements whose children have grown up without a proper literary education and this mtg taking the subject into consideration it resulted in the conclusion to direct our subordinate mtgs to raise by voluntary subscription what they can for the purpose of aiding? Our schooling individuals in remote settlements

And others who are unable to educate their children and pay it to the treasurer of this meeting

Adjourn to meet to morrow at the 11th hour

Seventh day morning the 16th of the month about the time appointed the meeting convened

The committee to whom was referred the subject of preparing essays of epistles to meetings corresponding with us now producing Essays addressed to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio & Indiana which being read and with some alterations approved and directed signed by the Clerk & forwarded

The committee on the subject of alterations in our discipline made the following report viz

To the Yearly Meeting

The committee on the proposition for altering of discipline having met several times and deliberately considered the several proposed changes proposed as the sense of by far the greater part of the committee the following alterations viz

1st That that part of the third query which relates to reading the scriptures be expunged and added to the advice which we read quarterly

2nd That written acknowledgments be no longer required from persons under dealing

3rd That that part of the fifth? Query which relates to parents conniving at their children keeping company with those not of our society on account of marriage be expunged and that the query stand thus: Do any, by attending marriages as otherwise countenance hireling ministry?

4 That the discipline be so altered that men and women shall stand in the same footing in all matters in which they are equally interested such as deliberating respecting altering of discipline: and that in reviewing and discussing incidents and in granting and receiving certificates of removal the two branches of our monthly mtg shall each obtain the concurrence of the other before the subject matter be concluded accordingly on page 37 relative to the disownment of members insert the concurrence ~~of the~~ ~~concurrence~~ of the womens meeting shall be obtained Page 89 on the subject of removals and Certificates insert No certificate of removal is to be rec^d or granted without

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Without the concurrence of the womens meeting” Page 84, 3^d line from bottom after the word memberships insert “and the approbation of the womens meeting being obtained: ??? to erase the following “the ultimate judgment to be in the mens meeting” Page 23^d seventh line from top erase “are extensive” and insert “a”

5th That in relation to certificates of removal page 88 the words “and freedom ~~freedom~~ from marriage engagements, as the case may require” be expunged

6th That the discipline on the subject of marriages stand as follows “ “Young and unmarried persons in membership with us, before they, make any procedure with a view to marriage should seek ??? direction in this important concern ??? early ??? their parents or guardians with their intention and wait for their consent, by which they may be prevented from the dangerous bias? of forward and uncertain affections.

Proposals of marriage are to be presented in writing to the preparative meeting of which the woman is a member signed by the parties. And should the parties be members of one monthly Meeting, the preparative meeting is to appoint two or more friends to see if the way is clear for the man’s proceeding in marriage and Similar care should be taken by the womens meeting concerning the woman. If she be a widow having children two or more men friends should be appointed to see that their rights are legally secured, and the preparative meeting is to forward the said written proposal together with the names of the committee appointed in the case to the next monthly meeting, where the said committee are required to report the man to the mens meeting and the woman ~~to the women~~ to the womens meeting and where consent of parents or guardians is to be produced Should the parties be members of different monthly meetings the man is to produce to the monthly meeting a certificate from the monthly to which he belongs, to be applied for at the preparative meeting of which he is a member and obtained as in the above case expressive of his clearness from other like engagements And should the committee report that there appears to be no obstruction

to their proceeding the Meeting is to leave them at liberty to accomplish their marriage at a public meeting of our Society, but not on the first day

Of the week

7th That the Third last being on the subject of meeting for sufferings be expunged? and the following inserted every member who feels a concern shall be at liberty to attend the sitting of this meeting

With regard to the other propositions which came before the committee way did not appear at this time to adopt them

Issued on behalf of the committee

16th of 6th mo 1838

Aaron Baker

Mary B Durfee

Which report being considered is adopted by the meeting and is directed to the observance of our subordinate meetings and its members the womens meeting concurring herein. The Mtg for sufferings are directed to take a copy of the alterations and have a sufficient number printed for each book of discipline within the compass of the Yearly Mtg

After going through with the various concerns? and exercise of this meeting we are favoured with a feeling of love for each other and now adjourn to meet next year if permitted

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by Adjournments, from the 10th of 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1839

The clerk of this meeting having been removed by death, Thomas M Clintock was appointed to act in that station for the day and Pliny Sexton to assist him

The representatives being called were all in attendance except six. They are Elijah Quimby, Griffith M. Cooper, Durfee Herendeen, Benjamin Fish, Walter White, Samuel Lundy, Henry Chase, Josiah Letchworth, David Brown, John Prior, Acus Rathbun, Aaron Baker, Samuel Noxen, Cornelius White, Richard Morden, John Watson, James Brown, Isaac Willson, Asa Schooley, Phineas Kinsey, Hugh D. Webster, Rich^d B. Glasier, Sunderland Pattison, Ethan Lapham, John Mott, Thomas Chandler

The following Friends attended this meeting with minutes & certificates from their respective meetings - viz Nathaniel Barney & Eliza his wife, from Nantucket Monthly Meeting - Certificate dated 5 mo 28th 1839.

Martha Smith with a minute from Buckingham Mo. Meeting Bucks County, Penn^a dated 1st of 4 mo 1839.

Elizabeth Blacklaw with a minute from same meeting dated 6th of 5 mo 1839.

Ann L Jackson, with a minute from Darby Monthly Mg Penn^a dated 21st of 5 mo 1839.

David Bradt with a minute from Rensselaerville Mo. Mg. endorsed by Duaneburgh Quarterly mg 24 of 5 mo 1839.

Edwin R. Green with a minute from Laurens Monthly mg endorsed by Duanesburgh Quarterly Mg. 23^d of 5 Mo 1839.

Jesse Thorn with a minute from Rensselaerville Mo Mg dated 30th of 5 mo. 1839.

James Alley, with a minute from Oswego Monthly mg. Dated 15th of 5 mo. 1839.

Epistles were received & read in this meeting from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Ohio. Their contents were acceptable and edifying. - To produce, as way may open essays of Epistles to meetings corresponding with us, the following friends were separated - viz. Thomas M'Clintock, Sunderland P. Gardiner, John Mott, William S. Burling, Elihu Durgee, Isaac Post, John Watson, Josiah Letchworth, Benjⁿ Birdsall,

William Clark, Rowland Brown, Aaron Hampton.

The meeting united in appointing William S. Burling correspondent for this Yearly Meeting, to forward our Epistles, and receive those addressed to us. The Committee on epistles were directed to insert this information in each of the epistles.

A doubt having been expressed, whether an error has not occurred in the alterations made in our books of discipline, as directed by our last Yearly Meeting, it was concluded to refer the subject to the following friends, who are desired to Report to a future sitting of this meeting - viz. John Searing, Sunderland P. Gardiner, Aaron Hampton, Josiah Letchworth, Joel Hughs, John Pryor, John Watson.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting introduced in their report, to the attention of this meeting, the propriety of petitioning Congress in relation to the existence of slavery in the district of Columbia and territories belonging to the United States, and a proposed Memorial having also been forwarded by that Quarter the whole was referred to the following friends, who were desired in conjunction with woman friends, to take the subject into consideration and report - viz. Rich^d B. Glasier, James Noxen, Griffith M. Cooper, Jesse Willson, John Merritt, Esek Wilbur, Russell Frost, Benjamin Fish, George Pryor, Isaac Wilson, John Searing, Cornelius Mills, Hugh Pound, Labau Bunker, Charles Frost

The representatives being desired to consider of, and propose to our next meeting a Friend to serve this meeting as clerk, and one to assist him, - then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

Third-day morning, about the time adjourned to the Meeting assembled.

Richard B. Glasier, on behalf of the representatives, reported they had conferred together and agreed to propose Thoma M'Clintock to serve this meeting as clerk the present year and Pliny Sexton as assistant clerk, which nomination being united with the the meeting, they were appointed accordingly.

Having progressed in the consideration of the State of Society as far as the 5th query, inclusive - during which much Lively exercise prevailed touching the important subjects brought into view - then adjourned to the 11th hour in the morning on Fifth-day next.

Fifth-day morning 13th of the Month, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment

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The remaining queries and answers were deliberately considered. The summaries are as follows viz.

First Query - Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship & discipline, yet on the part of many a considerable remissness appears, especially in regard to those held near the middle of the week, and some care taken. The hour pretty well observed. Not all clear of sleeping, and the accounts say, not altogether clear of other unbecoming behaviour, and some care extended.

2^d Love and unity appear to be maintained among friends generally as becomes brethren, though exceptions are noticed in several of the answers. When differences have arisen, care appears to have been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction avoided & discouraged as far as appears, except some abate??? noted in two of the answers, and some care taken.

3^d A concern exists among friends to keep themselves, their own children, and others under their care, in plainness of speech behavior & apparel, and, by example and precept, to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our christian profession; yet much delinquency in these respects is acknowledged in most of the reports.

4th They do as far as appears, except several instances, noted in the answer, of individuals attending places of diversion - one or more of frequenting taverns, and the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors - and some care extended.

5th Exceptions are mentioned in two of the reports in regard to children obtaining the requisite school-learning to fit them for business - otherwise the circumstances of the poor, it appears, are inspected, and relief seasonably afforded them.

6th Clear as far as appears, except four instances of keeping company on account of marriage; four cases of marriages accomplished by the assistance of a priest, also five of attending marriages accomplished in the same manner - and some care taken.

7th Clear as far as appears - five instances excepted of complying with military demands, which are reported to be under care, except one.

8th The only deficiencies apparent in the observance of the several parts of this query, are four instances of non-performance of promises in the payment of debts, and two of undue extension of business - and all under care.

9th A good degree of care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our discipline.

10th They are.

The following friends were appointed to examine the accounts of our Treasurer, to propose a friend to that service for the ensuing year, and to report which sum in their judgment it will be needful to raise for this meeting's use - viz. Isaac Colvin, Oliver

Durfee, Cornelius Weeks, David Mitchell, Peter Leavens, Samuel Noxen, Isaac Wilson, Cornelius Mills, Thomas Chandler, Sunderland Pattison.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting reports \$50.60 for the use of the Indian Committee, and 35.09 for schooling Friends children in remote situations - Scipio \$53.70 for the Indians & \$10.56 for schools
Canada \$15.20 for the Indian Committee

Pelham \$24.60 ditto and \$18.75 for education

Michigan \$2.25 “ \$13.62 ½ “

Farmington reports \$139.40 taken for a military demand of \$79.15

Scipio \$24.13 of \$20 ~

Three instances are reports of members accepting post of profit and honor under government - Scipio Reports one school taught most of the year part under the care of Friends.

The Committee appointed last year to attend the opening of Michigan Quarterly Meeting reported that several of their number attended to their appointment to good satisfaction, and were at the opening thereof as Ann Arbour, according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting.

A statement was forwarded in the Report of Michigan Quarterly Meeting informing us of the destitute situation of Friends in that Quarter in respect to suitable housed in which to hold their meetings for social & divine worship. The following friends were named to take the subject into good consideration and report - viz. William S. Burling, Hugh Pound, Aaron Hampton, Nathaniel Sisson, John Merritt, Samuel James, Russell Frost, David Mitchell, Stephen White, Samuel Noxen, Jesse Hughes, John Watson, Isaac Wilson, Cornelius Mills, Abner Chase, Elijah Shotwell

A proposition from Michigan Quarterly Meeting to erase the words “of ministers & elders” from a paragraph of the discipline 23^d page, was considered and united with and Women’s meetings having informed us of their [unreadable] change is accordingly adopted. The ??? after [unreadable] “When a minister has a ??? to make a religious

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Visit to Europe, or to other foreign parts, as the clearest evidence should be obtained in the undertaking, the concern, together with the certificates of the Monthly and Quarterly meetings, is to be laid before the Yearly Meeting for its approbation, and if that Certificate is obtained, a certificate thereof, signed by the clerk should be given”.

Our friends Nathaniel Barney & wife from Nantucket, acceptably attended this meeting. The clerk was directed to indorse the substance of this minute on their Certificate.

Adjourned to the 11th hour to-morrow morning.

Sixth-day morning 14th of the month, about the time adjourned to Friends met.

A report of our Indian Committee was read. It was satisfactory to the meeting, and is as follows: -

To the Yearly Meeting

The Committee on Indian Concerns, having attended to the duties of their appointment, report, that in pursuance of the agreement entered into with that portion of the Seneca nation of Indians called the Cattaraugus tribe a Friend's family has resided there four last years on 200 acres of land granted by the Indians for the use of the Committee. During the last year the terms of that agreement has been strictly fulfilled. The school established by us was continued through the warm weather, and by the liberality of Friends of Philadelphia, we have been enabled to continue it through the winter much to the satisfaction of the Indians. Whole numbers attending 41, average 24. The number would have been larger during the winter, but for the ability of the Indians to furnish their children with suitable clothing and food. When we last reported, it was confidently expected that the avails of the farm would have been equal to the expenses but early frost and other providential circumstances have disappointed our hopes. In 7th month last it was estimated that our 30 acres of wheat would yield 20 bushel per acre, but owing to such and other causes not half that quantity was realized. Thus Friends may see under what discouragements the Committee have labored. But notwithstanding the discouragement, we believe that the great object in view has been a great measure attained. When the committee commenced their labor with this family of the Seneca, they found them in a most deplorable situation;

But little land under improvement, and that badly secured stock, except horses, very limited; buildings wretchedly poor, the children without education, half starved and half clad; - the adults, male & female, excessively indolent. Their situation & circumstances are now very different; in business there is much more diligence. Their teams, stock, farming utensils are greater in number, and much improved in quality. In respect to industry there is great improvement, and an ardent disposition winced? to bring up their children to labor With respect to buildings, better dwelling houses and barns, they are much more convenient and of better materials; in ??? ??? of the tribe have comparatively comfortable accommodations. Large improvements have been made in clearing & fencing many acres of land that 3 years ago by an uncultivated common is now enclosed with good fences & well cultivated. They are however, subject to great improvement from white mechanics and it is hoped that if they continue [unreadable] measures will be adopted to remove this obstacle to their improvement. An unusual desire has been ??? by the chiefs, that friends would introduce some ??? by which their young men could be taught to be shoemakers, carpenters, blacksmiths, &c. \$175. Dols per acre is deducted from their annuity & paid to a blacksmith in the neighborhood of the Reservation, to do their work: We may judge how it is executed. And injustice is committed by this made, for the poor widow who has some work to be done, pays the same as he who has [unreadable] it is considered that their annuity is only 3 ½ doll^s. Per head, ti will be seen that it operates appropriately. It is believed that if mechanics could be introduced, the Indians would gladly afford assistance in the erection of shop, &c. But in the present situation of this deeply injured people, the committee do not see it right to encourage any extraordinary expenditures until the great question is decided, whether they will be permitted to retain their reservations, prudence requires that we

confine our attention, to the fulfilment of our past engagements with them, while we interpose all the influence we ???, to avert the community [unreadable] Great exertion has been made by [unreadable] at Washington during the last ???, to obtain of the Senate a ratification of the Indians treaty. A ??? of 3 Indians exhibited ??? ??? of the several governments, evidence that the whole number of chiefs was 92, and that of them 56 were oppend to this treaty. The agents of the

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Company made a very different statement and the Senate unwilling either to reject or ratify the treaty, have thrown the responsibility on the President.

Notwithstanding the great exertions that have been made on the part of the Whites to obtain a treaty for them, lands. by bribery, spirituous liquors, intimidation & threats, and by creating new? Chiefs of them who are in favor of migration the nation feel a Comfortable before that they will continue to enjoy their lands on which they were born & have acted, and in the bowels of which lie the relics of their departed parents and other kindred. They express feelings of gratitude to the Great Spirit for the benevolent assistance received from friends, and which we have no trouble has been the means of preventing thus far, than horse-leeches?, the land speculators, from accomplishing their ban? & wicked design of filching from our poor oppressed & down trodden red brethren, their little remaining territory. Under this cheering hope & prospect they are making this Spring more improvements than usual and are about to build a large Council house, where to hold their councils, instead of occupying for that purpose the School house erected by Friends. But although their hopes may be disappointed, and whatever may be the future destination of this interesting people we shall have the satisfaction of knowing, that we have endeavored, as far as has been in our power, to discharge the debt due to them from their white brethren.

The number of acres of wheat this year (winter & spring) is about 22. Of Barley, Oats, & Peas 15 bushels have been sown, and at last advises the corn & potato ground was in a state of foundering?

It will be seen by the annexed account that on the 10th of last month we were indebted to Joseph N. Hillman, the friend residing on the farm, in the sum of 656.39/100 dollars, which balance we have the means of discharging through the liberality of our friends of Philadelphia & New York, and we have the satisfaction to add, that no money will be required of our members this year.

On behalf of the Committee

6 mo 13. 1839

Wm. S. Burling

Hannah Sexton

Joseph N. Hillman act with Indian Com

Dr.

Cr.

1838 Jun 30 To Cash
10.68

1838 5 mo 10 By one year's Service
\$500.00

1839 30 1 mo Cash for Yoke Oxen
50.00
Produce used & sold
322.30

10 mo Cash pd teacher & her board
35.63
12 mo expended of farm
201.74

The committee to whom was referred an apprehended error in the alterations of our books of Discipline, made the following Report, which was united with, and the women's meeting concurring, the clerk was directed to forward the Substance of this Report to our Subordinate meetings for their attention.

To the Yearly Meeting.

The Committee to whom was referred a supposed error in the alterations made in our Books of Discipline, Report That on investigation it appears, the Meeting for Sufferings have acted in Conformity with the Extracts furnished to that body by the clerk of the Yearly Meeting; but it also appears that the extracts placed in their hands, differ from those sent to some of the Quarterly Meetings. The Committee we united in recommending, as their judgment of the intention of the Yearly Meeting, that the whole of the Sixth Query as it originally stood be expunged, and that it read, "Do any, by attending marriages or otherwise, countenance a hireling ministry?" And altho the insertion of the clause respecting parents conniving at their children's keeping Company with those not of our Society on account of marriage, is not recorded in the Book of Minutes, yet the Committee believe on examination, it was so intended.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

6 mo. 13. 1839.

John Watson,
Aaron Hampton."

The Committee to settle with our Treasurer, made the following report. Isaac Lapham named in it for Treasurer was appointed to that service for one year. Elihu Coleman, John Merritt, Stephen White, Cornelius Mills & Richard B. Glasier were appointed to make such distribution of the money raised for education, as they may deem best, and report next year.

To the Yearly Meeting.

"The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, Report, That they find in his hands Ninety dollars & five cents, for the Yearly Meeting's use, and seventy seven dollars thirty two cents for edu-

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-cation. - We are of the opinion that it will not be necessary to raise any money for the use of the Yearly Meeting, this year.

We are united in proposing the re-appointment of Isaac Lapham for Treasurer.

Isaac Colvin,
Oliver Durfee,
Cornelius Mills,
Isaac Willson,
Samuel Noxen,
Peter Leavens,

Cornelius Weeks,
David Mitchell."

The Committee on the application from Michigan for assistance in the erection - meeting house, made a Report, on consideration of which the meeting united in directing the sum of 500 Dollars to be raised for that purpose - And that not only Michigan, but the two half year meetings in consequences of the necessity they have been under to build several meeting houses, be excused from contributing to this object except in the way of voluntary subscription. The meeting directed that the money raised be paid to Isaac Lapham to be held subject to the order of the Quarterly Meeting of Michigan.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were read. They were satisfactory to this meeting. Read an Essay of a petition to the Legislature of this state, proposed by that Committee, on the subject of Capital punishment, being read it was on consideration adopted and the clerk directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting. The Meeting for Sufferings were directed to take the requested care in forwarding it to the Legislature.

A testimony of Hamburg Monthly Meeting, approved by Farmington Quarterly Meeting, concerning Mary Dennis deceased, was read & approved, and also one from the same meeting for Mary Southwick, deceased, likewise approved by Farmington Quarter.

The clerk was directed to place on the minutes of our brethren Sisters who are in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings an instrument? similar to that directed yesterday for Nathaniel Barney & wife.

Adjourned to the 9th hour to-morrow morning.

Seventh day morning, 15th of the month, the meeting convened pursuant to adjournment

The committee to whom was referred the subject of petitioning the general government in relation to the condition of our brethren of the African now, in those portions of our Country over which Congress has control, produced an Essay of a Memorial, which was considered and united with, and Women's Meeting concurring, it was, with a slight amendment adopted directed to be signed by the clerks, and is as follows - It was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings for their care.

"To the Senate and house of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled.

The Memorial of the religious Society of Friends, composing Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Farmington, for the western part of the State of New York & parts adjacent, by adjournments, from the 10th of the 6th month to the 15th of the same, inclusive, 1839, - respectfully represents. That taking into consideration the condition of those who are held as slaves in the District of Columbia and in the Territories belonging to the United States, - and believing that by nature they are our brethren, and privileged by our common Creator with liberty & free agency, and that man has no right to deprive them of the blessings attendant thereof - we are united in the sentiment that it is our

duty to ask you to adopt such measures as will put them in possession of their inalienable rights.

We profess no exclusion regard for any portion of the human family; we feel a lively and enduring interest in the welfare of both the master and the slave. We therefore ask you by legislation to adopt measures for the abolition of slavery and the slave-trade in the district of Columbia, and between the several states, and in the territories belonging to the United States.

In petitioning for them we are influenced by an apprehension of religious duty in maintaining our testimony against injustice and oppression, and we hope that by a judicious, and timely legislation the period is not awaited, when every person who pays due respect to the laws will be free in all places over which Congress has control, especially in the district which is the Seat of government of this Republic.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid by

Thos M'Clintock } Clerk

Rhoda De Garmo}"

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Epistles were read and approved to the Yearly Meeting of our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio & Indiana.

Having in our deliberations, been made sensible of the received condescending Goodness of our Heavenly Father, under the influence of which we have been enabled to Transact the concerns which have come before us, in such brotherly condescension and love, - thankful for the davor, the meeting adjourned to convene again at the usual time next year , if the Lord permit.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Farmington by adjournments, from the 15th of the 6th mo to the 19th of the same, inclusive 1840.

The representations from our Quarterly & Half-Year meeting being called, we all present except five, one of whom by writing, also signed a reason for his absence. They are Isaac Laplant, Gabriel Odell , Daniel Quimby, Reuben Dean, Walter White, Webster Laing, Aldrich Calvin, Aden J Corey, George Dunlap, John Bedell, Stephen Bogardus, Rassel Frost, Cornelius White, Jonathan Noxen, John Cooper, Amos Armitage, Sylvanus Brown, Walter Brown, Charles Hill, Phineas Kinsey, David Elsworth, Daniel A Cornell, Eli Lapham & Rich B Glasier.

Our friend John Wood is in attendance with us, with a minute from Mount Holly Monthly Meeting, New Jersey endorsed by Burlington Quarter 26th of 5th mo last. Also William Willits, with a minute from Westbury Mo Meeting; N York dated 20th of 5th month.

Epistles were received & read from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Ohio Yearly meetings and a minute from Indiana Yearly meeting stating

that way had not opened for addressing Epistles to yearly meeting in correspondence with them. To prepare essays of epistles to those meetings, as way may open, the following friends are named - viz John Leasing, John Watson, Griffith M Cooper, Sunderland P Gardner, Cornelius Mills, Thr McClintock, Matthias Hutchinson, Rowland Brown, John Cooper, Wells Rathburn, Elisha ?Freeman, Isaac Willson, Rich B Glasier & Pliny Sexton.

In the report from Michigan Quarterly Meeting a proposition was forwarded to change that part of our discipline relative to the Meeting of Ministers & Elders, so that all members of our religious society may have the privilege of sitting with them in a meeting capacity. This meeting united in separating the following friends to take the subject into consideration and report to a future sitting - viz. Abraham Wilson, High Pound, Elisha Freeman, Elias DeGarmo, Samuel Janny, John Merritt, Simeon Lainey, James Noxon, Cornelius White, Charles Hill, Elijah Shotwell, Smith Shotwell, Isaac Willson, Rich B Glasier & Eli Lapham.

Michigan Quarter also requests that this meeting raise the sum of 500 dollars to aid them in erecting a meeting house and in completing one already commenced. Durfey Herrendean? , William Gatchell, John Hussey, Aaron Barker, John Watson, Joseph Hazzard, Phineus Kinsey, Cornelius Mills, Eli Lapham, and Rich B Glasier were appointed to take the subject into consideration and report.

Minutes or certificates were read for the following Friends who are in attendance from other yearly meetings - viz.

For Ruth Spencer from Rensselaer Monthly meeting dates 25th of 5th mo 1840- and Frelove Youmans, her companion, from same meeting.

For Rachel Hicks Jr. from Westbury Monthly Meeting endorsed by Westbury Quarter 23 of 4 no 1840 and Maria Farrington from Flushing Monthly Meeting dated 5 mo 7 1840.

For Elizabeth M Pearl from Sadsbury Monthly meeting Penn^a. endorsed by Calm Quarter 23d of 4th mo 1840

For Anna Richardson from Middletown Monthly Meeting Bucks County Penn dated 8th of 5 mo 1840 - And one for Rachel Barker from Oswego Monthly Mg dated 20th 5 mo 1840.

The following friends were appointed to examine the accounts of the Treasury of this meeting, and propose to a future sitting a friend for that station the coming year and also what sum it will be needful to raise for this meetings site? - Viz Sunderland P Gardner, Isaac Baker, Cornelius Weeks, Russel Frost, Rowland Brown, John Cooper, Isaac Willson, Cornelius Mills, Richard B Glasier & Eli Lapham.

The time having expired for which the members of

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The meeting for sufferings were appointed Isaac Post, Gabriel Adele, Gideon Morey, Stephen Bogardus, John Prior, Joseph Hoxie, Cornelius White, Rowland Brown, Sylvanus Brown, Jacob Zavitts, Charles Hill, Walter brown, Rich B Glasier, & Eli

Lapham were named to bring forward to a future sitting the names of Friends to serve on that committee.

The representatives were requested to produce to our next sitting the same of a friend to serve this meeting as a clerk and one as assistant clerk.

Then adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Third day morning about the time adjourned to the meeting convened:.

David Quimby, on behalf of the representatives reported that on conferring together they were united in proposing Thomas McClintock to serve this meeting as clerk, the present year and Sunderland P Gardner as assistant clerk, with which this meeting also uniting, they were appointed accordingly.

The queries were all read with the answers to them from our subordinate meetings; and the state of our religious Society in the different branches of this Yearly Meeting being now brought into view engaged the deliberate attention of the meeting, producing a lively exercise that by our faithfulness to the holy principle we profess, the cause of truth and righteousness may be advanced in the earth. A summary of the answers was adopted, as follows:

Ans. 1st Query. Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship & discipline, yet many are deficient herein especially in the middle of the week - and some care taken. The hour pretty well observed. Some appearance of sleeping in meeting - no other unbecoming behaviour noticed.

2^d. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained, as becomes brethren, though exceptions are noticed in several reports, and care taken. When differences have appeared care has been mostly taken to end them, and tale-bearing and detraction generally avoided & discouraged.

3^d. Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own and other Friends' children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel, and endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and con-

Versation, consistent with our christian profession. Care is also extended in those respects toward, others under their tuition; tho' there are deficiencies in the observance of the several parts of this query, and some care taken.

4th. The do as far as appears, except two instances of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, and a few of attending places of diversion noticed in two of the Reports - and care taken.

5th. It appears that the circumstances of the poor have been inspected & relief afforded - yet one account says, not so fully as would be best. Their children are mostly in the way of obtaining school learning.

6th. Clear as far as appears, except five instances, and some care taken.

7th. Friends are clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof, except in two instances.

8th. Except a few instances noted, Friends appear careful in Regard to the several branches of this query.

9th. Care appears to be generally taken, seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

10th. It appears they are.

Farmington Quarterly meeting reports \$250 raised for building meeting houses - and \$162.51 taken for military demands of \$75.38. Scipio \$29.25 taken for a demand of 6 dols. and \$250 raised for Michigan.

Four instances are reported of members accepting post of profit & honor Under the government.

Scipio reports one school taught the greater part of the year under the care of a preparative meeting.

A testimony of Elisha Baker concerning his deceased wife Elizabeth Baker approved by Hamburg Monthly Meetings & Farmington Quarterly meeting, was now read to satisfaction. It was directed to be returned to the meeting for the suffering & with instructions that it be recorded.

Adjourned to 5th day morning next at the 11th hour.

Fifth day morning 18th of the month, friends met pursuant to adjournment.

A report of our Indian Committee was now read and approved of by this meeting, A deep sympathy was felt & expressed respecting the condition and prospects of this interesting & affected people. And the meeting are united with in judgement that it would be right

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to continue our efforts for their welfare so long as they remain on their reservations. This meeting directs that the sum of 500 dollars be raised the ensuing year for the use of the committee- one tenth part of the amount to be raised by Canada & Pelham Half Yearly meetings each. And two fifths by Farmington & Scipio Quarters each. The money when raised is directed to be paid to Griffith M Cooper. The report is as follows.

To the Yearly Meetings.

“ A committee of our body, appointed last year accompany the committee of N., York & Philadelphia in a visit to Cattaraugus, now report the performance of that service; - that a council was held with the Indians at that place and many of them were visited in their families: that, as way opened for it, the joint committee imparted such counsel and advice as the tried situation of this oppressed people seemed to demand. We found our friend Joseph N Hillman usefully engaged in promoting the views of Friends and had cause to be entirely satisfied with his services. The School, consisting of about 23 scholars, was then in operation.

In the 8th Month, having information that the secretary of war would hold a council at Cattaraugus on the 12th of that month, two of our sub-committee again accompanied committee of New York & Philadelphia to that place. The council lasted two days and the joint committee were furnished with renewed violence or the distress brought on this people, by the apprehension felt by them, that is in the determination of the general government to carry the Humans treaty into effect; and that ere long, they

would be driven from all the comforts, which their efforts had accumulated around them. Notwithstanding the discouragements which presented the united committee deemed it their duty to persevere in their exertions To prevent if possible the ratification of the treaty, and with that view prepared an address to the president of the U.S setting forth with much clearness the frauds which have been practiced in its procurement; which with abundant evidence of the truth of our assertions was presented to him by the committee at Washington. Previous to this stage of our proceedings the Yearly Meeting of Baltimore has united with the other Yearly Meetings in the concern, and by an efficient committee has cooperated in all the subsequent proceedings. But although the evidence of fraud was so clear, as to induce the President to refuse his assent to the treaty,

And to return it to the Senate with his reasons; yet after a protracted discussion in secret sessions, that body ratified the treaty, but only by the casting vote of the Vice-President; and it has been proclaimed as the law of the land. This result was unexpected to the committee and has filled them with concern - but they do not despair. With the increase in difficulties, there should be an increase of exertion On our part. The zeal manifested by the Yearly meetings of New York, Philadelphia & Baltimore, in this concern - from all of which committees are now in attendance with us, should animate Friends of this yearly Meeting to perseverance & faithfulness

The contact made with the Indians at Cattaraugus will expire next tenth month. For the fulfilment of it on any parts, and for the support of the school, which has been continued nearly all the past year, it appears to be necessary, that this Yearly Meeting should direct the Sum of 300 dollars raised for the use of the Committee.

In a conference with the deputation of Indians now in attendance, they have expressed a strong desire that Joseph N. Hillman may continue among them, and that the School also may be continued. They also with much feeling solicited the continued care of friends, saying that they looked up to us for Counsel & advice, as those only in whom they can confide that they have been deeply sensible of the kindness of friends and look only to us for assistance.

On behalf of the Committee, William S. Burling
Mary B. Durfee”.

The time for which the Committee were appointed having expired, the following Friends were named to propose to our next sitting Friends to Serve on that Committee - viz. W^mGatchell, Walter White. Geo. Pryor, John Hussey, John Searing, John Merritt, John Cooper, Rowland Brown, John Watson, Charles Hill, Cornelius Mills, Jacob Zavitts, Rich. B. Glasier & Eli Lapham.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings being read, were satisfactory to this Meeting.

The Committee on the proposition from Michigan relative to a change of discipline, reported that they were not united in making the proposed alteration. The Report was adopted, Women's Meeting also concurring.

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The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of our Treasurer reported, that they find in his hands \$90.05, and that they are of opinion it will not be necessary to raise any money for this Meetings use the ensuing year; they also propose Isaac Lapham for Treasurer - with all which this meeting uniting, he is appointed accordingly.

-Adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

Sixth-day morning, 19th of the month, about the time adjourned to the Meeting assembled.

The committee on the application from Michigan for funds to aid them in building a Meeting house at Parma; proposed that the sum of two hundred dollars be raised for that purpose, with which this meeting uniting that amount is accordingly directed to be raised. By the Quarterly & Half-year Meetings in their respective propositions, and paid to Isaac Lapham, to be held subject to the order of Michigan Quarterly Meeting.

The Committee to bring forward friends to serve this meeting in the Meeting for Sufferings, proposed the following, whose names being united with they were appointed to that Station for the ensuing three years -viz- W^m S. Burling, Abraham Wilson, Webster Laing, George Smith, Elisha Freeman, Walter White, Asa Palmer, George Pryor, Gabriel Odell, Edward Herrendeen, William Gatchell, John H. Robinson, Sunderland P. Gardiner, Reuben Dean, Hugh Pound, Daniel Fish, Benjamin Mitchel, Gideon Morey, James Haight, Isaac Lapham, Charles Hill, Aaron Baker, John Searing, Stephen Bogardus, Pliny Sexton, Tho. M^cClintock, Richard B. Glasier, Wells Rathbun, Simeon Loines, Russel Frost, John Watson, Smith Shotwell, Sylvanus Brown, John Hussey, Charles Frost, Edwin Ewer, & Townsend Cock.

The following Friends being proposed for the Indian Committee, were approved by the meeting. They were accordingly appointed to serve in that capacity during the coming three years - viz. Griffith M. Cooper, Pliny Sexton, William Gatchell, John H. Robinson, Isaac Post, W^m S. Burling, Joseph Sherwood, John Searing, John Pryor, Oliver Durfee, Simeon Loines, Cornelius Mills, John Watson, Durgee Her-

ringden, John Hussey, Smith Shotwell, Rowland Brown, Edward Herringdeen, Stephen Bogardus, Elias Durfee, Charles Hull, Tho. M^cClintock, John Cooper, Richard B. Glasier, Joseph Hazzard, Walter White, Russel Frost, Benjamin Fish, Eli Lapham, Gideon Morey, John Merritt, & Elisha Freeman.

The Committee appointed last year to make a distribution of the money raised for education, Report, that \$40 dols. Of it have been appropriated to Michigan, and \$37.32 ct. to Pelham. The report is satisfactory to the meeting.

Essays of epistles to our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana were now read and with some alterations adopted, directed to be transcribed Signed by the clerk, and forwarded to their respective destinations.

The clerk was directed to place on the minutes of brethren and sisters, who are with us from other Yearly Meetings, an endorsement expressive of their acceptable attendance.

Having through Divine goodness been favored to transact the various concerns which have come before us in brotherly condescension and love - adjourned, to meet again at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine will.

At Genesee Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington, by adjournments, from the 14th of the 6th month to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1841.

The representatives from our subordinate meetings were called - all present except five Friends, one of whom assigned a reason for his absence in writing. They are Thomas M'Clintock, Sunderland P. Gardner, James Haight, Ab^{rm}. Wison, Nathaniel Russell, Benjamin Fish, Aaron Baker, Aden T. Cory, George Hull, David Mitchell, Caleb Carmault, David Barker, James Cooper, Isaac Eves, Rowland Brown, Thomas Stinson, George Loure?, Benjⁿ Pound, George Bradshaw, Daniel Willson, Merritt Palmer, James Haight, Ethan Lapham Rich^d. B. Glasier, and Thomas Chandler.

A certificate from Middleton Monthly Meeting, Columbiana, Ohio dated 8th of 5th month endorsed by LaCum Quarterly Meeting held 8th of 5th month for William & Cassandra Nichols who are in attendance with us, was read.

Acceptable Epistles from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, & Indiana Yearly Meetings were received and read. To propose and produce to a future sitting, as way may open, epistles to meetings in correspondence

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with us, the following friends were appointed, viz. Wm J Burling, Nicholas Hallock, Sunderland P Gardiner, Isaac Post, Adm T. Corey, Tho McClintock, John Searing, Caleb Carmault, Nicholas Brown, Isaac Eves, Richd B Glasier, David Barker, Cornelius Mills, Griffith M Cooper, Ethan Lapham, James Haight & David Quimby.

A proposition for a revision of the Discipline of this Yearly meeting was forwarded in the reports from Scipio Quarter. The following friends were separated to take the subject, in conjunction with the Women Friends, into deliberate consideration, give to our Book of discipline such revision as they may deem needful and report next year - viz. Hugh Pound, Griffith M Cooper, Charles Frost, Tho. McClintock, geo Pryor, Abm. Wilson, Wm Gatchell, Pliny Sexton, Adm T. Corey, John Searing, Nicholas hallock, Russel Frost, george Hull, John Merritt, John Prior, David Mitchell, James Noxen, Stephen White, Nicholas Brown, James Cooper, David Barker, Sylvanus Brown, Rowland Brown, Samuel Hughes, Merich? Palmer, James Haight, Cornelius Mills, Joseph Willson, Smith Shotwell, Abner Chase, ?Isper Willson, Richd B Glasier, Ethan Lapham, & Wm L Burling.

The representatives were directed to propose to our next sitting Friends to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant clerk for the present year.

Adjourned to the 11th hour to morrow morning.

Third day morning 15th of the month about the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

Adam T Corey on behalf of the representatives, reported that on conferring together they were agreed in proposing Tho McClintock to serve this meeting as clerk the present year & Sunderland P Gardiner as assistant clerk with which the meeting writing they were appointed.

To examine the accounts of our Treasurer and report what sum will be needful to raise the coming year and also to propose to a future sitting a friend for treasurer. Griffith M Cooper, Elijah P Quimby, John Prior, Cornelius Mills, Ethan Lapham and Richd B Glasier were appointed.

Having proceeded in the consideration of the state of society to the 8th query inclusive then adjourned to

11 o'clock on 5th day morning next.

Fifth-day morning, 17th of the month, the meeting gathered pursuant to adjournment.

The remaining queries and answers were read and considered. The following is a summary of the whole viz.

Answer 1st. Most friends are careful to attend our meetings for worship and discipline; yet a neglect appears on the part of many, particularly in regard to those held near the middle of the week. The hour in general nearly observed. Not all clear of sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behaviour noted, except one instance and care taken.

2nd. Love and unity appears to be maintained among us as becomes brethren except a few instances noted in several of the reports. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction generally avoided & discouraged.

3rd. A care exists among many friends to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel and by example and precept to train them up in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession - though deviations are noticed in most of the reports, and some care taken, -and also care extended in these respects, towards others under their tuition.

4th. Clear as far as appears, except two instances of the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, and nine of attending places of diversions, and some care taken.

5th. It appears that the circumstances of the poor and of those requiring assistance have been inspected and relief generally afforded, except some deficiency in regard to school- learning mentioned in one of the reports

6th. It appears by the reports that eighteen instances have occurred of countenancing a hireling ministry all except one, in consummating marriages by the aid of a priest or attending those so consummated - and some care taken.

7th. Friends appear clear in regard to the several particulars of this query, except five instances of complying with military requisitions, noted in one of the reports, and under care.

8th. It appears that friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts and not to extend their businesses beyond their ability to manage and

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Where occasion has been given for fear of these accounts, care has been mostly extended. instances , however are mentioned in several of the reports of deficiencies in all other respects.

9th. Care appears to be generally taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline.

10th They are , as far as appears.

No instance reported of a friend accepting a post of profit & honor under government.

Farmington Q meeting reports \$12 taken taken for a military demand of \$12 and that our friend has been imprisoned 12 days for a demand of \$3.75.

Scipio \$10 taken for a demand of \$3.62 and that two friend have suffered imprisonment, one 11 and the other 6 days, for a demand of \$3 each.

Canada 3 £ 15s for a demand of 6s & 11d.

Farmington reports \$200 raised for the use of the Indian committee and \$66.66 to assist in building a meeting house in Michigan.

Scipio \$200 for the former and \$66.66 for the latter object.

Canada \$41 “ “ “ \$22.44 “ “ “

Pelham \$50 “ “ “ \$33.33 “ “ “

Scipio adds, that one school has been taught the greater part of the year, under the care of a preparative meeting.

A proposition was forwarded by Pelham half years meeting for altering the time of holding that meeting to the second fourth day in the second month. Which being united with by this meeting, the lateration was adopted.

An epistle was now received from our brethren at their last Yearly meeting held at Mount Pleasant, Ohio and read among us to satisfaction.

In view of the suffering condition of our fellow beings unjustly held in slavery in this nation, a proposition was made and united with by the meeting, to appoint a committee , in conjunction with the woman friends, to draft and present to our next sitting , a Memorial to Congress on behalf of those in District of Columbia, and territories over which the Congress has jurisdiction, - and for the abolition of the inter-state slave trade. The following friends were named to the service - Viz; Aden T Corey, Tho McClintock, Griffith M Cooper, Nicholas Hallock, Lewis Burtis, W^m

Clark & Sunderland P Gardner.

A report from the committee appointed to extend counsel & aid to our Indian Brethren of the Seneca Nation, was read, afforded an encouraging prospect that their efforts on behalf of that wronged and afflicted people will not be in vain. It was concluded that 3000 copies of the report to be printed for distribution, the needful

attention in the Performance of which is referred to the meeting for sufferings The committee was authorised to extend care also, if way should be open, to the Onondaga tribe of Indians- and that the name of Aden T Corey was added to the committee.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now read: They are satisfactory to the meeting.

To unite with the clerk in preparing, if way open, to go down to our Subordinate meetings, a minute expressive of the exercises which have prevailed in the consideration of the State of Society, Ab^m Wilson, W^m S. Burling and Andrew Varney were appointed.

Adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning, 18th of the month, about the time adjourned to Friends met.

A memorial to Congress on account of the oppressed condition of our colored brethern and Sisters, being produced by the Committee appointed to that service, was approved, directed to be signed by the clerks, and handed to the Meeting for Sufferings for their necessary care in forwarding it.

Essays of epistles to our brethern of the Yearly Meeting of New York, Philadelphia, Ohio & Indiana, were read and approved, and directed to be signed by the clerk and forwarded. Way did not open at this time to address and epistle to Baltimore Yearly Meeting. The clerk was directed to give this information to that meeting, and also inform that we received their epistle, which was very acceptable. The epistle prepared for Baltimore, and not adopted, is directed to the care of the Meeting for Sufferings.

A minute of advice to our members having been prepared was approved by this meeting. It was referred to the Meeting for Sufferings to have a sufficient number printed to supply Friends in the different parts of the Yearly Meeting.

A proposition for erecting a suitable building for the

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accommodation of Committees during the Sitting of our Yearly Meeting, having been introduced by Women Friends, it was united with, and referred to Farmington Quarterly Meeting to have a proper building erected, and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the needful funds to defray the expense.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts reported a balance in his hands of 87 dollars and 20 cents. This meeting directs that 400 dollars be raised the ensuing year, by our subordinate meetings, and paid to Isaac Lapham. Isaac Lapham being proposed by the Committee to serve as Treasurer the usual term, he was accordingly appointed.

A deficiency of \$19.89 appearing in the amount directed to have been raised by Canada Half Year's Meeting, this meeting directs that that sum be paid from the treasury of this meeting - \$10.89 toward building the meeting house in Michigan, and \$9.00 to the Indian Committee.

The clerk was directed to place on the certificate of our friends William & Cassandra Nichols, and endorsement expressive of their acceptable attendance of this meeting.

Having, in the transaction of the various concerns which have come before us, been made sensible of the continued regard of our Heavenly Father, by whom aid we have been favored to proceed in much condescension one to another, - adjourned, to meet again at the usual time next year, if consistent with the Divine will.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Farmington, by adjournments, from the 13th of the 6th Mo. to the 18th of the same, inclusive, 1842.

The representatives being called were all present except two - No report was received from Canada Half Year Meeting.

Than from the other Quarters & Half Year Meeting, wee Abram Willson, Walter White, Isaac Post, William S. Burling, Webster Laing, Joseph Head, Lorenzo Mabbit, Aaron Baker, Ephraim Arnold, Simeon Loines, Acus Rathbun, Caleb Carmault, Merritt Palmer, Isaac Willson, William Becket, Cornelius Mills, Joseph Merritt, Jacob Hingham, Washington Weekes,

and Ira Power.

Minutes & certificates for brethern in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, were now read as follows - viz.

For John Comly, from Byberry Monthly Meeting, Pennsylvania dated 5 Mo. 31st. 1842.

For Eleazer Haviland from Nine Partners Monthly Meeting dated 19th of 5 month.

For Jacob Willets, from the Same meeting.

For George F. White, from the Monthly Meeting of New York held 6th month 1st.

For Samuel Keese, from Peru Monthly Meeting, held 24th of 3^d month, endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting, held 5th of 5 mo last.

For John Plummer, from Jericho Monthly Meeting, held 19th of 5 mo.

For James Laing, from Rahway & Plainfield Monthly Meg. held 5 mo. 19th.

For John H. Andrews, from Darby Monthly Meeting held 5th mo. 24th.

For Isaac Titus, from Coeymans Monthly Mg. held 27th of 4th mo.

For Benjamin F. Estes, from Laurens Monthly Meeting held 5 mo. 4th.

For John Harned from Rahway & Plainfield Monthly Meeting held 19th of 5 mo. 1842

The Representatives were desired to propose to our next sitting Friends to serve this meeting as clerk & assistant clerk for the ensuing year - then adjourned to the 10th hour tomorrow morning.

Third-day morning, 14th of the Month, about the time adjourned to the meeting gathered.

Acus Rathbun, on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had concluded to propose Thomas M'Clintock to serve this meeting as clerk the present

year, and W^m. S. Burling as assistant clerk, which being united with, they were appointed.

Acceptable epistles from our brethern of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, & Indiana Yearly Meetings were received and read. To prepare essays of epistles as way may open to meetings in correspondence with this, aaron Hampton, Isaac Post, Webster Laing, Sunderland P. Gardiner, Thomas

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M'Clintock, John Watson, Joseph Merritt, W^m. S. Burling, George Pryor, Nathaniel Potter, Charles Frost, Pliny Sexton and Merrit Palmer were appointed.

The following Certificates & minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings, being received from Women's Meeting were read - viz.

For Elizabeth Newport, from Abington Monthly Mg. Penn^a endorsed by Abington Quarterly Meeting, held 5th of 5 mo.

For Ann N? Longstreth, from Middletown Monthly Mg Bucks County Penn^a held 6th of 5th month.

For Ann P. Jackson from Darby Monthly Mg. held 25th of 1st mo. endorsed by Concord Quarterly Mg. Penn^a held 2^d. Mo. 1st

For Rebecca S. Bunting from Darby Monthly Meeting held 5 mo. 24th.

For Elizabeth Haviland from Oswego Monthly Mg. held 18th of 5th Mo. 1842.

An application was received in the report from Pelham Half-Year's Meeting for friends to aid them in building a meeting house, and a similar request from Michigan Quarter.

The following Friends were appointed a Committee to take into consideration those applications & report to a future Sitting viz.

Isaac Colvin, Isaac Post, Pliny Sexton, John H. Robinson, Aaron Baker, John Merritt, John Prior, David Mitchell, Isaac Ewes, Stephen White, Rowland Brown, Samuel Noxen, Cornelius Mills, Merrit Palmer, Smith Shotwell, Richard Wilson, Washington Weekes, Joseph Merritt, Ethan Lapham and Jacob Stringham.

To examine and settle the accounts of our Treasurer and report what sum may be necessary to be raised for the ensuing year, and also propose a friend for Treasurer Ezak Wilbur, John H. Robinson, Caleb Carmault, John Prior, Jonathan Noxen, Sylvanus Brown, William Becket, Cornelius Mills, Joseph Merritt, and Ethan Lapham were named.

The meeting proceeded in the consideration of the State of Society, as brought into view by the answers to the Queries, as far as the 5th query, inclusive, and the exercises of brethern on subjects claiming attention were feelingly spread before us - Then adjourned to the 11th hour on 5th day morning next.

Fifth-day morning, 16th of the Month, near the time adjourned to Friends convened.

The remaining queries & answers to them were read and deliberately considered. The Summary answers are as follow - viz.

Answer to the 1st. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship

& discipline, though a manifest neglect appears, especially in the attendance of those held near the middle of the week, and Some care taken. The hour nearly observed. Not quite clear of Sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behavior, except two instances noted, & care taken.

2d. Love and unity appears to be generally maintained, as becomes brethern. Seven exceptions, however, are noticed in the reports, and care taken in them all. Where differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them. Talebearing & detraction mostly avoided & discouraged.

3d. Many friends are careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care, in plainness of speech, behavior & apparel, and by example & precept to train them up in a religious life & conversation consistent with our profession; but a want of more deep religious concern in all these respects is affectingly apparent. Some care extended toward others under our tuition.

4th. Friends appear clear regarding the unnecessary use of Spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion - and some care taken.

5th. The circumstances of the poor, it appears, have been inspected and relief mostly afforded, their children and all others under our care are in general instructed in School learning to fit them for business.

6th. Clear as far as appears, except two instances of accomplishing marriages by the assistance of a priest, and one instance of attending a marriage so accomplished - all which are under care.

7th. Clear as far as appears, except one instance of complying with military requisition by training.

8th. Friends appear to be careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts, and not to extend their business beyond their ability to manage, except two instances noted in regard to promises and debts, and one of ??? ??? extension of business, and some care taken, and also where occasion has been given for fear on these accounts.

9th. It appears that care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our Discipline, except some deficiency mentioned in general

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Terms, in one of the reports, and in regard to seasonal attention, noted in another.

10th They are.

It does not appear that any friend has accepted a part of profit and honor in the government during the past year.

Farmington Quarterly meeting reports \$8.15 taken for a military demand of \$5.75, and that two friends have been imprisoned in the county jail 18 days each, for a demand of 3 dollars each.

Scipio reports our school kept agreeably to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, about 4 months of the past year.

Farmington & Scipio Quarterly Meetings and Pelham Half Year Meeting report they have respectively raised & forwarded to the Treasurer Isaac Lapham, their portion of the 400 dollars directed by this meeting to be raised. The treasurer informed this meeting that Canada Half Year Meeting have also paid their proportion.

The committee appointed at our last sitting on the application from Pelham & Michigan for aid in building meeting houses reported that way did not open at this time to recommend the raising of funds for that purpose. The report was concurred in by this meeting.

The committee appointed last year to give to ur Book of Discipline such revision as might deemed needful, made the following report- viz.

“To the Yearly meeting.

The joint committee appointed last year to examine our present Book of Discipline, and to make such alterations as might appear necessary, have carefully attended to the service, and prepared an essay, which the clerk is directed to lay before the Yearly Meeting.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the committee

Wm T Burling, clerk

Farmington 6 mo 10 1842”

And having proceeded in the consideration of the Book of Discipline to the article on spirituous liquors - then adjourned to 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Sixth- day morning, 17th of the month, the meeting gathered pursuant to adjournment.

Friends proceeded in attention of the remaining parts

Of the discipline as proposed by the committee, and having considered all the alterations proposed, they were, with a few variations, adopted by the meeting, and the whole having concurred in by the women's meeting, this meeting directs that the meeting for sufferings have 400 copies of the book of discipline printed as now revised , draw on our treasurer for the requisite friends to defray the expenses and proportion them among our subordinate meetings, as may be necessary.

It appears by the following report, that the building directed last year to be erected for the accommodation of committees during their sitting of this Yearly meeting has been completed and the expense defrayed.

“To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee appointed by Farmington Quarterly Mg to build a committee house at Farmington report that the house is completed and has cost three hundred thirty three dollars including stoves, and that we have received from Sarah K Pound

Treasurer of the womens meetings \$49 and from the treasurer of our yearly meeting \$284 which makes the amount of the cost of said house.

Signed of behalf of the committee by
Farmington 17th of 6 Mo 1842

Geo Pryor
Gideon Morey
Mary Ann McClintock
Margaret Pryor"

Then adjourned to the hour tomorrow morning.

Seventh morning 18th of the month, about the time adjourned to Friends met.

The committee of the Treasurer's accounts reported that they find a balance in his hands of \$133.30, and they recommend that \$100 be raised for the use of their meeting the ensuing year. They proposed the appointment of Isaac Lapham for Treasurer- all which was united with by this meeting.

An interesting report was received from our committee on the Indian concern furnishing satisfactory evidence that the labors of the committee, in conjunction with committees of New York, Philada & Baltimore Yearly Meetings, have been greatly beneficial, and that the way increasingly opened, as Friends remain feelingly alive to the concern, for

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promoting the advancement of these our fellow beings of Seneca nation in civilisation and moral culture. The sum of \$200 was directed to be raised for the use of that committee in furtherance of their objects and paid to Griffith M Cooper. The meeting also directs that 1000 copies of the Report be printed under the care of the Meeting for suffering, for the use of friends, in the different branches of this Yearly Meeting.

The minutes of the Meeting of Sufferings were now read being satisfactory to this meeting.

Essays and Epistles to our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, & Indiana Yearly meetings being prepared by the committee were approved , and directed to be signed by the clerk and forwarded to their respective destinations.

Having proceeded through the concerns which have come before us, and having experienced renewed evidence of the superintending care and regard of our Heavenly Father, this meeting adjourns, to meet again as the usual time next year, if consistent with the divine will.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th Month to the 16th of the same inclusive 1843

The representatives being called were present except six, for the absence of two of whom indisposition was of s [obscured as the cause. They were John H. Robinson, Oliver Durfee [obscured]

Minutes were now received and read for the following brethren in attendance from New York Yearly Meeting viz.

For David Adams from Marlborough Monthly Meeting held 24th of 5th month, 1843.

For Josiah Hazard, from Cornwall Monthly Meeting held 25th of 5th month.

For Joseph G. Wright, from Saratoga Monthly Meeting held 6th month 6th, 1843.

And also a minute, introduced from the Women's Meeting, for Elizabeth L. Burton from Green Plain Monthly Meeting State of Ohio, held 12th of 4th month, 1843.

Epistles from New York, Philad^a & Ohio Yearly Mgs. were read to our satisfaction, and a minute from Indiana Yearly Meeting informing that way did not open at that time

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[On reviewing the text it would appear the right side of image 40 beginning with "to address Epistles" is a continuation from image 39. On the left side of image 40 is a list of names which may have come from the backside of image 39. Those names are shown directly below this comment.]

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68a Nathaniel Russell, Isaac Post, Reuben Dean, Sunderland P. G. Gardner, Abraham Wilson, John Merritt, John Hussey, Ebenezer L. Wanzer, John Prior, Benjamin Mitchell, Caleb Carmault, Acus Rathbun, Samuel Noxen, James Cooper, Rowland Brown, Joel Hughes, John Watson, Isaac Willson, Cornelius Mills, George Bradshaw, Smith Shotwell, David Elsworth, Joseph Merritt & Rich^d B. Glasier.

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to address Epistles to their brethren of other Yearly Meetings.

To produce to a future sitting, if way should open for it, essays of Epistles to Yearly Meetings in correspondence with this, the following Friends were appointed viz. David Barker, Matthias Hutchinson, Sunderland P. Gardner, Elias De Garmo, Richard B. Glasier, Benjamin Fish, Joseph Merritt, Rowland Brown, Stephen Estes, Daniel Quimby, Pliny Sexton

The representatives were directed to nominate to our next sitting Friends for Clerk & assistant Clerk - Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

Third-day morning, 13th of the month, near the time adjourned to the meeting assembled.

Isaac Post, on behalf of the Representatives, reported, that they have agreed to propose Thomas M'Clintock to serve this meeting as clerk for the present year, and Sunderland P. Gardner as assistant clerk, - which being concurred in by the meeting they were appointed.

Having proceeded in attention to the answers to the Queries to the Sixth Query, inclusive, - adjourned to 11 o'clock on Fifth-day morning next.

Fifth-day morning, 15th of the month, the meeting gathered pursuant to adjournment.

The meeting proceeded in attention to the remaining Queries and Answers. The following Summary was adopted, as embracing the substance of the answers - viz

Answer to the 1st - Most Friends it appears, are careful to attend all our meetings for worship & discipline, yet considerable remissness is apparent, particularly in the attendance of those held near the middle of the week, and one Report states; some of our meetings have not been attended in the middle of the week'. Not clear of sleeping in meetings - No other unbecoming behavior mentioned - and some care taken.

2^d. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes brethren - eight exceptions are noted in the reports. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, and friends are mostly careful to avoid & discourage tale bearing & detraction.

3^d. Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own, and other Friends' children under their care.

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In plainness of speech, behavior, & apparel, but deviations are apparent in many; and endeavors are used by example and precept, to train them up in a life & conversation consistent with our christian profession, and to extend care in these respects towards others under their tuition: but more concern in these particulars is needful.

4th. Clear in the several parts of this Query, as far as appears; except two instances of attending places of diversion, and care taken.

5th. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded & advice given; their children, and others under Friends care, are for the most part instructed in school learning to fit them for business.

6th. Clear, as far as appears, except 8 instances of marriage accomplished by the assistance of a priest, and 10 instances of attending marriages so accomplished - all under care.

7th. Friends appear clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof, except one instance of bearing arms, and one of breach of our testimony not definitely expressed, and both under care.

8th. Friends are mostly careful in performing their promises, and paying their just debts, and not to extend their business beyond their ability to manage; though

deficiencies in these respects are noted in most of the Reports - and some care extended.

9th. It appears that care is generally taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline, though one report mentions, not so seasonably always as would be best.

10th. It is believed they are.

No instance is reported of a friend having accepted a post of profit & honor in the government since last year.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting Reports \$15.75 taken for a military demands amounting to \$9.00 and that one friend has been imprisoned 12 days for a demand of \$3.00; another 10 days for a demand of \$2.00.

Scipio reports our school kept agreeably to the direction of the Yearly Meeting about three months of the past year.

Farmington & Scipio Quarterly Meetings and Canada

Half-year meeting report that they have respectively raised and forwarded as required their proportion of the 300 dollars directed for the use of this meeting and the Indian Committee.

Pelham Half-year meeting informed that they have raised & forwarded \$16.66 for the use of this meeting, and \$23.49 for the use of the Indian Committee.

An acceptable epistle from Baltimore Yearly Meeting was now received and read. It was referred to the Committee on Epistles.

To examine & settle the accounts of our Treasurer, state what sum in their judgment, will be required for this meeting's use the coming year, and nominate to a future sitting a Friend for Treasurer, Isaac Colvin, Gabriel Odell, Jacob Fulton, John Prior, Rowland Brown, John Watson, Cornelius Mills, Elijah Shotwell, Ira Power, and Joseph Merritt were named.

The time for which the members of the Meeting for Sufferings were appointed having expired, the following Friends were separated to produce to a subsequent sitting the names of Friends to compose that Committee the ensuing three years - viz. Hugh Pound, Sunderland P Gardner, John H. Robinson, John Hussey, Mathias Hutchinson, George Dunlap, Sylvanus Brown, James Cooper, David Barker, Isaac Willson, Cornelius Mills, Jacob Zavitz, Richard B. Glasier, Joseph Merritt, & Ira Power.

Three terms also having expired for which the Committee on Indian Concerns stood appointed, the following were named to propose to another sitting Friends for that service - viz. Isaac Post, Jacob Pound, Griffith M. Cooper, Jacob Dickinson, George Dunlap, Caleb Carmalt, Samuel Hughes, Nicholas Brown, David Barker, Jesse Cornell, Smith Shotwell, Samuel P. Cornell, Richard B. Glasier, Joseph Merritt & Ira Power.

The following minute was forwarded by Pelham Half years Meeting in its report - viz.

"The subject of raising money for the use of the Indian Committee, again claiming the attention of this Meeting, it resulted, as formerly, in a general expression that we felt ??? under It, and are united in forwarding the same to our ensuing Yearly

Meeting, with a Request that no further demand for that purpose be made upon this meeting.”

On consideration of the subject the meeting agreed that the request contained in it be granted.

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The following minute from Michigan Quarterly Meeting, coming up in the reports was read - viz.

“This meeting considering the Meeting of Ministers & Elders no longer beneficial to us have discontinued it, and as we cannot feel it a duty to resume that meeting, are desirous of having the Discipline so revised as to make that order no longer obligatory upon us - The Women’s Meeting concurring”.

And the following minute received from the Meeting of Ministers & Elders of this meeting, was also read - viz.

“The minute made last year on the subject relating to the state of that part of society composing the meeting of Ministers and Elders of Michigan Quarterly Meeting. They having laid down said meeting, being now read, Daniel Quimby, as being one of the Committee appointed to visit said Friends, reports that way did not open for any to accompany him in said service, that he had an opportunity in an individual capacity with all of them except one, and with the exception of one Friend they were united in the discontinuance of that Meeting, but not all satisfied with the manner in which said meeting was laid down. This meeting on solid deliberation in the case unite in forwarding the subject for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

Taken from the minutes of the Yearly Mg. of Ministers & Elders, held at Farmington, 6 mo. 15th, 1843. John Watson Clerk.”

On consideration of the whole subject, the meeting concluded to separate a committee to visit, if way open, Michigan Quarterly Meeting, and the meetings composing it, extend such counsel and sympathy as their case may require, and report to our next Yearly meeting. It was also concluded to defer taking other or more specific action on the minute from Michigan until after such report shall have been received. The following Friends were appointed to the service - viz. Isaac Colvin, David Cornell, John Watson, William Clark, Cornelius Mills, Isaac Willson, Samuel Hughes, George Dunlap, Isaac Post, Mathias Hutchinson, Nicholas Brown, Hugh Pound.

Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

Sixth-day morning, 16th of the month, about the time adjourned to Friends met.

A memorial from West Lake Monthly Meeting concerning our deceased friend, James Noxen, being introduced by the Meeting for Sufferings, was read and approved and

was directed to the car of that Awaiting to be recorded.

A report from our Committee on Indian Concerns was read, being very satisfactory to the meeting, affording evidences of the beneficial effects of the labors of Friends in behalf of this interesting and suffering people, and families increasing

encouragement to continue our efforts in extending to them such advice and assistance as their existence may require. The sum of \$150 being needed for the use of the Committee the current year, our subordinate branches. (Pelham & Michigan excepted;) were directed to raise that amount and forward it to Griffith M. Cooper.

The committee to whom the subject was referred reported the following Friends to compose the Committee on the Indian Concern during the usual term of three years - they were approved by the meeting - viz. Griffith M. Cooper, Isaac Post, John H. Robinson, Jacob Pound, Martin Davis, Erastus Hanchett, Edwin Ewer, Pliny Sexton, Charles Frost, Benjamin Fish, Oliver Durfee, Durfee Herendeen, Edward Henderson, Joseph Sheldin, William Gatchel, Elihu Durfee, Elisha Freeman, Elias Doty, Tho. M'Clintock, George Pryor, Webster Loring, Elias deGarmo, Stephen Sheir?, Seth Bosworth, Mathias Hutchinson, John Prior, John Hussey, George Dunlap, Daniel Sisson, Samuel Hughes, Jacob Fulton, John Sheppard, Nicholas Brown, Eliza M. Cooper, Hannah Colvin, Anna Clark, Amy Post, Margaret Brown, Margaret Pryor, Elizabeth Prior, Charlotte Mitchel, Ann Pound, Eliza Burling, Phebe Frost, Hannah Hutchinson, Judith Robinson, Sarah D. Fish, Elizabeth Baker, Mary Alsop, Judith P. Russell, Mary A. White, Olive David, Anna Marie Cornell, Susan R. Doty, William S. Burling.

The minutes of the Meeting for sufferings were read. The proceedings of that Committee during the past year, were satisfactory to the meeting.

The committee appointed to propose Friends to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings, during the ensuing term of three years proposed the following, who were united with, viz. Walter White and zak Wilbur also added - viz. Sunderland P. Gardner, Rowland Brown, John H. Robinson, Isaac Post, W^m. S. Burling, Pliny Sexton, Abram Wilson, Isaac Lapham, Gabriel Odell, Elias DeGarmo, Charles Frost, David Barker, Mathias Hutchinson, John Hussey, George Dunlap, John Prior, John Watson, Samuel Hughes, Isaac Willson, Cornelius Mills, Smith Shotwell, David Cornell, Ira Power, Joseph Merritt, Oliver Durfee, James Haight, Hugh Pound, Walter White,

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Ezak Wilbur, Sarah K. Pound, Eliza M. Cooper, Anna H. Allen, Deborah Bunker, Margaret Brown, Bathsheba Brown, Sarah Sheppard, Elizabeth Prior, Lavinia Russell, Deborah Quimby, Mary Alsop, Eliza Burling, Ann Post, Ann Pound, Lucy Durfee, Mary Post.

The committee appointed to examine & settle the Treasurer's accounts and propose a friend for Treasurer made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting; and Isaac Lapham named in it for Treasurer was united with and appointed to that service for the ensuing year - viz.

"The committee to settle with the Treasurer find a balance in his hands of \$64.80 - and think it will not be necessary to raise any money this year. It also proposed Isaac Lapham for Treasurer.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Farmington 16th of 5th mo. 1843.

Cornelius Mills

The committee separated at a former sitting to essay Epistles to meetings in correspondence with this, if way should open, - now reported that way has not opened to bring forward any Epistles at this time - with which the meeting uniting the Committee was discharged. The clerk was directed to forward the substance of this minute to the several Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

Having been favored, we trust, in conducting the business which has come before us; to witness renewedly the extension of Divine aid - we now separated, to meet again at the usual time next year, if the Lord permit.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 10th of the 10th of the 6th month to the 14th of the same inclusive 1844

The representatives from the quarterly and Half Years Meetings being called, were present except six friends, for the absence of two of whom reasons were assigned. They were Nathaniel Russel, John H. Robinson, Edwin Ewer, Pliny Sexton, Gabriel Odell, Asa Wilson, Ezek Wilber, Acus Rathbun, John Merritt, Cornelius Weeks, Stephen Bogardus, Rupel Frost, Samuel Jenney, Ephraim Arnold, Samuel Noxon, John Cooper, Richard B. Mordon, Caleb Stigny, Samuel Hughes, Rowland Brown, Isaac Mills, Isaac Willson, Elijah Shotwell, Smith Shotwell, Charles Hill, Barton Durfee, Jacob Walton, Jun. and Joseph Merritt.

The following minutes from brethren in attendance with us from other Yearly Meetings were read viz;

For Andrew? Dorland, a minister from Saratoga Monthly Meeting held 6th of 5th mo 1844

For Caleb Barker, an elder, from Oswego Monthly Meeting held 15th of 5th mo 1844

For Richard Brotherton, an elder, from Hardwick and Randolph Monthly Meeting held 6th mo. 6th

For John Hallock, a minister from Honey Creek . Monthly . Meeting State of Indiana, held 10th of 9th mo 1842

Epistles were received and read in this meeting from our brethren of the Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Ohio, to essay epistles, if way should open, to these, and the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, the following friends were names, viz: John Watson, Benjamin Renouf, Sunderland P Gardner, Samuel Hance?, William S. Burling, Caleb Carmalt, Joel Hughes, John Mott, Cornelius Mills, Jonathan Noxon, Josiah Letchworth, Pliny Sexton, George Dunlap and John Hussey.

Minutes were received from women's meeting and read for the following women friends now attending this Yearly Meeting viz;

For Ruth Pyle, a minister from London Grove . Monthly . Meeting Chester County Pennsylvania, held 10th of 4th mo 1844, endorsed by the Western Quarterly Meeting held 4th mo 23d 1844

For Rachel Barker, a minister from Oswego Monthly . Meeting . held 15th of 5th mo 1844.

For Rachael Hicks Jun, a minister, from Westbury . Monthly . Meeting held 15th of 5th mo 1844.

The representatives were directed to nominate to our next sitting Friends for clerk and assistant clerk then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

Third day morning = 11th of the month about the time adjourned to friends assembled.

Arcus Rathbun on behalf of the representatives, reported that they had united in proposing Sunderland P Gardner for clerk to this meeting the present year and Caleb Carmalt for assistant clerk which being united with they are appointed accordingly.

Canada Half Year meeting informs that David B. Hill has appealed from the decision of that meeting in his case, the following friends appointed to give the necessary attention to the subject and report to a future sitting of this meeting viz;

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Hugh Pound, John H. Robinson, Reuben Dean, Isaac Post, George Dunlap, Josiah Letchworth, John Merit, John Prior, Isaac Wilson, Cornelius Hills, Elijah Shotwell, Smith Shotwell, Jacob Walton, Barton Durfee, Joseph Merit & John Mott.

A Satisfactory epistle was now received and read from Indiana Yearly Meeting, and referd to the committee on epistles.

Having proceeded the answers to the queries the following summary is adopted as descriptive of the present state of society. Viz;

1st Except two instances noted in one of the reports all our meetings for worship and dicipline have been attended; those held on first days by friends pretty generaly - Those held near the middle of the week & for dicipline are neglected by many. The hour nearly observed, not altogether clear of sleeping in meeting, and some other unbecoming intimated on two of the reports. Some care taken in regard to deficiencies.

2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained in good degree as becomes brethren, except 12 instances reported and mostly under care, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction nearly avoided and discouraged as far as appears.

3d Some friends appear careful in the observance of the several parts of this query, but on the part of many a manifest neglect appears.

4th Clear in the several parts of this query, as far as appears, except Six instances of attending places of diversion & some care taken, and one report notes one instance of partaking of spirituous liquors as a beverage, and another says "Friends do not all avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage" and some use of cider excepted in another report.

5th The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance, have been inspected and some relief afforded. Their children & all others under our care are mostly in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

6th Clear, as far as appears, except one instance of a marriage accomplished by a priest & 8 instances of countenancing a hireling ministry by attending marriages so

accomplished and two instances of countenancing a hireling ministry by attending their meetings

7th Friends appear clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof except one instance of compliance with military requisitions, and four of paying fines in lieu of personal military service & other cases acknowledged but not enumerated in another report, and all under care

8th Instances are noted in several of the reports of failure in the performance of promises or payment of just debts, and one of extending business beyond ability to manage - Otherwise Friends appear careful in regard to the requisitions of this query.

9th Care appears to be generally taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeably to our discipline; though two accounts say, not always so seasonably as would be best.

10th It is believed they are.

The following friends are appointed to examine and settle the treasurers accounts name what sum it will be proper to raise the ensuing year and propose the name of a friend for treasurer viz: Joseph M Howland, Russel Frost, Sylvanus Brown, Merit Palmer, & Joseph Walton.

Then adjourned to meet at 11 o'clock on 5th day morning of this week

Fifth day morning, 13th of the month, about the time adjourned to friends assembled

A report from our committee on Indian concerns was read being satisfactory to the meeting, affording evidence that the labours of friends in half of this suffering people have been beneficial to them, which they gratefully acknowledge and furnishing encouragement to continue our efforts in extending to them such advice and assistance as their exigences require. The sum of \$100. Being needed for the use of the committee the current year our subordinate branches are requested to raise by voluntary subscription such sum as they feel free to and pay it to Griffeth M Cooper and report.

The friends appointed on the appeal of David B. Hill from Canada half year meeting made the following report viz;

"We have attend to the subject, and after a due explanation of the circumstances of the case, and a free interchange of sentiment, the committee were agreed that the judgement of the Half Year Meeting in his case ought to be confirmed

Signed on behalf of the committee by

John H Robinson 11

With which this meeting unites and confirms the judgement of that meeting accordingly John Cooper, Steward Christy and George Thomas are appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting and report.

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Application being made by Michigan Quarterly Meeting for the sum of \$250. To assist friends in building a meeting house at Livonia. To take the subject into consideration and report to a future sitting of this meeting the following friends are appointed viz; Charles Frost, Griffeth M Cooper, Isaac Colvin, John Merit, John Prior, John Sering, Samuel Hughes, Rowland Brown, George Thomas, Isaac Willson, Elijah Shotwell, Merit Palmer, Bartion Durfee, John Mott & Joseph Meritt.

No instance is reported of a friend having accepted of any post of profit or honor in government since last year.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting reports \$60. And Canada Half Year Meeting \$25. For the same purpose.

It appears that friends have suffered by distraint of property on account of military demands during the past year to the amount of \$74.02 ½

Scipio reports one school dept about five months of the past year agreeably to the direction of the dicipline

There being a deficiency of \$5. In the sum directed raised last year for the Indian concern the treasurer of this meeting is directed to pay that amount to Griffeth M Cooper.

John Watson and William S. Burling are appointed to assist the clerks in embodying the exercises and such part of the business of this meeting as they believe will be interesting to friend generally and report to a future sitting that it may god down with the extracts to to the subordinate meetings.

A memorial of Rochester Monthly Meeting concerning our friend Joseph Albertson deceased being introduced from the meeting for sufferings was read, approved and directed endorsed and refered to the care of that meeting

Then adjourned to meet at 11 Oclock tomorrow morning.

Sixth day morning 14th of the month about the time adjourned to friends met

The friends appointed last year to visit, if way opened Michigan Quarterly Meeting and the meetings composing it make the following report Viz;

The committee apointed to the car of Michigan Quarterly Meeting have attended to their appointment and several of their number have visited that meeting and some of the meetings constituting it, and although they feel much exercise and sympathy for the friends of that meeting, yet they do generally regret the course that that meeting has adopted which we fear is calculated to be verry injurious to the prosperity of truth among them they still persisting in their former measures. We do however submit to the meeting that propriety of continueing the subject under the care of the Yearly Meeting another year.

Elizabeth Prior
Samuel Hughes
George Dunlap
Cornelius Mills
John Watson
Judith P Russel.

Which being satisfactory to the meeting was united with and the subject is accordingly continued under the care of this meeting. The committee released, and the proposition from that meeting for our alteration of discipline is also deferred until next year.

The committee to examine and settle the treasurers accounts &c reported as follows Viz;

The committee to settle with the Treasurer of this meeting have attended to their appointment, and find in his hands fifty Six dollars fifty five cents. It is the judgement of the committee that there will be no more money wanted for the use of the Meeting the present year - and propose Isaac Lapham for treasurer, Signed on behalf of the committee by

Russel Frost

With which this meeting unites and Isaac Lapham named in it for treasurer was united with and appointed to that service for one year -

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The committee to take into consideration the request from Michigan for \$250. Towards building a meeting house at Livonia reported as follows viz;

"The committee appointed to consider of and propose to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of raising \$250. To assist friends in Michigan to build a meeting house - All present except two - After a time of free discussion it resulted in proposing to the Yearly Meeting to direct our subordinate meetings to open voluntary subscriptions for that purpose.

Signed on behalf of the committee

John Prior"

The report was approved by the meeting and directed down to the observance of our subordinate meetings, and those meetings are directed to pay the amount raised to this meetings treasurer.

Essays of epistles to the yearly meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana being produced by the committee were approved and the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting and forward them to their respective destinations.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were read and tis proceedings the past year were satisfactory to the meeting.

A memorial of William S Burling adopted by Scipio Monthly Meeting and approved by Scipio Quarterly Meeting concerning Jonathan Green deceased being introduced from the meeting for sufferings was read approved and directed to the care of that meeting.

As one from Hickory Grove Monthly Meeting approved by Michigan Quarterly Meeting concerning Jonathan Norton deceased which was read approved and directed to the care of the meeting for sufferings.

Having been favoured to transact the business of this meeting during its several sittings in a good degree of harmony and brotherly condensation we now adjourn to meet at the usual time next year it be consistent with the divine will.

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 9th of 6th mo to the 14th of the same inclusive 1845.

The representatives from our Quarterly and Half year meetings being called are all present but six and reasons assigned for the absence of same. They are Sunderland P Gardner, Esak Wilber, John H Robinson, Joseph ???, Joseph ???, Charles Frost, William S Burling, Elihu Durfee, Edwin ???, Jacob Dickinson, Joseph Eldrige, ??? ???, ??? ???, Russel Frost, Richard B. Glasier, Elijah Quimby, John Mott, Washington Weeks?, David Barker, Richard ??? Morden, John Wilson, Rowland Brown, Stephen White, Joseph Hazard, Meritt Palmer, Joseph Willson, George Saur?, and Smith Shotwell.

The following minutes from friends in attendance from other yearly meetings were read viz:

For Benjamin Estes a minister from Lauren Monthly Meeting held at Lauren 30th of 4th mo 1845

For Samuel Reese, a minister from Peru Monthly Meeting held 24th of 4th mo 1845

For Samuel Comfort a minister from ??? monthly Meeting Bucks county Penn; held 4th mo 12th 1845 endorsed by Bucks Quarterly Meeting held 29th of 5th mo 1845

For Enos Montross a minister from Coeymans Monthly Meeting held at New Baltimore 23d of 4th mo 1845

For Aden Seamon a minister ??? Jerico Monthly Meeting held 15th of 5th mo 1845

Epistles from Newyork, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana were read to our satisfaction and encouragement to essay answers to which if way opens the following friends are appointed viz

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John Watson, Abram Wilson?, Nicholas Brown, Thomas McIntock, Caleb Carmault. Pliny Sexton, William S Burling, Freeman Clark, Isaac Colvin, Samuel Hughes?, John Merrit?, Joseph Head?, Joseph Hazard, John Noxon, ??? G Barker, and Richard B Glasier

The Representatives are requested to propose to the next sitting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk to this meeting the present year;

Adjourned to meet at eleven Oclock tomorrow morning,

Third day morning 10th of the month about the time adjourned to friends assembled

John Watson on behalf of the representatives proposed Sunderland P Gardner for clerk the present year and Caleb Carmalt? For assistant clerk who being separately considered and united with are appointed to those services accordingly

Having gone through the answers to the queries, we adopt the following summary as descriptive of the present state of society.

1st Answer, Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, while a manifest neglect appears in others especially in the middle of the week, and two accounts state a neglect to considerable extent in attending meetings for discipline; the hour pretty well observed, not all clear of sleeping in meetings, two instances of unbecoming behavior noted, and care taken in some of the above deficiencies.

2nd, Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes brethren except ten instances which are under care. When differences arise care is taken to end them; talebearing and detraction not so freely avoided and discouraged in all cases as would be best,

3d Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness as queried after, although deviations are apparent; and we believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, a care is extended towards others under tuition.

4th They do except two accounts that the use of intoxicating Liquors as a beverage not altogether avoided and eight instances of attending places of diversion and care taken.

5th The circumstances of the poor and those who appear likely to require assistance have been attended and some relief afforded except in two instances. The children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

6th It appears there are eight instances of countenancing a hireling ministry by attending marriages accomplished by the assistance of a priest and care expressed in seven of them.

7th Clear except two instances of attending training? One of paying a military find and two of complying with military requisitions in some way and some care taken.

8th It appears that friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay they just debts, there are five instances of not performing promises and paying just debts and care taken, and two instances of not paying debts as seasonable as is desired, none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

9th We believe care has been taken to deal with offenders Mostly in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline, three accounts say not so seasonable as would be best.

10th They are

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Farmington Quarterly meeting reports \$55.96 to assist friends in building a meeting house at Livonia Michigan, and \$41.67 for the use of the Indian committee.

Scipio reports \$21.69 to assist friends in building a meeting house at Livonia Michigan, and \$26.05 cts for the use of the Indian committee.

Canada Half Year Meeting reports 2 M 407 ½ pence to assist friends in building a meeting house in Michigan.

It does not appear that any friend has accepted of any post of profit or honor in government during the past year.

Property to the amount of \$7.00 has been taken for a military demand of \$1.00.

Rowland Brown, Nathan Dennis, David Mitchel, Washington Weeks and Nathaniel Russel are appointed to examine and settle the treasurers accounts report what sum they believe it will be necessary to raise for this meetings use the present year and propose the name of a friend as? Treasurer and report to a future sitting of this meeting.

Adjournment to meet at 11 Oclock on 5th day morning of this week.

Fifth day morning 12th of the month ??? the time adjourned to friends met.

Minutes were received from the women's meeting and read for the following women friends now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings viz;

For Elizabeth Comfort a minister from Falls Monthly Meeting Bucks County Pennsylvania held 4th mo 12th 1845

For Betsey Wright from Cincinnati Monthly

Meeting Ohio held 24th of the 4th mo 1845

For Lydia E. Mott a minister from Cincinnati Monthly Meeting Ohio held 20th of 3d mo 1845

Farmington Quarterly meeting informed that it [unreadable] assistance of the yearly meeting, George Dunlap, John Meritt, Samuel Hughs, John Watson, Jacob Zavitz, ??? Shotwell, Elijah Quimby and Washington Weeks are appointed to give the necessary attention to the subject and report.

The subject concerning Michigan Quarterly Meeting deferred last year now coming under consideration and no way appeared to take ??? upon it. It is left under the care of the meeting, women friends concurring.

Adjourned to meet at 11 Oclock tomorrow morning

Sixth day morning 18th of the month friends assembled

The minutes of the Meeting for sufferings were now read the proceedings of that meeting the past year were satisfactory to this meeting.

The subject of slavery was introduced into this meeting and the exercise upon it resulted in appointing a committee in conjunction with women friends to prepare a memorial to Congress upon that subject if way should open and report to our next sitting. They are Hugh Pound, John H. Robinson, Thomas McIntock, John Mott, Richard Searing, Elias Degarmo, John Watson, Griffith M Cooper, ??? Rathbun, Pliny Sexton, Sunderland P Gardner, Joseph Head?, Elijah Shotwell, Cornelius Mills, George Prior, Richard B. Glazier and Joseph Meritt

A report of the committee on Indian concerns was made to this meeting setting forth their proceedings during the past year which are satisfactory to the meeting and the sum of \$100, being needed to carry out the measures already in

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Progress and fulfil the obligations already incurred, our subordinate meetings instructed to open voluntary subscriptions respectively for that purpose and pay the amount raised to Pliny Sexton and report

Adjourned to ten O'clock tomorrow morning

Seventh day morning 14th of the month about the time adjourned to friends assembled

The committee appointed to settle with the treasurer made the following report viz.

"The committee appointed to settle with the treasurer have attended to the appointment and find due the meeting \$43.55 cts. We think no money need be raised this year

6th mo 12th 1845

Signed on behalf of the committee

Washington Weeks"

which was united with. They also propose Isaac Lapham for treasurer the present year which also being united with he is appointed to that service accordingly

The friends appointed last year to inform David B Hill of judgement of the yearly meeting in his case report the service performed.

The proposition of Michigan Quarterly Meeting for an alteration of discipline deferred last year now coming under conversation it is agreed to defer it another year.

The committee appointed yesterday to take into consideration the ??? ??? ??? on the subject of slavery ??? an essay of memorial for the Senate and house of Representatives, which was adopted ??? the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of this meeting, and it is referred to the care of the meeting for sufferings.

A memorial concerning our deceased friend Lydia Richards adopted by Friendsville Monthly Meeting in the State of Pennsylvania approved by Scipio Quarterly Meeting was laid before this meeting by the meeting for sufferings which was read

Approved and redirected to the care of that meeting.

The committee on epistles reported an essay to ??? of the following yearly Meeting Viz. New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio [unreadable] the clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting and forward them.

The clerk is directed to inform Ohio Yearly Meeting of the reception? Of their very excellent epistle and that way does not open at this time to ??? one to them.

Having gone through with the business of the meeting we trust in a measure of brotherly condescension we now adjourn to meet at the usual time next year if the Lord permit.

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At Genesee Yearly meeting of Friends held at Farmington ??? ??? from the 15th of the 6th Mo to the 20th of the same inclusive 1846

The representatives being called are all present but four and reasons assigned for the absence of three of them. Their names are Elias DeGarmo, Walter White, Asa Kitson?, Isaac Colvin, Joseph Head, Ezek Wilber, Cornelius Weeks, Josiah Thompson, Stephen Bogardus, Acus? Rathbun, Jonathan Arnold, Joseph Watson, Nathan Noxon, Rowland Brown, Stephen White, Henry B Cooper, Caleb B Stickey, Jacob Zavitts, Smith Shotwell, Cornelius Mills, Samuel P Cornell, Isaac Wilson, Richard B. Glazier, Joseph Meritt, John Mott and Jacob Tollen.

The following minutes for friends in attendance at this time from other Yearly Meeting were read viz:

For Asa Hoag a minister from Boston Monthly Meeting held 14th of 5th mo 1846

For Aron E. Macy a minstre from Hudson Monthly Meeting held 2nd of 4th mo 1846, endorsed by Stanford Quarterly Meeting held at Creek 8th of 4th mo 1846

For Edwin W. Green a minister from Laurens Monthly Meeting held 29th of 10th mo 1845 endorsed by Duanesburgh Quarterly Meeting held 13th of 11th mo 1845

For William B Heer? An elder from Fairfax Monthly Meeting Virginia held 13th of 11th mo 1846

For Samuel Keese a minister from Peru Monthly Meeting held 23d of 4th mo 1846 endorsed by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting held 7th of 5th mo 1846

??? ??? epistles were received and read from the following yearly Meetings viz. New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana to essay answers to which if way opens and produce to a future sitting of this meeting the following friends are appointed viz. John Watson, Thomas McClintock, Esek Wilber, John Mott W^m S. Burling, John Serring, David Barker, John Prior, Meritt Palmer, Cornelius Mills, Rowland Brown, Caleb Carmalt, Sunderland P Gardner, Griffeth M Cooper.

The following minutes from other Yearly Meetings for women friends in attendance at this time were read viz:

For Meriam Gover? A minister from Fairfax, Monthly meeting held the 13th of 5th mo 1846 endorsed by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting Frederick County Virginia the 18th of 5th mo: 1846

For Susan Walker an elder from Fairfax Monthly Meeting held 13th of 5th mo. 1846

To consider of and propose to a subsequent sitting the names of suitable friends to compose the meeting for sufferings. The following friends are appointed viz Sunderland P Gardner, Benjamin Renouf?, Elias DeGarmo, Stephen Bogardus, John Meritt, Joseph Estes, Samuel Hughs, Joseph Hazzard, David Barker, Elijah Shotwell, Jesse Cornell, Cornelius Mills, Joseph Meritt, John Mott, and Richard B Glazier

To propose names of friends to compose the committee on Indian concerns the following friends are appointed viz: Joseph Thorn, John H Robinson, Reuben Dean, Richard Learing, Ephraim Harold, John Prior, John Watson, Rowland Brown, Silyanus Brown, Isaac Wilson, Freeman Clark, Meritt Palmer, Richard B. Glazier, Joseph Meritt and John Mott.

The following friends are appointed to examine and settle the treasurers accounts and ascertain what sum will be necessary for this meetings use, the present year, and propose the name of a friend for treasurer to this meeting Viz: Isaac Colvin, George Dunlap, Caleb B. Stickney, Jacob Zavitts & Joseph Meritt.

The representatives are requested to propose to next sitting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk to this meeting this year.

Adjourned to meet at the 11th hour tomorrow morning

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Third day morning 16th of the month friends assembled

The representatives report that they were united in proposing Sunderland P Gardner for clerk and Caleb Carmalt for assistant clerk who being separately considered were united with and appointed to those services for the present year.

Having proceeded in the consideration of the state of society as set forth in the answers to the queries as far as the 6th query inclusive we now adjourn to meet at the 11th hour on 5th day morning of this week.

5th day morning 18th of the month about the time adjourned to friends assembled

The meeting proceeded in attention the remaining queries and answers. The following summary was adopted as embracing the substance of the answers viz:

Ans 1st. Most friends appear ??? to attend all our meetings for worship and dicipline, although there is a manifest neglect in many, more particularly in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in meetings, two ??? to unbecoming behaviour ??? some care taken in the deficiencies ???

Ans 2nd. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes Brethren, except five instances and some care taken [unreadable] to be mostly avoided and [unreadable]

Ans 3d. Most friends appear to be careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and they endeavour to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our religious profession, yet it is evident that there are many deficient as regards the observance of the most of this query and some care taken. It does not appear that

There has been any particular neglect of care towards others under tuition

Ans 4th. They do, except four instances of [unreadable] intoxicating Liquors as a beverage, one of frequenting taverns and four of attending places of diversion and care taken.

Ans 5th It does not appear that there is any neglect of the poor or their children and others under [unreadable] to get school learning to fit them for Business.

Ans 6th It appears that four marriages have been accomplished of the assistance of a priest, and four instances of attending marriages accomplished by the assistance of a priest, and two of attending meetings where hirelings officiate and some care taken.

Ans 7th Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lieu there of as far as appears.

Ans 8th It appears that there have been two instances of public failure, seven of not fulfilling promises and six of not paying just debts and some deficiency in not seasonably paying debts.

Ans 9th Care has been taken in most cases to deal with offenders seasonably in meekness and agreeably to discipline.

Ans 10th They are

It does not appear that any friend has accepted of a post of profit or honor in government since last year. And no suffering on account of military requisitions has been reported.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting reports \$35.83 for the use of the committee on Indian concerns.

Scipio	27.77
Canada 4£. 6S. 10P	17.85
Michigan	1.00

It appears by the extracts [unreadable]

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Acus Rathbun, John Bede;;, John Prior, Caleb B Stigney, George Thomas, Nathan Dennis, Isaac Wilson, Cornelius Mills, Jacob Zavitz, Richard B Glazier, John Mott, Joseph Meritt.

It appears that friends understand that clause of articles? ??? ??? to the extent of the privilege of appellants ??? ??? ??? appointed on a committee in their cases the following friends are appointed to take the subject into consideration and report their judgment in that particular [unreadable] Viz: Hugh Pound, John H Robinson, Abram Wilson, George Dunlap, Richard Searing, Stephen Bogardus, David Barker, Samuel Hughes, Rowland Brown, Elijah ???. Freeman Clark, Solomon Loun?, Richard B Glazier, John Mott & Joseph Merit.

A satisfactory report of the committee on Indian concerns was ??? showing that the labor and care of friends on their behalf has been instrumental in improving their domestic condition and elevating the standard of morality among them, and the sum of \$100 being needed for the use of the committee the current year, our subordinate meetings are requested to raise their respective proportion of that sum and pay to the treasurer of the Indian committee.

The committee appointed at a former sitting to propose names of friends to compose the committee on Indian concerns, reported the following who being considered are united with and they are appointed to that service for three years viz: Elisha Freeman, Pliny Sexton, Charles Frost, John H Robinson, Nathaniel Russel, Joseph Sherwood, William S. Burling, Griffith M Cooper, John Searing, George Dunlap, John Meritt, John Prior, Stephen Bogardus, John Watson, Nicholas Brown, Rowland Brown, David Barker, Meritt Palmer, Cornelius Mills, Isaac Wilson, Solomon Doan, John Mott, Richard B. Glazier, Joseph Meritt, Martha Ferris, Phebe Frost, Anna Clark, Mary

A White, Judith P Russel, Mary Freeman, Eliza Wanzer, Mary Alsop, Elizabeth Prior, Mary Meritt, Lydia Arnold, Sarah D. Sering, Margaret Brown, Ann Watson, Elizabeth Dennis, Eliza Cronk, Wealthy Ann Palmer, Catharine Zavitts, Elizabeth Zavitts

The committee also to propose friends to compose the meeting for sufferings report the following who being considered were united with and appointed as a representative committee for three years viz; William S Burling, Sunderland P Gardner, Benjamin Renouf, Edwin Ewer, Walter Wight, John H Robinson, Abram Wilson, Joseph Head; Edward Herendeen, Elias DeGarmo, William Clark, Esek Wilber, James Haight, Seth W. Bosworth, Isaac Lapham, Samuel Brown, Reuben Eves, Charles Frost, Stephen Borgardus, John Searning, Richard Searning, John Meritt, John Prior, George Dunlap, Rowland Brown, David Barker, Samuel Hughes, John Wilson, Nicholas Brown, Joseph Hazard, Elijah Shotwell, Jacob Zavitts, Cornelius Mills, Freeman Clark, Jessie Cornell, Isaac Wilson, John Mott, Joseph Meritt, Richard B Glazier, Rhoda DeGarmo, Phebe Frost, Mary Frost, Mary U Post, Sarah B Pound, Susan P Doty, Caroline Renouf, Mary A White, Abigail Wilson, Catharine Zavitts, Elizabeth Zavitts, Eliza Wanzer, Sarah D Searning, Elizabeth Prior, Margaret Brown, Anna A. W. Hughes, Eliza Cronk, Anna Watson, Elizabeth Dennis, Matilda Mills

Adjournment to meet at 11 oclock tomorrow morning

Third day morning 14th of the month friends assembled

The committee appointed yesterday on Eliab W Cooper's appeal made the following report Viz;

"We the committee on the appeal of Eliab W Cooper have examined the minutes of the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and have weightily considered them and are united in confirming the judgement of those meetings

Farmington 6th mo 18th 1846

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Cornelius Mills"

Which was united with and the judgement [sic] of those meetings confirmed, Daniel Quinby and Henry Case are appointed to inform him of the conclusion of this meeting and report next year

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The subject refered last year with respect to disconuing [sic] the meeting of ministers and elders of Michigan Quarterly Meeting together with a minute from that Meeting on the same subject now coming under consideration resulted in the appointment of a committee in conjunction with women friends to visit that Quarterly Meeting on that subject and report their judgement upon it, and propose such a course as they may believe most proper for this meeting to pursue viz; Jacob Dickinson, Jonathan Soul?, Joseph Shu???, John Prior, Edwin Ewer, Elias DeGarmo, Benjamin Renouf, Charles Frost, John Watson, John H Robinson, Josiah Thompson, Walter White, John Searning, Gabriel Odell, Joseph Head, Stephen Bogardus, Elijah Shotwell, Nathaniel Russel, Oliver Mitchel, David Barker, Freeman Clark, Sunderland P Gardner, Webster Laing, Samuel Hughes.

Adjourned to meet at 10 O'Clock tomorrow morning.

Seventh day morning 20th of the month about the time adjourned to friends assembled

The friends appointed to settle with the treasurer made the following report viz;

"We have settled with the treasurer and find \$43.55 in his hands. We propose for the Yearly Meeting to raise ----- for its use, and Isaac Lapham for treasurer the ensuing year 6th mo 18th 1846

On behalf of the committee

Isaac Colvin"

Which was satisfactory and Isaac Lapham named in it for treasurer is appointed to that service for one year.

It is concluded that it will be necessary to raise \$100 for this meetings use the current year our subordinate meetings are requested to raise these respective proportion of that sum by voluntary subscription and pay it to the treasurer of this meeting.

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings now being read the proceedings of that meeting during the past year were satisfactory to the meeting.

The committee appointed to give an explanation of a certain clause of discipline made the following report viz;

We have attended to the appointment and are of the opinion Judgement that it is the meaning of that clause of discipline that the meeting shall have the prerogative to sustain the nomination when the objection appears to them unreasonable.

Signed on behalf of the committee

Samuel Hughes

Rhoda De Garmo

Which was adopted and is to be directed down to the observance of our subordinate meetings if united with by women friends next year

The committee to prepare epistles to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond if way opened reported essays which were read and with a few corrections approved. The clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of this meeting and forward them

A memorial concerning our deceased friend Elijah Pound was received from the meeting for sufferings which was read approved and directed back to the care of that meeting

The friends appointed last year to give advice and assistance to Farmington Quarterly Meeting by their request report the appointment answered.

After a period of solemn, impressive silence, in which peace harmony and love were comfortably felt, the meeting adjourned to convene again at the appointed time next year if constant? with the divine will

The following minute was received from Michigan Quarterly Meeting viz;

"This meeting being afresh? Introduced into an exercise on the subject of the discontinuance of our select meet as now before the Yearly Meeting feel most easy to

say we still love our friends & desire to appreciate the blessing of an outward gospel order,

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Amoud [sic] us. And may the Yearly Meeting so enter into our condition and into our feeling, as to make way for our relief on this subject so as not in any wise to result in a breach or diminution of that Gospel love & gospel order so desirable to be maintained in our religious society.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 14th of the 6th month to the 18th of the Same inclusive 1847

The Representatives from the Quarterly and Half year's Meeting being called, were all present except Six - for the absence of one a reason was assigned. - Their names are.

Thomas Labey - Samuel Brown - Joseph Head
Zachariah Shotwell - William S. Burling, Joseph Thorn
Walter White - David Mitchell - Caleb Manchester -
Jacob K. Sutton - John Prior - Wells Rathbun -
Caleb Carmalt - Nicholas Aenliar? - Stephen White
John Watson - Rowland Brown - Cornelius White
Samuel Noxon - Daniel Mills - Smith Shotwell
Abner Chan?, Freeman Clark - Joseph Wilson -
Joseph Merritt - Jonathan Hamed?, Richard B. Glazier -
Jacob Volland and Washington Weeks. -

The following minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meeting, were now read viz: -

One for Joseph Mosher from Allen Creek Monthly Meeting held at Whetstone, in the State of Ohio - (a branch of Indiana) yearly meeting the 20. Of 5 mo: 1847 -

One from the Same meeting held at the same time for Robert Mosher, a member -

One for Enos Montross a minister, from Coeyman's Monthly meeting held at New Baltimore 21. Of 4 mo: 1847 And endorsed by Duanesburg Quarter held at Coeyman's the 20 of the 5. Month 1847. -

One for Joseph Gurney, a minister; from Coeyman's Monthly Meeting held at the same time as the last, and endorsed in like manner by Duanesburgh Quarter, held as above on the 20. Of 5 mo. 1847. -

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Epistles from the yearly meetings of New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and ohio were rec^d. and read; also an address from a Committee of the last named Yearly Meeting upon the Subject of Slavery - To essay answer to their Annual Communications and Report what disposition it would be best to make of the address

upon the Subject of Slavery - And also to prepare an essay of an Epistle to the Yearly Meeting of Indiana, if way should open the following Committee was appointed viz. - John Watson - William S Burling - Freeman Clark
John Searing - Caleb Cammalt - Abraham Wilson -
Thomas McClintock - Benjamin Renouf - Samuel Hughes
Jacob Vollar - Joseph Head - Nicholas Brown

The Friends appointed last year to inform Eliab W. Coprow? [Cooper] of the conclusion of this meeting in his case, inform the service performed. -

The following friends are appointed to examine and settle the Treasurers a/c - to name what sum they believe it necessary to raise for the use of the yearly meeting this year - And the name of a friend for treasurer they are directed to report to a future sitting. - viz. -

Charles Frost - Nathaniel Russell - David Mitchel - George Dunlap - Stephen White - Nathan Dennis - Joseph Wilson - Jacob Zavitts - Washington Weeks - and Joseph Merritt. -

The Reports from Farmington Quarterly meeting States that that meeting has a Subject before it, in which it requests the advice of the Yearly Meeting: the following Friends are appointed to give such attention thereof as may be necessary and report to this meeting next year. Viz. - George Dunlap - Cornelius Weeks - John Watson - Stephen White - Jonathan Noxon - Elijah Shotwell - Abner Chan? - Joseph Wilson - Joseph Merritt - Washington Weeks - Jacob Volland - David Mitchell -

The Representatives being requested to propose to our next Sitting the name of a friend to Serve this meeting as clerk And one for Assistant Clerk. -

Then adjourned to the 11 hour tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 15. Of the month about the time adjourned to Friends Met.

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Richard B. Glazier on behalf of the Representatives Reported that they had concluded to propose the name of Caleb Carmalt for Clerk. And John Watson for assistant Clerk - their names being Separately considered were united with, and they appointed to the Service for the present year. -

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The meeting proceeded to the examination of the State of Society as exhibited in the Reports from the quarters - The following Summary of the Answers to the queries is believed to be nearly descriptive of our present State viz: -

Answer to the 1: Query - most friends appear Careful to attend our religious meetings for worship and discipline - but those held near the middle of the week are rejected by many. The hour is generally observed - Not entirely clear of Sleeping - two accounts in certain other unbecoming behaviour and Some Care has been taken in most of the deficiencies noted. -

Answ 2. Love and unity appears to be maintained among most of our members as becomes Brethren - One account says two instances excepted and another not as

fully as in all Care would be best - When differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them, two accounts, mentioned instances of talebearing and detraction, not being so fully avoided and discourages as would be best - And on these accounts some care is said to have been taken. -

Answer 3. - Most friends appear Careful to keep themselves and those under their Care in plainness of Speech - behaviour - And apparel - Altho many deficiencies in those respects are manifest, And many endeavour by example and precept to train up their children in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, two Accounts mention the extension of two in those respects towards others under our tuition. -

Answ 4. The Reports generally admit that occasional instances of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage have occurred; One quarter Reports that their members are clear of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, in most of the cases reported, Care has been taken.

Answ 5. The necessities of the poor are attended to, and their children appear to be in a way to obtain School learning to fit them for business. -

Answer 6. Two reports State that they are clear of countenancing a hireling Ministry - And three of them mention various instances of attending marriages accomplished by such ministry. -

Answ. 7. Friends appear to be clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof. -

Answ. 8. Eight instances are reported of deficiency in the performance of promises, and nine in the payment of debts One case of insolvency is reported in addition to these! Two of the Reports say that none are known to extend their business beyond

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Their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession, and two others mention the extension of Care on those accounts. -

Answ. 9. - Care appears to be generally taken, Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline. One exception is mentioned in one of the Reports. -

Answ: 10. We believe they are. -

A proposition from Farmington Quarterly meeting to hold that quarter as the usual time in the 4th and 10 months at Menden instead of Farmington was united with, and information being rec^d that Women Friends concus therein, the information is directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings in the extracts. -

The Judgment of this meeting expressed in the minutes of last year, that in the nomination of Committees on appeals, the meeting has the right to Sustain the nomination made, where the objection of appellants were unreasonable having been concurred in by women Friends is also directed to be forwarded by extracts from our minutes. -

Then adjourned to the 11: hour on 5 day morning

17.” of the month and 5 of the week. Friends Assembled pursuant to adjournment. -

It appears by the Reports from the quarters that property to the amount of one dollar and twenty five cents is all that has been taken for demands of a military nature during the past Season; and that no friend has accepted of an office of profit and honour under the Government. -

The following Sums appear to have been rec^d. from the different Quarterly Meetings agreeably to the condensation? Of our last yearly meeting. -

From Farmington - for the use of the yearly meeting ... 33.33

----- for the use of the Indian Committee - 71.81

From Scipio. - for the use of the yearly meeting - 33.33

----- for the use of the Indian Committee.. 33.33 ½

From Canada half years meeting -

For the use of the Yearly meeting 16.66 ⅔

For the use of the Indian Com^{ees} 16.66 ⅔

From Pelham - For the use of the Yearly meeting 16.66 ⅔

For the use of the Indian Committee .50

From Michigan Qr. Meeting -

For the use of the Yearly Meeting - 1.00

For the use of the Indian Com^{ee} -1.00

The Committee in the Treasurers Acct; made the following Report viz.

We have attended to our appointment and find a balance of 103 81/100 \$

(One hundred and three Dollars 81/100 in favor of this meeting

(And)

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And we proposed ~~th~~a Isaac Lapham for treasurer. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

George Dunlap. -

While being united with Isaac Lapham was appointed treasurer for the present year. -

The Committee appointed upon the concern of this meeting in relation to Michigan Quarter, as expressed in the minute of last year, made the following Report viz. -

To the yearly meeting now sitting. -

The Committee appointed at our last yearly meeting to visit Michigan Quarterly meeting: to consider the attention proposed to be made by that quarter in the discipline; the report of the meeting of ministers and Elders upon the proceedings in that quarter, with instructions to propose such course as they may believe most proper for this meeting to pursue. -

Report -

That they have devoted to these interesting Subjects, the attention they were Capable of handering?. A part of the Committee have as way opened, individually or collectively united the Subordinate and attended the quarterly meeting. They found a number of members desirous to preserve the order and harmony as well as the institutions of our religious Society - but a disposition was manifest among others in that meeting to discard the meeting of ministers & Elders. -

The Committee deeply deplore the feelings that appears to prevail in the minds of Some friends in Michigan; either to Separate themselves from our Society, or compel the latter to yield? Its order, its discipline, its long established institutions! When we reflect upon the disasters and desolation that always attend efforts to Controul? Or distract religious Society that operate so fearfully upon the great Cause of pure and vital Christianity - We feel that the efforts now making to relax the discipline And abandon the institution that time and change have left us are not in accordance with the Gospel of truth, And we think it must be manifest to every reflecting mind, that one System of church discipline, in relation to the ministry, Cannot be maintained in one quarter and a different System in another, without producing a state of thought and feeling utterly irreconcilable with a unity of Spirit and inequality with our religious profession - Ministers living in Michigan are not the ministers of that quarter should not Satisfy Friends in another, he is not Subject to the Same Government - He may be justified by one quarter, and canned? By another, and no institution exists to which both men Submit! While Ministers in

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other quarters are subject to a strict investigation as to their fitness for the Ministry, those in Michigan are not Willing to come under the same examination, nor is there any controlling or regulating influence to prevent an entire difference of Doctrine, principles, or practises.

Friends in Michigan generally recognize the truth of these Suggestions, many of them regard this, not as a more local movement arising out of their peculiar Circumstances, but as an incipient process that is to destroy the meeting of ministers & Elders; We uniformly found those who had taken the lead in their measures regarding that meeting as a pernicious institution, inconsistent with their religious duties and obligations, and subversive of the best interests of Society, and therefore in proposing to abolish the appointment of Elders, no proportion appears to place the ministers under the care of any other part of Society! So far from this very restraint upon ministers, upon the Religion they teach or the principles they ???, is regarded as an abridgment of their freedom, and altho' Several gifted minds appear to have been brought under divine anointing; no authority is constituted to Sanction their Ministry. -

Having Carefully examined the whole ground of this difficulty, it only remains for us to amply with the last injunction of the yearly meeting; as Specified in the minutes of our appointment and we propose to the yearly meeting: -

That as we see no propriety in discarding that valuable portion of our discipline, way does not open to release Friends in Michigan from the duties and obligations required of other Quarterly Meetings that if they are unwilling to perform those duties a regard for the unity of our Society ought to induce them to relinquish Such Quarterly meeting - And that if they continue to disregard this injunctions of the discipline And the Authority of the church, this meeting can no longer continue to receive their Representatives, or their reports. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Benjamin Renouf

Farmington 15. Of 6 mo 1847. Sarah Carmalt.

Which bringing a deep exercise over the meeting was considered until the usual hour of adjournment, when it was agreed to postpone the further consideration thereof, until tomorrow morning -

Then adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow morning!

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18. Of the month and 6. of the week - about the hour appointed friends again assembled

The Committee on Indian Concerns, and the Committee on Epistles being now prepared to report, it was agreed to postpone the consideration of the Report read yesterday on Michigan Concerns, until the other business of this meeting was disposed of. -

The Committee on Indian Concerns made the following Report, which being united with, the sum therein proposed to be raised was directed to be communicated in the extracts, and our different quarterly meetings are to govern themselves accordingly and pay their respective proportions when Collected to Elisha Freeman the treasurer of that Committee. -

To the Yearly Meeting -

The committee on the concern for the improvement of the Seneca Nation have during the last year, Co-operated with the committee of the other Yearly Meetings associated with us in the concern, in promoting the advancement of that people in the Arts of Civilized life, more especially in furnishing, instruction, to young women in those branches of Household Affairs: Which are most essential to qualify them for the discharge of the duties which may are long devoted upon them as heads of families And we have the Satisfaction to State, that the efforts of the joint Committee directed to this object, have been So Successful as to encourage them to persevere - It being evident to the visiting Committee last year that increased accommodations for the girls were necessary: An agreement was made with the Indians that they were to furnish all the materials on the spot for the proposed addition to the building; and we were to be at the expense of erection - Owing to a want of water last year to Saw the lumber, the Indians failed at that time to perform their part of the contract, but we have now the Satisfaction to State, that the materials are nearly all on the ground, and that before long we shall be provided with accommodation for an increased number of pupils. -

The committee in their visit last year, discovered with much concern a great want of unity in the Support of the law, which has been framed for their protection by the Legislature of their State, but we have the Satisfaction to state that at their annual meeting lately held, it was evident they had become more united, which was evidenced by a more harmonious action in the choice of their officers. -

Believing that our efforts on behalf of this deeply injured people, have been owned by the great head of the church - We feel encouraged to persevere in the labour assigned

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us, and to enable the committee so to do. We propose that the Sum of One hundred dollars, be raised for their use the present year. -

Signed on behalf of the Co.} W^m S. Burling

Farmington 17. Of 5 mo. 1847. -

Margaret Brown

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings were read and approved. -

The memorial of Jacob Walton jun! respecting his deceased wife Elizabeth C Walton having been approved by the Meeting for Sufferings & just in from our women's meeting was now read; its deeply Solemnizing and harmonising influence being acknowledged by the meeting - it was directed to the further care of the meeting for Sufferings -

Essays of Epistles to the yearly Meetings of New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana, being now produced by the Committee appointed to the Service were read, and with Some alterations directed to be signed and forwarded.

The meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the Report of the committee relative to Michigan Quarter, postponed from our last Sitting, & it appeared to be the prevailing Some of the meetings; that the Report should be adopted, And the conclusion of this meeting is directed to be communicated to the friends of that Quarter by the Committee - Women Friends concurring therewith. -

The Treasurer is directed to pay Ten dollars out of this Meetings Stock, to Abraham Wilson for his labour and care in preparing, opening and cleaning the house for the use of this meeting with anxious desires for the preservation of its order its discipline, and its long cherished Institutions -

Then adjourned to meet again at the usual time next year if the Lord permit. -

Caleb Carmalt Clerk to the m. this year.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 12. Day of the 6: month, to the 16. Of the Same inclusive 1848. -

The names of the following Representatives being called they appeared to be all present except three viz -

From Farmington - Nathaniel Russell, Joseph Thorn, Asa Wilson, Edw.^d

Herrenden - Joseph Head, Elijah F. Quinby - William Clark -

From Scipio - Richard Searing - Wells Rathbun - John Hussey - David Mitchell and Josiah Thompson

From Canada. - Jonathan Noxon - David Barker - Rowland Brown - Joel Hughes & Amos Armitage -

From Pelham - Isaac Wilson - Elijah Shotwell - Daniel N. Cornell, Jacob Zavitts & Rich^d Wilson

Minutes of Unity for Friends in attendance from other yearly meetings were read and read as follows. Viz. -

One from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of the Western District for Lacob Lafetra a minister, dated 5 mo. 4. 1848.

And from Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting in the State of New. Jersey, for Anna Shotwell a minister dated 25. Of the 5 mo. 1848

One from New-York Monthly Meeting for Elizabeth Leedom a minute dated 6 mo. 7. 1848.

One from Marlborough monthly meeting, Stark County, State of Ohio for Samuel Tripp and Fanny his Wife, members of that monthly meeting dated 27: of 5 mo. 1848.

The following report from the Committee on the Subject it refers to was now rec^d

- To Genesee Yearly Meeting of Men & Women Friends -

A part of the Committee continued last year to transmit to Michigan Quarterly meeting the report and conclusion of last year in the Case have performed the Service. -

On behalf of the Committee. - John Searing -

Margaret Brown. -

The Representatives being requested to stop at the rise of this Meeting and report to our next Sitting the names of Suitable Friends to serve the Meeting as clerk and assistant clerk for the present year then adjourned to the 11: hour tomorrow morning. -

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3^d. Day morning 13 of the month: Friends present to adjo^d

David Barker on behalf of the Representatives reported that nineteen of them had conferred together and 18 of them had united in proposing Caleb Carmalt as clerk - And 19 in proposing John Watson as assistant clerk for the present year, whose names being Separately considered they were appointed to the Service. -

Epistles from the yearly meetings of Friends in New-York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, and Indiana were received & read to our Edification and comfort, to essay answers thereto; if way should open; Sunderland P. Gardner, William S. Burling, John Searing, David Barker, David Mitchell - Joel Hughes, Merritt Palmer - George Dunlap - John Watson - Abraham Wilson - Samuel Hughes - Jonathan Hart - Walter White - and Edwin Aire [Ewer] were named. -

Walter Lawrence, Richard Searing, Joseph Hazard and Elijah Shotwell, were appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer accounts, Report the names of a suitable Friend to Serve the meeting as Treasurer for the ensuing year and the amount necessary to raise for the use of this meeting.

The Reports from the Quarterly meetings were now read by Whit it appears that the following Sums have been raised for the use of the Indian Committee viz

By Farmington Quarterly meeting	34.92
“ Scipio ditto.....	33.33
“ Canada Half yearly meeting	16.66
“ Pelham d’ d’	16.66

Then adjourned to the 11: hour on 5 day morning. -

15 of the month & 5. Of the week

About the time appointed Friends again assembled.

The meeting proceeded to examine the State of Society as exhibited in the Reports from the Quarters, and after a Careful examination of each the following Summary of the answers was believed to be descriptive of our present State

Answer to the 1: query - We believe a large portion of our members are careful to attend our meetings for religious Worship and discipline; while much neglect is manifest by others - one account Says three of their meetings were not attended, the hour seems to have been nearly observed. Some appearance of Sleeping in meeting, nearly clear of other unbecoming behaviour when assembled - and Care taken in most of the deficiencies noted. -

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Answ: 2. Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes Brethren except in Six instances, four of which received Care when differences arise, Care is taken to end them, talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged, a few instances excepted which are under care. -

Answ. 3. We believe a Care rest upon the minds of most friends to keep themselves, their own, and other Friends children unites their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour, and apparel; Some efforts are made by example and precept to train them up in a life & conversation consistent with our christian profession, but there appears to be considerable deficiencies, in relation to the duties enjoined in the query, and Some Care has been extended. -

Answer 4. One instance appears of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage = and various instances are reported, of attending places of diversion, nearly all of which appear to be under care.

Answer 5. The circumstances of the poor, and of those who appear likely to require assistance appear to have been inspected and relief afforded, one account says not always as Seasonably as would be best, their children appear to partake of School learning to fit them for business. -

Answer 6. Some among us are known to have countenanced a hireling ministry, by attending marriages or otherwise, except two instances of individually accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of a priest; and one instance of a friend attending a marriage So accomplished to which Care has been extended. -

Ans: 7. We believe our members are clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof - except two instances of attending a training in which Care is taken, and one instance of bearing arms. -

Ans: 8. Most friends appear Careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts, three instances are reported of not performing promises, and some deficiencies in not performing them Seasonably in all of which care has been taken; And one instance is reported of a friend extending his business beyond his ability to manage. -

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Ans: 9. We believe Care is generally taken to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, but not always as Seasonable as would be best. -

Answer 10. We believe they are. -

No Case is reported of any friend having accepted an office of profit or honour in Gov^t. Since last year, nor any report made of any Sufferings, on account of our testimony against War. -

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings being now introduced and read, Satisfaction was expressed with the exercises & labour of that meeting, and they are encouraged to a faithful discharge of the important duties committed to their Care. -

The Committee appointed to examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts, reported that on examination they had found a balance in his hands of 16.04/100; that they had united in proposing the name of William Clarke as treasurer, and in recommending that the meeting raise Fifty Dollars for its use the ensuing year. -

The report being united with William Clarke was appointed Treasurer; and authorised to call upon the late treasurer for the balance in his hands - And the necessary directions are to be Sent to our Subordinate Meetings for raising the proposed amount of money. -

Adjourned to the 11: hour tomorrow morning

16. Of the month and 6.th of the Week. -

The meeting convened about the time adjourned to.

The Committee on Indian Concerns made their annual report, exhibiting a Statement of their labours and Services during the past year, by which it appears that the efforts of Friends to promote the improvement and civilization of the Indians were appreciated by them; and a belief being entertained that our Labours in their Cause were blessed by the head of the church the Committee was encouraged to pursue the object of their appointment their Services being Satisfactory to the meeting. -

The sum mentioned in the re as necessary for properly conducting the business of the Committee was directed to be raised in our Several Quarterly and half yearly meetings by voluntary Contributions. -

The Committee appointed to prepare essays of Epistles to other yearly meetings with whom we are in correspondence, reported one essay, a copy of which they propose to send to each yearly

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Meeting - On consideration the proposal was agreed to; and a copy was also directed to be furnished to each of our Quarterly and half yearly meetings. -

The meeting now proceeded to the Consideration of the State of Society within the limits of Michigan Quarterly Meeting: and after a time of deliberate consideration and deep exercise, as while much Sympathy was manifested for those members in Michigan who were desirous to preserve the order and discipline. - It was thought it would contribute to the harmony of our Society and the preservation of the body to discontinue that Quarterly Meeting. - the following friends are appointed to attend that meeting with a Copy of this minute and request the Clerk of the Quarterly meeting to hand over to them the books & paper belonging thereto. -viz-

Isaac Colvin, William S. Burling - Nath^l Russell, Seth W. Bosworth - Richard Searing - David Barker -

The Committee are directed to inform the Several Monthly Meetings belonging to that quarterly meeting that they are expected to Report to Pelham half yearly meeting. Women Friends concurring with us therein. -

In an humble but confiding hopes that our labours during the Several Sitzings of this Yearly Meeting may be productive of harmony and peace; that the promotion of the order; the preservation of the discipline, and the advancement of the other great objects for which our Society was instituted may unite therefore, the meeting adjourns to convene again at the usual time next year if consistent with the divine Will. -

Caleb Carmalt

Clerk to the Meeting this year -

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the Eleventh day of the 6 month to the fourteenth day of the same inclusive 1849.

It appeared by the Reports from the quarterly and half yearly meetings that the following friends have been appointed representatives this year viz -

From Farmington - William Clark, William Cornell. Joseph Heart, Thomas Cox, Joseph Shellden, Elisha Freeman, Joseph C Watson, Elijah P. Quinby

From Scipio - Ebenezer J. Wanzer, Aaron Baker, John Prior, Jonathan Trippe, Wells Washburn, John Searing.

From Canada - William Ja^s. Thomas, Nicholas Austin, Caleb B. Stickney, Samuel Noxon, Joel Hughes, Alfred Stevens, and Joseph B. Wilson: -

From Pelham - Jacob Zavitts, Amos Canby, Hen^y Zavitz, Smith Shotwell, Hugh D. Webster, Isaac Wilson.

Their names being called Seven of them were absent, for the absence of two reasons were assigned. -

Certificates or minutes of Unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly meetings were rec^d and read as follows viz -

One for Samuel I. Levich a minister from the monthly Meeting of Haddenfield held at Camden in the State of New Jersey the 22nd day of 5 month last.

One from the same meeting for William Shotwell an elder dated the same date as the last. -

And from Chester Monthly Meeting in the State of New Jersey, for Sarah Hunt a minister and one for her Husband Elijah Hunt, an elder both dated the tenth day of the fifth month last. -

One for Katy Hazard a minister with the Monthly Meeting of Cornwall in the State of New York and

One for Josiah Hazard a minister from the above meeting both dated 5 mo: 4. 1849 - their company was acceptable to us.

Epistles from the Yearly meeting with whom we are in correspondence were now rec^d and read; their instructive contents bringing a solemn covering over the minds of Friends it was

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Concluded to appoint a committee to essay answers thereto if way should open in that authority of truth. To this service the following friends were named

William S Burling, John Searing - John Watson, Sunderland P. Gardner - David Barker - Jacob Zavitz - Joseph Thorne - William Clark - George Dunlap - Samuel Hughes - Walter White -

By the reports it appears that the following sums have been raised for the use of this meeting, and for the use of the Indian Committee. -

By Farmington Quarter - for the use of this meeting	15.78
for the use of the Indian Committee....	37.73
By Scipio Quarter - for the use of this meeting.....	16.67
for the use of the Indian Committee....	26.71
By Canada Half Yearly Meeting for the use of this meeting....	8.33
for the Indian Committee	16.67
By Pelham half year meeting - for the yearly meet ^g -	8.33
for the Indian Committee	"

To examine and settle the Treasurers a/c -

Report what sum it may be necessary to raise for this present year and the name of a Friend to Serve the meeting as treasurer, the following Friends committee are named -

Farrington Edward Herrenden - W^m Cornall -

Scipio Richard Searing - Geo. Dunlap -

Pelham - Jacob Zavitz - Abner Chase

To report to a future Sitting the names of Suitable Friends to constitute the Representative Committee in meetings for Sufferings the following Committee is appointed -

By Farmington ??? - Elisha Freeman, Nathl. Russell - Elijah P. Quinby -

By Scipio - John Merritt, Cornelius Weeks, Richar^d Searing.

“ Canada - Rowland Brown - John Cooper, - Stephen White

“ Pelham - David H. Cornell, Elijah Shotwell and Henry Zavitz -

To bring forward to a future Sitting the names of Suitable Friends to compose the Committee on Indian Concerns - the following Friends were named viz. -

From Farmington Quarter - John H. Robinson - Joseph Thorne - Edw^d. Herrendin

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From Scipio - Aaron Baker - Cornelius Weeks - Ebenezer L. Wanzer -

“ Canada - Sam^l. Noxen - Nicholas Austin - David Barker

“ Pelham - Elijah Shotwell - David H. Cornell - Jacob Zavitz

The Representatives being requested to report to our next sitting the names of two Friends to Serve this meeting as clerk and assistant Clerk for the present year -

Then adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow morning -

Third day morning 12th of the month. -

- About the time adjourned to, Friends again assembled. -

William Clark on behalf of the Representatives reported that after Confering together, they had united in recommending Caleb Carmalt for Clerk, and John Searing for assistant Clerk - for the present year. the report being Satisfactory they are appointed to the Service. -

The meeting now proceeded to the Consideration of the Reports from the quarters as they exhibit the State of Society in their answers to the queries - And the following summaries of the answers are agreed to. -

Answ. 1. Our religious meetings for worship and discipline have been generally attended ...those that attend ... on the first day of the Week generally by the largest portion of our members, then in the middle of the week are neglected by many. One Meeting says that they have been omitted from circumstances over which they have no control; the hour is nearly observed though some neglect yet is manifest, Some instances of Sleeping has occurred and some care has been taken in the deficiencies noted. -

Answ. 2. Love and unity a few instances excepted, have been maintained as becomes Brethren, though not so fully with all as would be desireable. Where differences arise Care is taken to end them and Friends generally avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction. -

Answ. 3. Some Friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own and other Friends Children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, and some endeavours are used to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession - Care is taken towards [unreadable] and some care has been taken in the deficiencies noticed. -

Answ. 4. three instances occurred using intoxicating liquor as beverages, a considerable number of attending places of diversion, and some care has been taken. -

Answ. 5. The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and relief afforded. One Meeting says not always as seasonably as would be best, the children under our Care are instructed in School learning to fit them for business -

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Answ 6. - A number of instances have occurred of attending marriages accomplished by a priest one instance of a friend allowing such marriages to be accomplished in his house. And some care has been extended to these Cases. -

Answ. 7. - Friends generally appear to comply with the requisition of this query; but one instance is reported of a friend bearing arms. -

Answ. 8. - We know of no breach of the duties enjoined by this query except three instances of the non-performance of promises which are under care, And one instance is reported of a friend extending his business beyond his abilities to manage. It is under care. -

Answ. 9. - Offenders appear to be mostly dealt with in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, but one instance is reported where this duty has been neglected by the meeting: One report states not always as seasonable as would be best.

Answ. 10. We believe they are. -

During the consideration of the State of Society many living and instructive testimonies relative to the attendance of our religious meetings, to the maintenance of love and unity; and when all to the right education of our dear Children and then bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord were bound by deeply exercised Friends: the younger portion of the meeting was feelingly urged to a faithful maintenance of our testimony upon the Subject of plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel; And an ardent desire was felt that parents may understand the position they occupy in the minds of their children. It was shewn that their teachings were of greater value than the teachings of all the great men off the world, that while the learning of the Schools may fade from the memory: the Simple lessons of home written by parental love, and parental care upon the heart of childhood Survive the lapse of years, that they linger around the heart, and often bring the wanderers from virtue in penitence and contrition to the enjoyment of the tenderness, the purity and the peace of their early days. -

The Clerks were directed to embody the Substances of these exercises in the Extracts to be Sent to our Subordinate Meetings. -

Scipio meeting reports that no account has come to them of any Sufferings on account of our testimony against War - By the other quarters no reports were made. -

The committee appointed last year to attend Michigan quarterly meeting; Report, that a part of their number attended that meeting: and requested the books and papers belonging

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Thereto, as requested by the Yearly meeting: that the books and papers were refused; and that the meeting declined complying with the requisition of the yearly meeting to discontinue that quarterly meeting. - The Committee forwarded the necessary information through the Representatives from the monthly meetings, to those meetings, that they were to report in future to Pelham half yearly meeting. -

The following minute on the reports from Pelham relating to the proceedings of the members in Michigan was now read. -

"Friends in Michigan appear desirous of advice in regard to their proceedings towards those who have Separated themselves from the order of our Society: And this meeting is united in forwarding the Subject to the Yearly meeting for its counsel." -

The State of our Society in Michigan being brought before us by the reading of these documents and the minutes made last year upon the Subject; after a time of deliberation and a feeling after the opening of such it was concluded to appoint a committee to unite with the men Friends, in taking the Subject into consideration And report at a future Sitting. - to this Service the following friends are named.

Hugh Pound - Sunderland P Gardner - John Searing - George Dunlap - Howland Brown - Joseph Head - Joseph Thorne, Samuel Hughes, David Barker, Isaac Colvin, William Cornell, Peter Watson, John Merritt, Elijah P. Quinby, Elisha Freeman, Stephen White, Freeman Clark, -

The Committee appointed to bring forward the names of Suitable Friends to compose the Representative committee on meeting for Sufferings, reported the following names of men and women. Friends, and the report being united with, they are appointed to the Service for the next three years -

Elisha Freeman - John Searing - Sunderland P. Gardner - George Dunlap - Edw^d Herrendin? - W^m. S. Burling. - Abraham Wilson - Joseph Shelldon - Elijah P. Quinby - John Merritt, - David H. Cornell, - Will^m Clarke - Stephen White, David Barker, Nath^l Russell, Walter White, Howl^d Brown, Joseph Heart, Freeman Clark, - Richard Searing; Nathan Dennis, Samuel Hughs, Nicholas Brown, Elijah Shotwell, Nicholas Austin, Seth Bosworth, Hugh Pound, Cornelius Weeks, Jeb S. Dennis, Orrin Smith - Benjamin Renouf. -

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Mary M. ??? - Hannah Loines - Phoebe Mott, Judith Russell, Laura D. Searing, Anna Clark, Phebe M. Cornell, Catharine White, Maryann Bower?, Anna K. Brown, Rebecah Clark, Lydia C. Webster, Elizabeth Zavitts, Mary A. White, Eliz. Dennis, Eliza Cronk, Caroline Renouf, Mary T. Post?, Catharine Bosworth, Sarah W. Pound, Martha Shotwell, Elizabeth Baker, Abigail Weeks, Nanch Hunchil?

Then adjourned to the 11. Hour at 5: day morning.

14th of the Month and 5th of the Week. -

near the time adjourned to the meeting convened. -

The propriety of holding our Yearly meetings, by our own members without admitting Strangers, being now brought under the consideration of Friends, it was concluded that they be held Select, - according to the usual practice and order of our Society: And the following Committee was appointed to attend at the door of the meeting House, and prevent other individuals from intruding upon either the men or women's meeting. -

Isaac Colvin, Seth Bosworth, Abraham Wilson, Edw^d Herrendeen, Joseph Shelden, Nathan^l Russell,

The clerks are directed to furnish our Subordinate meetings with information of the above conclusion. -

The subject of holding aforesaid meetings for worship, on the first day of the week preceding the Sittings of our Yearly meeting, being brought before the meeting; it was concluded that the advantage would arise from holding them and they are hereafter to be discontinued. -

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings being introduced and read their proceedings were approved. -

The committee on Indian Concerns made their annual report, be which it appears that the time has nearly arrived when we can with propriety close our concern with this injured people, no money is wanted by the Committee the present year; but they are directed to continue their attention to the concerns of the Indians, and afford them such advice and counsel as their circumstances may from time to time require. -

The Committee appointed to unite with Women friends to bring forward names for this Service, reported the following nominees; Who were united with by the meeting and they appointed for three years, if their Services should be so long required.

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William S. Burling William Clark - Nath^l Russell Joseph Head Elisha Freeman - John Webster, Isaac Colvin, Richard Searing, George Dunlap, David Cornell, Stephen White Rownd Brown, Elijah Shotwell, Edw^d Herrendeen, Judith P. Russell, Rebecca Webster, Catharine ??? Bosworth, Elizth Dennis, Sarah Carmalt, Anna A. W. Hughes - Harriet Herrendeen - and Priscilla Haines? -

The Committee appointed at our first Sitting to settle the Treasurer's a/c. Report what sum may be necessary to raise for the present year and the name of a Friend to serve the meeting as Treasurer - Reported that they had settled with the Treasurer and find a balance of 63.32/100 Dolls. In favour of this meeting that it was their judgment that no necessity exists for raising money the present year - And that they had united in proposing William Clark as treasurer. -

The report was united with and William Clark appointed Treasurer for the present year. -

The Treasurer is directed to pay 40\$ (forty dollars) towards the expence of repairing the Meeting House in which our yearly meetings are held to Edward Herrendine. -

The Committee appointed at our last Sitting to take into consideration the Subject introduced from Pelham half years meeting Reported, that "they were united in

proposing, that all those who have Separated themselves from our Religious Society, And Set up meetings Contrary to our Order, And continued to do so, have relinquished their right of membership with us; but if any inform their respective Monthly Meetings that they are desirous or remaining as members they may so without acknowledgment within one year - Which was adopted by the meeting, it being understood that the measure proposed is to apply to all our members whether in Michigan or elsewhere. Women Friends Concurring with us. -

The Committee appointed to essay answers to the Epistles Rec^d. and read at our first Sitting, Submitted those they had prepared; the meeting adopted the one intended for Baltimore and directed that Copie if it Should be Sent to Baltimore Philadelphia And Indiana yearly meetings. - The Essays prepared for New York, and Ohio yearly meetings were also directed to be transcribed, Signed on behalf of the Meeting and forwarded. -

Having received a comfortable assistance that

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from Viz 10th day of the Sixth Month to the 14th of the Same inclusive 1850

By the Reports from the Quarterly and half Yearly Meetings the following Friends appear to have been Appointed Representatives viz. -

From Farmington - Orrin Smith - Seth W. Bosworth - Ebenezer Ford - William Cornell, Joseph M. Howland, Thomas Hazard & David S. Dillingham. -

From Scipio - Wells Rathbun, George Dunlap, Richard Searing: David Mitchell - Daniel N. Merritt and Allen Hoxie. -

From Canada - Jonathan Noxon - Amos Armitage. - Nathan Dennis - Henry Cooper & Cornelius White. -

From Pelham. - Henry Zavitz - Abner Chan - Merrit Palmer, David H. Cornell, Jacob Zavits. -

Their names being called they all answered except three. -

Certificates or minutes of Unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were rec^d. And read as follows:

One for George Hatton, a minister from Whitewater Monthly Meeting in the State of Indiana endorsed by Whitewater Quarterly Meeting - and dated the 27: day of the Second month last. -

One for Samuel Townsend, a minister, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting in the State of Maryland dated the Ninth day of the 5. Month last. -

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One for James Thorn a Minister from Rensselaerville Monthly Meeting dated the twenty fifth of 4 Mo. last. -

One for John Powell, an Elder, from Coeymans Monthly Meeting: held at Coeymans the 22nd of 5. Mo: last. -

One for Benjamin Estes, A Minister from Lauren's Monthly Meeting: held the first day of the 5th. Month last. -

One Sent in from our Women's Meeting: for Ann Weaver, A Minister from Green St. Monthly Meeting: Philad^a. dated the 18: day of the fourth month and endorsed by Philad.^a quarter. -

A proposition from Pelham half years meeting: having in view an alteration in that part of our discipline, that relates to the accomplishment of marriages by the assistance of a priest - And to countenancing a hireling Ministry: it was concluded to appoint a Committee to Unite with Women Friends if they should appoint Such a Committee: to take the Subject into Consideration And report to a future sitting!

To this Service Sunderland P. Gardner, Walter White, Richard Searing: Joseph Head: John Watson - George Dunlap - Jonathan Noxon - Elijah P. Quinby - William Cornell, And Rowland Brown were named. -

Epistles now received from all the Yearly Mings with whom we are in correspondence except Ohio, the Clerk of which meeting informs us, that way did not open for that Meeting to address any of the Yearly Meetings with whom they correspond.

The reading of these Salutory Communications having brought the minds of Friends into near Unity and Sympathy with Friends of those meetings the following Committee was appointed to essay answers thereto, And to prepare one for Ohio Y. Meeting if way should open in wisdom & truth

Sunderland P. Gardner - John Watson - William S. Burling

Caleb Carmalt - Elijah Quinby jn. - Joseph Hazard

Jos: Head. - David Mitchell - Richard Searing. -

Abraham Wilson - John Searing - Samuel Hughes. -

Nathaniel Russell. - Thomas Hazard - Wells Rathbun -

And Walter White. -

On Consideration, William S. Burling of Canandaigua; and Sunderland P. Garner of Farmington; both of Ontario County in the State of New York were appointed to correspond during the recess of this meeting with Similar Committees from the Yearly Meetings: and with such other friends as may be requisite; the Clerk is directed to made a note of this Appointment annually on the several Epistles sent from this meeting. -

To examine and Settle the Treasurer's account, report the name of a Friend to Serve this Meeting as Clerk Treasurer, and the amount of

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Money necessary to raise for the use of this meeting the present year the following Friends are named viz. Edward Herrendeen - David Mitchell -

Nicholas Austin - Abner Chan. -

The Committee appointed last year to preserve order, in and about our. -
Meeting House, and prevent the intrusion of Strangers upon our Yearly meeting of men
or women Friends: were now released: And the following Friends were named to fill that
Appointment for the present year: And until a new appointment is - made - Edward
Herrendeen - Isaac Colvin - Seth W. Bosworth and Walter Lawrence. -

The Representatives being requested to Report to our next Sitting the name - of
Suitable Friends to Serve this meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk. -

Adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning. -

Third day morning 11.th of the month. -

Friends assembled pursuant to adjournment. - George Dunlap, on behalf of the
Representatives reported that they had united in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt
as clerk, and John Searing as assistant clerk for the present year - their names being
Separately considered were united with, and they appointed to the Service. -

The minds of Friends being now lead to consider the State of our Society as
reported to this meeting from the quarterly and half yearly meetings; the information
viewed was embraced in the following Summary of the Answers to the queries and was
directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present State. -

Answer to the first query. - We believe most Friends are Careful to attend All
our meetings for religious worship and discipline but many neglect this Solemn duty; the
hour is nearly observed; Friends are not all Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming
behaviour is reported - And Some Care has been taken in the deficiencies noted. -

Answ. 2. - Love and Unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes
Brethren, altho Several instances of a breach of this unity and love are reported, when
differences arise care appear to have been taken generally to end them, talebearing
and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged - Altho deficiencies in this respect
are mentioned in all the reports. -

Answ: 3. - Deficiencies are apparent in all the Reports - As regards the
performance of the duties enjoined by this query; but most friends Appear Careful to
keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care, in plainness of
Speech, behaviour, and apparel, And they endeavour by example and precept to train
them up in a life of conversation consistent with our Christian profession: Care Seems
to be taken in these aspects of those under our tuition: And when those duties have
been neglected some labour has been extended. -

Answ: 4., One meeting is reported as being clear of any breach of the duties
and obligations enjoined by this query. Eight instances are reported of Attending places
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and two meetings report Still further deficiencies in the particulars queried after. -

Answ. 5. - The Circumstances of the poor, and of those who appear likely to
require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded, and some advice given;

and their children and all others under our care, appear to be in a way to get School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. Seven instances are reported of Accomplishing marriages by the aid of

a hireling minister; And Six instances of having attended Such Marriages; One of contributing to the Support of a hireling minister: And one of taking an active part in their meetings; in most of those Cases Some Care has been taken. -

Answ. 7. - Friends appear to be clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof. -

Answ. 8. Friends endeavour to perform their promises, and pay their just debts, a slight deficiency being noted in one of the reports - We know of none who have extended their business, beyond their ability to manage, And when occasion has been given for fear on those accounts, Care has been extended for their preservation and recovery. -

Answ. 9. - Care has been taken to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline - though not as Seasonably in all Cases as would be best. -

Answ. 10th We believe they are. -

During the consideration of the State of Society much exercise was manifest, and living testimonies borne, to the necessity of Attending more faithfully our Religious assemblies for divine worship - to the Cultivation of Love and Unity. And to the training up of our children in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession - Much Solitude was shown for the preservation of the discipline, and its right administration; And for the Support of our testimony to a living gospel Ministry. - It was abundantly shewn that of ourselves in our own finite will and wisdom, We can do nothing to exalt the glory and the honour of the infinite Jehovah - that the pride and haughtiness, the creaturely activity & Self Confidence of man must be humbled, and meekness, humility, and a Sense of our unworthiness must be Cultivated: And more especially must that Spirit be kept in Subjection, that under the aspect of reform, discards the Government, the institutions, and the restraints of Religious Society. And instead of approaching the throne in fear and trembling, indulges a Self Confidence that chills the prayers while it clouds the hopes of those who wish to walk humbly with their God. -

Adjourned to the 11 hour on 5. Day morning.

Thirteenth day of the month and fifth of the Week. -

About the time adjourned to Friends again assembled. -

The committee appointed to consider the proposition from Pelham half yearly meeting, made the following report. -

“The committee to whom was referred the proposed alteration in the discipline

respecting marriages, having Confered together are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that the alteration or addition forwarded to this

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Meeting by Pelham half years Meeting is adopted so far as to insert the words "or the manner of accomplishing Said marriage" be ~~inserted~~ after the word "Correxion?" on the 30th line of page 36.

Signed on behalf of the Committee -

-John Watson

- Ann G. Adam. -"

The report being deliberately considered was adopted, and our quarterly & Half Yearly Meetings were directed, to have the necessary measures taken to have their respective Copies of the discipline Altered in their several Subordinate Meetings: to correspond with the Conclusion of the Yearly meeting. - Women Friends Concurring with us. -

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings being now introduced was read and the proceedings of that meeting approved. -

The Committee appointed to Settle the Treasurer's Account made the following Report. -

"The Committee appointed to Settle with the Treasurer; Report it done, they find in his hands twenty four dollars - And they are not aware that any more money will be wanted for the ensuing year." -

"They are united in proposing the name of William Clark for Treasurer.

Macedon 11. Day of 6 Mo. 1850

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Edward Herrendeen."-

The report being united with William Clark was appointed Treasurer for the present year.

An address from the Seneca Nation of Indians to our Religious Society being now introduced and read. The minds of Friends were dipped into Sympathy for ~~with~~ them - And much feeling was produced at the manifestation of gratitude in those friendless remnants of Nations once inhabiting this land. - Our Meeting for Sufferings was directed to have a Sufficient Number printed to Supply each of our preparative meetings with a copy; and have the same distributed among them - they are authorised to draw upon the Yearly Meetings Treasurer for the necessary expense. -

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to other yearly ~ Meeting reported that they had deliberately reflected upon the Subject committed to them and had prepared three Essays of Epistles - One of which they proposed to Send to New York and Baltimore - One other to Phila.d Ohio Yearly Meetings respectively - And one to Indiana yearly meeting - they further reported that they had prepared an additional Communication to be Sent if this meeting approved of such a movement to our Subordinate Meetings now - Members generally as way might be made in the openings of divine Wisdom.

Friends not being able to unite with the proposition of the Committee to address either our own Members, or our Subordinate Meetings the proposed

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Epistle to them was not read. - the remaining three Essays being Separately read, and examined; were directed to be transcribed and forwarded as indicated in the report of the Committee. -

Being diversely favoured with that Solemn Covering that should attend the Closing of these our Annual assemblies: Our minds have craved for those who have met as well as for those who are absent, that while Active in work, we may be fervent in Spirit having our affections placed on things that are above: And we have indulged an humble but unfaltering hope that if hearts thus found for happiness should before our next Annual gathering be Stilled in death - We may be permitted to meet as purified Spirits, to Spend together an eternity of holiness with him whose virtue is written "Lord of Lords & King of Kings." -

Adjourned to meet again at the usual time next year if permitted

In the divine will. -

Caleb Carmalt Clk. -

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by Adjournments from the Ninth day of the Sixth Month to the 12 of the same inclusive 1851.

The names of the Representatives being called they all answered except four. -

From Farmington. - James Haight, Seth W. Bosworth, Joseph Thorne, Elisha Freeman, Stephen 1/3 Titus, and Stephen Y. Watson. -

From Scipio - Caleb Carmalt, George Dunlap, Amos Rathbun, Stephen Bogardus, Thaddeus Boughton, and John Searing

From Canada - Joseph B. Willson, Joel Hughes, Jonathan Noxen, Rowland Brown, and John Sailor.

From Pelham - Jacob Zavitts, Asa L. Schooley, Jesse Cornell, George Bradshaw, Isaac Mills and Smith Shotwell

Certificates or minutes of Unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were received and read as follows

One for Eleazar Haviland, a Minister, from nine Partners Monthly Meeting - dated 5th. Month 15th. 1851. -

One for Samuel M. Janney A minister from Goose Creek Monthly Meeting Loudon County, Virginia, dated 2nd. Mo 15. 1851 endorsed by Fairfax Quarter.

One for William Tate, an Elder, from the same Monthly M^g. dated 17th of 11: Mo. last.

One for Samuel C. Thorn, a minister from Westbury Monthly Meeting held at Matinicoek, Long Island, dated the 14th. Of 5th. Month last. -

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One for Richard Cromwell, a minister, from New York, Monthly Meeting held 7th of 5. Mo. last.

One for Samuel Comfort, a Minister, Recd one for his wife Elizabeth Comfort, a Minister, both from Falls Monthly Meeting, Bucks County Pennsylvania dated 12. Of 4 mo. last.

One for William W. Moore, a Minister from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting held at Spruce St. dated the 23rd of 5. Month last. -

And the following introduced from Womens Meeting were also read Viz. -

One for Ann Jackson, A Minister from Birmingham Monthly Meeting: Chester County Penn.^a dated 24th of 5th Month last. -

One for Harriet J. Moore, A Minister, from Philad.^a Monthly Meeting held at Spruce Street dated 5th Mo: 6. 1851.

One for Rebecca Turner, a member of Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Western District dated the 8th day of 5. Mo: last

One for Eliza R. Wilson, a Minister, and one for her Husband David Wilson an Elder from Centre Monthly Meeting in the State of Delaware dated 2nd of 6th mo. last.

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with whom we are in correspondence was received, and read, their Solemn Admonitions, and interesting Contents, furnishing evidence of the Continued interest, and affectionate Sympathy of our Brethren in remote places, A Committee was appointed to essay Answers thereto; as way may open and? The Authority of perfect Wisdom, to this Service the following Friends are named viz: Sunderland P. Gardner - Abraham Wilson - Will^m. S Burling, Caleb Carmalt, John Searing, Samuel Hughes, John Watson, Jonathan Noxon, Joel Hughes, Benjamin Renouf, Sherman Brown, George Dunlap, Thomas Hazard, William Cornell (of Pelham) Joseph Thorne, and Edwin Ewer. -

To examine and Settle the treasurer's Accounts, Report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the present year And the name of a Friend to Serve the Meeting as Treasurer; the following Committee was appointed viz.

From Farmington ... Isaac G. Ewer... Walter Lawrence. -

“ Scipio..... Stephen Bogardus - Daniel Sisson

“ Canada Nicholas Austin - Joseph Hazard

“ Pelham..... Dan^l H. Cornell - Asa G. Schooley

The time having expired for which the Committee was appointed to preserve order in and about our Meeting House: the following friends are named to Attend to that appointment for the present year. - viz. Rowland Brown - Orrin Smith, Joseph M. Howland - and John J. Cornell. -

From information now Received it appears that the alteration in the discipline adopted last year and directed to be inserted in the books of our Subordinate Meetings had been inserted as directed. -

The Representatives being requested to Stop at the rise of this Sitting to Consider of and report the name of a Friend to Serve the Meeting as Clerk and one as assistant Clerk - Adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

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-10th day of the Month and 3rd of the week. -

About the hour appointed Friends again assembled. -

The Representatives Reported, that Sixteen of them had met, and conferred together and had United in proposing Caleb Carmalt for Clerk, and John Searing for assistant Clerk, their names being Separately Considered were united with and they appointed for the present year. -

Our Annual Concern for the Welfare and Prosperity of our Members having now led Friends to Consider the State of Society; As it is exhibited in the reports from the Quarterly and Half yearly Meetings, the following Summary of the Answers to the Queries were agreed upon as nearly descriptive of our present State. -

Answer to the 1st. Query. - All our Religious Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, Altho' Much remissness is manifested by many in attending those that are held in the middle of the Week - The hour is mostly observed; Our members are not all clear of Sleeping in Meeting: No other unbecoming behaviour is reported: And some Care has been taken in the deficiencies noted.

Answ. to the 2nd. Love and Unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes Brethren, though not as fully in all Cases as would be desireable, One Report mentions a deficiency in which Care has been taken, And one Reports an instance in which no way had opened to bestow the proper labour: When differences had arisen Care appears to have been taken to end them: talebearing and detraction are not so fully guarded against as would be best.

Answ. to 3rd - Most Friends are Careful to keep themselves, And we believe they endeavour to keep their own, and other Friends children under their care in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel; Efforts are made to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, but negligence in Some and deviations in others are manifested in the performance of this duty; towards these Cases Some Care has been extended; no report is made of any neglect of those under our tuition. -

Answ. 4. - Friends generally Avoid the use of All intoxicating Liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion, but one instance is reported of dealing in intoxicating Liquors, two of using it unnecessarily, Seven of attending places of diversion, and one instance is reported of horse-racing and Card playing - to most of these Cases Care has been extended. -

Answ: 5. - The Circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to Require assistance are duly inspected, and relief has been afforded, their children, and all others under our Care are reported to be in a way to get School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. Friends are generally Clear of countenancing a hireling Ministry, but two

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Instances are reported of Parties accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of ~~the~~ a priest - five instances of attending Such marriages, And one instance of Contributing to the Support of a hireling minister, Some Care has been taken in the deficiencies Stated. -

An. 7. Friends appear clear of bearing Arms, of Complying with Military requisitions and (except in one instance) of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof - in this Case Care has been extended. -

Answ. 8. Friends generally endeavour to perform their promises, and pay their just debts. Some are known to have extended their business, beyond their ability to manage, or to give occasion for fear on their Accounts, except two instances are reported of the non-performance of promises, and two of injustice in the non payment of debts; Care has been extended to these Cases.

Answ. 9. - Care has in most instances been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness, and agreeably to discipline; One meeting reported not as Seasonably as would be best. -

Answ. 10. - We believe they are. -

While the Friends of Friends were occupied with the reports of the State of our Subordinate Meetings, And then feelings interacted to prevent the many departures from the path indicates by our high and holy profession, Much exercise Seemed to Centre upon the Neglect appearing from all the Reports to have occurred in the Attendance of our Religious Assemblies, and a deep Conviction Appeared to be felt, that this was the fruitful Somes? Of Sorrow and loss: It was abundantly Known to be the Cause of disunity, that the badge of Disciples life Sits heavily upon us or who disregard this Solemn Obligation, that men who despise the apostolic injunction, Seldom plan a high estimate upon the writings of the Apostles, Or made much progress in the Religion of Jesus! That the legitimate Consequences were to blaest? Moral & Religious impressions, to diminish the feelings of affectionate interest, and of that Charity that think unto? No evil, while it weakens the bonds of Gospel fellowship! - that the Mingling of Friends and of families in acts of devotion, is an inducement to guard with increasing Watchfulness our Spirits and feelings - Saves us from tale bearing and detraction, And qualifies us to feel for each others infirmities, and to travail together for the prosperity of Zion, and the enlargement of her borders! that Carelessness, faithlessness, and indifference, lead men to Skepticism, to infidelity, and to throw off the restraints of religious Society: And must end in a Seperation from all the enjoyments and all the blessings of Spiritual Communion! Those who were in the practise of Attending, were reminded of the Advice of the patriarch of our Society! To hold all their meetings in the power of God! - It was shewn by the experience And the testimony of our Elder Brethren, that their temporal interest had never Suffered by Such attendance, or by thus having their minds calmed, Soothed, and tranquilized, and that if any Such loss could be Sustained the glorious Accompeuse of the good and faithful Servant for overbalanced any Such disadvantage. -

Tomorrow being the usual time of holding our meeting for worship,
Adjourned to the 11th hour on 5. Day morning. -

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-5 day Morning 12.th of the Month. -

The Meeting convened pursuant to adjournment. -

The Committee appointed to Settle the Treasurers Accounts Reported that they had performed the Service, and found a balance in his hands of Eighteen Dollars, that in their judgment it was not necessary to raise any money the present year, And that they had agreed to propose the name of William Clark as treasurer. - The Committee further Suggested that the yearly Meeting direct its treasurer to pay the Treasurer of Farmington Preparative Meeting the Sum of Seven dollars for expenses recently incurred in repairing the Meeting House in which our Yearly Meetings Are held. - The report and proposition being both United with, William Clark was appointed treasurer, and directed to pay the said Sum of Seven dollars as Suggested. -

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings being now introduced were read, and the labour of that Meeting being Satisfactory to Friends, the members were encouraged to continue their attention to the duties of their appointment

A Report was received from our Indian Committee by which it appears that no active Service has been required of them for Sometime past, the objects of their appointment having been accomplished as far as Friends have been enabled to effect them - And the Indians being now in quiet possession of their reservations have adopted a constitutional form of Government, And a friendly disposition being manifested towards them by the Government of New York, they are in a way to improve in the Art of Civilized Life: The Committee are continued to render Such advice or assistance as Circumstances may hereafter require.

The Committee Appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles Reported that they had prepared One for each of the Meetings with which we are in correspondence, the Essays being read were United with - And they were directed to be Signed and forwarded.

Having been enabled to transact the business that has come before us, in harmony, Unity, and Condescension. - Our hearts have bowed in gratitude for the for the favours bestowed by the Holy head of the Church! We now Conclude with a feeling of increased love for One another; with an anxious Solitude that the lessons of virtue we have Received may be carried home to our families, And with an humble hope that if consistent with the union? of perfect wisdom: We may be permitted to Come together at the Usual time next year. -

Caleb Carnalt Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by Adjournments from the 14. Day of the 6th Month to the 17.th of the Same inclusive 1852. -

After a time of Silent Waiting for the purpose of preparing the minds of Friends to transact the affairs of the church, the names of the Representatives were called; and all answered except five. -

From Farmington - Nathaniel Russell, Elisha Freeman, Joseph G. Watson, Joseph M. Howland, and Benjamin Renouf. -

From Scipio - Aaron Baker, Stephen Bogardus, Geo: Dunlap, David Mitchell, Wells Rathbun & John Searing

From Canada. - James Armitage, Caleb B. Stigney, Jonathan Noxon, Joel Hughes, John Sailor, and John T. Demill. -

From Pelham. - Thomas Graham, Isaac Willson, Jacob Zavitts, Merrit Palmer and Henry G. Zavitts: -

Minutes of Unity for friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were rec.^d And read as follows. - Viz. -

One for Amos Pearlee - A Minister from Green St. Monthly Meeting of Friends in Philadelphia dated 4. Mo. 22.. 1852 endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting. -

One for Rich^d Cromwell, a minister, from N. York Y. Meeting dated 2nd of the 6: month 1851. -

One for Elizabeth Leedem. A minister from the same Meeting and ??? dated the 2: of 6. Mo. 1852.

One for Mary S. Lippincott, a minister from Chester Monthly Meeting in the State of New Jersey dated the 10. Of 6. Mo. 1852. -

One for Esther Haviland a minister from Shapagua Monthly Meeting held at North Castle, dated the 13. Of 5 month last. -

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in Correspondence, was rec.^d And read, their Salutory and interesting Contents bringing a Soothing and harmonising influence over the minds of Friends, the usual Committee was appointed to essay answers thereto, as way may open in divine authority. - To this Service the following Friends were named. - viz.

William S. Burling, -Richard Searing - John Watson - Jona. Noxon, Sunderland P. Gardner, George Dunlap, Caleb Carmalt, John Searing, Edwin Ewer, Benjamin Renouf - William Clark, David Mitchell, & Samuel Noxon -

To examine and Settle the Treasurers a/c. Report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the present year; And the name of a Friend to Serve the meeting as treasurer - William Cornell, John Prior, Joseph Hazard, and Joseph Reitman were appointed.

The time having expired for which the Committee was appointed to

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Preserve order in and about our meeting House during the Sitzings of the Yearly Meeting. And Farmington Friends informing that they had taken the necessary Care upon that Subject, the Meeting Concluded to dispense with the appointment of a Committee. -

The usual time for the appointment of a Committee of Meeting for Sufferings to represent this Meeting during the intervals between its Annual Sitzings having now

come the following Friends were named to Unite with Women friends and bring forward to a future Sitting Suitable Friends for that Service, for the ensuing three years. Viz:

From Farmington - Sunderland P. Gardner, Walter White, Edward Herrendeen, Davis S.

Gillingham Edwin Ewer. -

From Scipio - Daniel Sisson, Cornelius Weeks, Benjamin Mitchell, John Sheppard, George Dunlap

From Canada. - Rowland Brown - Joseph Hazard, Sylvanus Brown, James Armitage and Stephen White. =

From Pelham. - Merritt Palmer, William Cornell, Smith Shotwell, Jacob Zavitts, and Henry G. Zavitts. -

The time having also expired for which the Indian Committee was appointed, the following friends were Selected, to report to a future Sitting, if way should open, the names of Suitable Members to Serve on that Committee for the ensuing three years - viz. - Women Friends concurring with us. -

Joseph Sheldon, Elisha Freeman, Joseph Wilson, Isaac G. Ewe, Nicholas Austin, Benjamin Renouf, William S. Burling, Samuel Noxon, John Prior, Geo: Dunlap, Jacob Zavitts, Wells Rathbun, and Thomas Shotwell. -

The Reports from Scipio Quarterly Meeting: Containing a proportion to Alter the discipline Report the Subject of Grave Stones (being brought before Friends) A Committee was appointed to Unite with a like Committee of Women Friends: take the Subject into Consideration, and if way should open report their Sense of the proposed Alteration to a future Sitting: to this Service the following friends were named. -viz.-

From Farmington - William Clark, John Aldrich, William S. Burling, Seth W. Bosworth, David S. Gillingham. -

From Scipio - Charles W. Searing - Stephen Bogardus, David Mitchell, Rich^d Searing. John Prior. -

From Canada - William I. Phillips, Jonathan Noxon, Samuel Noxon, Stephen White, Rowland Brown. -

From Pelham. - Merritt Palmer, Henry G. Zavitts, Henry Zavits, Jacob Zavitz, and Smith Shotwell. -

The Representatives being requested to Stop together at the rise of this Meeting and Report to our next Sitting the names of Friends to Serve the Meeting as Clerk and Assistant Clerk. -

then adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow Morning. -

3^d Morning 15. Of the month.

About the time appointed, the meeting Convened. -

The Representatives reported, that having met and conferred

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together they had agreed to report the name of Caleb Carmalt to Serve the Meeting as Clerk & Also the name of John Searing assistant Clerk - the nominations being Separately Considered were United with, and they appointed to that Service for the present year. -

The Meeting now proceeded to Consider the State of Society a exhibited in the Annual reports from the Several Quarterly and half Yearly Meetings, and the following Summaries of the Answers to the Queries, being Carefully considered and thought to be descriptive of our present State, were Adopted. -

Answ. 1. Most friends appear Careful to attend our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline, but a remissness in the performance of this Solemn and important obligation is Stated in most of the reports; especially in attending them held in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed, individuals are not entirely Clear of Sleeping when assembled, and two instances are reported of other unbecoming behaviour in meeting; And Some Care taken in the deficiencies Noted.

Answer 2. - Love and Unity appear to be maintained as becomes Brethren, except in three instances, two of which are under Care, and one report mentions a manifest deficiency when differences have occurred and become known, endeavours are used to end them, and while talebearing and detraction are generally avoided and discouraged, one meeting States they are too prevalent. -

Answ. 3. Most Friends appear Concerned to keep themselves, their own, and other Friends children under their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour, and apparel, altho' a more faithful attention to this testimony is desirable; Some endeavours are used to train them up in a life and Conversation Consistent with our christian profession, but two of the reports mention a neglect of most of the duties enjoined by this query - Care appears by most of the reports to be taken of those under our tuition. -

Ans. 4. Friends appear to avoid the use of All intoxicating liquors as a beverage two instances excepted. One of which is under Care, Six Cases are reported of attending places of diversion, in all of which except one Care has been taken. -

Answer 5. The Circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require Assistance have been inspected and relief afforded, And advice given them, their children and all others under our Care are instructed in School Learning to fit them for business, one meeting reports that more Care in this respect is desirable. -

Answ. 6. We believe Friends have been generally preserved in the Support of their testimony against a hireling priesthood - three instances are reported of accomplishing marriages by the aid of a priest - And five of attending Such marriages.

An. 7. Friends appear generally Clear of bearing arms, but a number of instances are reported of Complying with other Military Requisitions, Some of them Undersignedly: -

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Answ. 8. Friends are mostly Careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts, an exception is noticed in one of the reports. And two Say not so Seasonably as would be best: none are known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage

as becomes our religious profession, and where fears have been entertained on these accounts, Care has been extended.

Answ. 9. a good degree of Care has been taken to deal with offenders in the Spirit queried after. One report mentions not perhaps as Seasonably as might be best.

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Answ: 10. We believe they are -

While considering the State of Society as described in the reports from the Quarterly and half Yearly Meetings, exercising as well as encouraging testimonies were borne? To the value of that love and Unity Called for by the Second query: as well as by the Spirit of the Gospel! the dark insidious Spirit that manifests itself in talebearing and detraction, that destroys the peace of families, Raises the characters of individuals, and Scatters dissension, discord, and duolation? In religious Society was fully freely, and faithfully exposed: And the attention was directed to that Redeeming power that restores broken ties and alienated friendships that mutes? Over the Waste places in Zion; And that while Shedding the light of its glorious truth all unhappy feelings, and draws us all into fellowship and Unity one with another - It was Shewn that the ~~Unity~~ duties enjoined by the first query was one of the means of fulfilling the first, great Commandment; And that the Second was in like manner A part of the Same harmonious System. Sorrow of heart was expressed and felt for our delinquencies on the Subject of dress and address and the example of him who ever kept his Covenants with his Father; Who was not ashamed of the plain language or of the Seamless garment, was forcibly impressed upon the Young. - Parents were urged to avoid the Snares of accumulating wealth, the Spirit of pride, luxury, and extravagance; And thus exhibit to their offspring that their Concern for this testimony was one of moral importance and religious principle. It was a cause of mourning that many by accomplishing Marriages, and attending marriages accomplished ~~and of marriages~~ by the Aid of a priest were encouraging A Mercenary priesthood! And in communion with these departures from the Christian System, the necessity of a guarded education and the danger of Sending our Children to Schools where they are Surrounded by these temptations, and where they are Subjected to So many of these fatal influences were forcibly impressed upon the minds of friends. - The importance of obtaining a proper qualification for the administration of discipline was ??? urged upon those appointed to that Service, that it might be done in the Spirit of meekness, of charity and restoring Love; So as to leave those who had departed from the path of Rectitude? Under a belief that we regarded them as objects of divine Compassionateing love, that we Still wished to make them with us the Heirs of God; And joint Heirs with Christ. -

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings being now introduced were read and the labours of that Meeting being Satisfactory. Friends were encouraged to Continue their attention to the Service. -

Tomorrow being the day severally devoted to publick religious Worship -

Adjourned to the 11 hours on 5. Day Morning. -

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17. Of the Month and 5. Of the Week. -

The Committee appointed to Unite with Women Friends in proposing names to to Constitute our Meeting for Sufferings or representative Committee; Separated the following list, which being deliberately Considered was united with, and they appointed to the Service. - Women Friends concurring therewith. Viz. -

Stephen White	Mary White
William S. Burling	Phoebe Frost.
Sunderland P. Gardner	Mary I. Frost
George Dunlap	Pamela Brown
John Searing	Catharine White
Stephen Bogardus	Sarah Sheppard
Rowland Brown	Mary H. Watson
Jonathan Noxon	Margaret Brown
Benjamin Renouf	Judith P. Russell
David I Dillingham	Charlotte Mitchell
William Cornell (1)	Elizabeth Prior
William Cornell (of Canada)	Isabella Webster
Edward Herrendeen	Elizabeth Baker
William Clark	Amy Rathbun
Joseph Sheldon	Sarah Carmalt
Abraham Wilson	Anne Clarke
Joseph M. Howland	Eleanor Bowman
Seth W. Bosworth	Harriet Herrendeen
Elisha Freeman	Catharine Bosworth
Merritt Palmer	Penelope Fritz.
Edwin Ewer	Ruth Sheldon
Nathaniel Rusell	Mary Titus
John Watson	Caroline Renouf

Walter White

Mary Ann Wilson

Isaac G. Ewers

Caleb Carmalt

Nicholas Brown

Henry G. Zavitts

Jesse Weeks

David Mitchell

The Committee appointed in Conjunction with the Committees of other Yearly Meetings to promote the gradual improvement and civilization of the Indians made their Annual report by which it appears that the Indians Continue to feel an unabated Confidence in Friends; And desired a Continuation of their Care - that altho' the Indians were lamentably divided and agitated among themselves in regard to their political Affairs, they were Steadily improving; being more industrious &

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Less vicious than when established on their Reservations. - A remarkable advance having taken place in their Agricultural pursuits: And as fair Crops having been raised on their farms as could any where be Seen, While their live-Stock, Houses, and cut houses, demonstrated, that the Indians are Capable of attaining prosperity, and that if they fail, it is because they will not try to Succeed. -

It appears there are in the Reservations two thousand One hundred and fifty persons. - The Committee propose to Continue a Care towards them jointly with our Brethren of New York and Baltimore. - They also propose to pay over a balance of One hundred and twenty four 72/100 Dollars now in the hands of the Committee to the Treasurer of the yearly Meeting they having no further use therefor - And no probability exerting that anything will occur to require the use of it for the benefit of the Indians. -

Through the influence of our Friends of Baltimore Y^{ly} Meeting, the Gov^t of the United States has been induced to pay the Seneca Nation of Indians twenty eight thousand five hundred & five dollars 50/100 which has been unjustly and fraudulently withheld from them by the Government Agent. -

The Legislature of New York has also made provision for educating and instructing Such of the Indian Children as may be disposed? to avail themselves of this liberality. -

It appearing that the divine Blessing had thus attended this labour, of Friends in this Concern, And that the Indians ever grateful, and desired a continuation of our Care this Committee were encouraged to give further Attention thereto: As way may open in the Council of infinite Wisdom. -

The connexion with this Concern, the Committee Appointed to Unite with Women Friends to Consider the propriety of Continuing the Committee on Indian Concerns; And to offer the names of Suitable Friends to Constitute that Committee. Reported; that they had all met, and had United with Women Friends in believing that the Services of the Women were no longer wanted on that Committee: And that they had agreed to offer the following names - viz: Elisha Freeman, William S. Burling, Benjamin Renouf, William Cornell (1) and Sunderland P. Gardner. -

The Report being United with, they were appointed to the Service; Womens Meeting concurring!

The proposition to pay over the money in the hands of the Committee to the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was also united with; the Committee being Authorized in Care it should be necessary to draw on our treasurer for So much as may be wanted of this fund. -

The Committee appointed to examine and Settle the Treasurers Accounts Reported a balance in his hands of Eleven dollars; they offered the name of William Clark as treasurer and he was appointed for one year. And the Meeting on Consideration Concluded that it would be unnecessary to raise money for the Yearly Meeting this Year. -

The attention of the Meeting being now Called to the instructive and interesting Epistle Rec.^d from our Friends in Baltimore; it was agreed that our Meeting for Sufferings be directed to cause the Same to be presented and forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings. -

The Committee appointed to Unite with Women Friends, in considering the proportion form Scipio Quarterly Meeting to alter our discipline upon the Subject of grave Stones, made report, but no way opening to made any alteration the the discipline in relation thereto; it was agreed that the Subject be dismissed from our Minutes; Women Friends uniting in this Conclusion. -

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The Committee appointed to Essay Answers to the Several Epistles rec.^d from our distant Brethren offered for the Consideration of the Meeting Essays of Epistles to the Several Yearly Meetings with which we are in Correspondence: the essays being Separately united with they were directed to be transcribed and forwarded: -

A Sweet and Solemn canopy of peace and tranquillity having been graciously permitted to overshadow most of the proceedings of this our annual Assembly: And having under its Sanctifying and harmonising influence been enabled to transact the affairs of the Church with much condescension and brotherly love. - Our Spirits have ascended in humble aspirations to the Shepard of Israel, that he will continue in compassionating love to gather and protect his flock; & that he will increase our faith in his goodness. And our hope of justification, reconciliation, and forgiveness, through the Merits of his Son: - The Meeting Concludes with a hope that it may be consistent with the openings of Divine Wisdom, for us to meet again at the usual time next year.

Caleb Carmalt Clerk

Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends was held at Farmington by adjournments from the 13. Day of the 6: mo. to the 16. Of the same inclusive 1853. -

The business was commenced by Calling the names of the Representatives as Sent up from the Subordinate Meetings! they all answered except two from Canada, and three from Pelham - of the latter one was Stated to have died after having been appointed - Their names are as follows viz:

From Farmington - Elisha Freeman, Ebenezer Ford, Edwin Ewer, Elijah P. Quinby - Joseph Sheldon -

From Scipio: John Bedell, Gel: Dunlap, Stephen Bogardus, John Searning, David Mitchell -

From Canada. Nathan Dennis, James Armitage, Samuel Nn, Gideon H. Bowerman. -

From Pelham. - Daniel H. Cornell, Richard Willson - Amos G. Canby, Henry Zavitts, Merritt Palmer, Eli Doan and William Cornell.

Certificates of Unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were rec.^d and read as follows viz:

One for Isaac Drake a Minister from Rensselaerville monthly Meeting dated 11 Mo: 28. 1853. -

One for Benjamin T. Estes, a Minister from Laurens Monthly Meeting dated the first of 6: month 1853. -

One for John Needles, an Elder, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Western District dated 5. dy 5. Month 1853. -

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One for William Griscom, an Elder, from Woodbury Monthly Meeting New Jersey held at Upper Greenwich 5 mo. 30. 1853.-

One for Ann A. Townsend, a Minister from Green St. Monthly Meeting Philad. ^a dated 3 mo. 19. 1853.-

One for Sarah Hunt, a Minister from Chester Monthly Meeting N. Jersey dated - 6: Month 9: 1853. -

One for Sarah W. Griscom, a member and companion of Sarah Hunt from Hordburg Monthly Meeting dated 5 Mo: 30, 1853.

One for Mary B Needles, a Minister from Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the Western District dated 5. Of 5. Month 1853.

And one for James Cooper an Elder, Companion of Ann A. Townsend from Woodbury Monthly held at Upper Greenwich New Jersey dated 5. Of 3. Month 1853. -

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which this meeting is in Correspondence wer rec.^d and read to our Comfort and Edification, affording a gratifying evidence that in every part of the heritage there were many minds deeply interested for the Welfare and prosperity of Zion, and anxious to promote the great object of Religious Society - To essay answers to these acceptable Communications the way may be made in the openings of divine Wisdom; the following Committee was appointed viz: Sunderland P. Gardner, George Dunlap, Edwin Ewer, William Cornell (of

Canada) Jonathan Noxon, John Searing, Merritt Palmer, Elisha A. Griffith, John Watson, Gideon Bowerman, William Clark, & Benjamin Renouf.

To Examine and Settle the treasurers Accounts, Report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the use of the Meeting the present year, and also the name of a Friend to Serve the Meeting as treasurer. Edward Herrendee, (of Farmington) David Mitchell (of Scipio) Rowland Brown (of Canada) and David Cornell (of Pelham) were appointed. -

A proposition appearing on the Reports from Canada to explain a part of the discipline on the Subject of Marriages: the following Committee was appointed to Confer with a like Committee of Women Friends (if they Concur in Such appointment) to Consider the Subject and report to a future Sitting: viz:

From Farmington: Elisha Freeman, William Cornell.

Scipio - John Searning, Caleb Carnalt

Canada. Nicholas Brown, John Watson.

Pelham. - Abner Chan - Elijah Shotwell. -

The Representatives being requested to report t our next Sitting the name of a Friend to Serve the Meeting as Clerk, and one as Assistant Clerk for the present year.

Then adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow morning. -

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3rd day Morning 14.th of the Month. -

Friends and pursuant to adjournment: -

Elisha Freeman on behalf of the Representatives reported: that having met and Conferred together, they had united in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt to Serve the Meeting as Clerk: And the name of John Searing as assistant Clerk the names being Separately Considered were united with and they appointed to that Service for the present year. -

The minds of Friends being now led to Reflect upon the division & the controversies that have harrassed and distracted the Religious Association bearing our name for many years past, the Committee on Epistles were Authorised if way should be made in the openings of divine love and goodness to prepare and report to a suture Sitting of this Meeting for Consideration an Essay of an Epistle to Such of the yearly Meetings or other bodies of Friends upon this Continent as may be willing to receive it whether they are there with whom we are in Correspondence or whether they are not. -

The Meeting now proceeded to Consider the State of Society as reported in the answers to the queries: And the following Summaries being Considered as nearly descriptive of our present Condition were adopted viz: -

Ans: 1. Most friends appear Careful to Attend all our Religious Meetings for worship and discipline: altho' many are remiss in their attention to this important duty - two reports Say particularly in the Middle of the Week, the hour is nearly observed - Some appearance of Sleeping in meeting: no other unbecoming behaviour has been noticed; and Some Care taken in the deficiencies noted. -

Answ. 2. - Love and unity altho maintained among most friends as becomes brethren has not been so fully preserved as would be desireable, when differences become known endeavours are used to end them, talebearing and detraction are generally avoided and discouraged; one meeting Says not so fully guarded against as would be best. -

Answ. 3. - Most friends appear Careful to keep themselves, their own And other friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech, Behaviour, & apparel. And Some endeavours are used by example and precept, to train them up in a life and conversation, Consistent with our Christian profession: Care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition, but two of the reports State that neglect appears in Several of the particulars of this query. -

Answ. 4. Friends appear to have avoided the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage except in two instances, in one of which care has been taken, the are generally Clear of frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion, though One meeting reports four Cases of attending places of diversion. -

Answ. 5. The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded, Some of them have been advised and assisted as queried after: And their Children and all others

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under our Care partake of School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. None of our members are known to Countenance a hireling ministry by attending marriages or otherwise, except four instances of accomplishing marriages, by the aid of a priest And four instances of attending Such marriages: And one meeting reports Some instances of attending Such marriages & of Countenancing a hireling Ministry. -

Answ. 7. Nine Cases are reported of Friends having paid military taxes, one of which appears to have been paid unintentionally. -

Answ. 8. Friends appear generally Careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts, but not So Seasonably in all Cases as would be best, they are not known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage, as becomes our religious profession or to give much ground for fear on those accounts. -

Answ. 9. - Care has been taken in most Cases to deal with offenders - endeavouring in ~~most~~ Such Cases to do it in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, two meetings report, not So Seasonably in all Cases as would be best. -

Answ. 10. We believe they are. -

The quiet deportment as well as deep and Solemn interest manifested by our young Friends while the usual investigations were made into the State of Society: were Subjects of hope and of gratitude - And produced Several affectionate appeals and earned exhortations of parental love, for a renewed Care over our children; the fearful Consequences of Sleeping in meeting while their tender minds were watching the results of our attendance and looking for Some good from their parents: was

impressively urged upon Friends; the confidence that children always report in those who Sustain and cherish them in infancy was feelingly described, and the loss of that Confidence by reason of our not living up to our professions was clearly opened to the view of Friends: Affectionate admonitions were given upon the apparent want of love and Unity reported in the answers to the Second query - And the blessing bestowed upon the peace Makers by the great founder of the christian faith: was earnestly offered to those who watch and pray that they may preserve the harmony and unity enjoined by this query. - It was clearly Shewn that if we keep the first commandment and love the Lord our God with all our hearts; We shall love one another as the Workmanship of his holy hands, & We should not then Commit so great a violation of his holy law wither in the heart as to cause grief & Sorrow to our Friends by the payment of Military fines. And all our testimonies but more especially those that relate to war and a hireling Ministry would be faithfully and more effectually maintained. -

The Committee appointed in the proposed explanation of the discipline relative to Marriages as Suggested in the ~~reports~~ accounts from Canada half Yearly Meeting reported that having all met and Carefully Considered the discipline And the representations of Canada - Friends, they were united in Stating to the Yearly Meeting that they Consider that discipline Sufficiently Clear upon the Subject full authority being given by it to the monthly meetings to take the entire control & Superintendence of marriages, and full authority to fix upon the time and place when & where it shall be accomplished!

Which on consideration was united with, and the Substance thereof directed to be.

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forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings. -

Scipio Quarterly Meeting also reports that one member of that meeting has accepted a Seat in the Legislature, and that no other office of profit or honour has been accepted of by any of their members that they know of. -

The same meeting reports that no Suffering for non payment of Military demands has been inflicted except in three instances where property to the amount of two dollars 25/100 has been taken for a demand of one dollar 50/100. -

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings was now introduced and read and the labour and Services of that meeting being satisfactory - the minutes were adopted.

Tomorrow being the day usually appropriated on Yearly Meeting Week to public divine Worship - Adjourned to the 11: hour on 5. Day morning. -

16 of the month and 5th. Of the Week. -

About the time adjourned to Friends again met. -

A proposition to appoint as Committee to take into Consideration the propriety of changing the place of holding our Yearly Meeting being under Consideration was

adopted: And the following Friends were appointed to the Service they are directed to report next year. -viz-

From Farmington - Sunderland P. Gardner, Joseph Sheldon, Walter White, John Webster, Joseph M. Howland. -

From Scipio - David Mitchell, George Dunlap, John Searing, Caleb Carmalt and Stephen Bogardus. -

From Canada. - Joel Hughes, Rowland Brown, Gideon Bowerman - Jonathan Noxen, Nathan Dennis. -

From Pelham - Merritt Palmer - Freeman Clark - Smith Shotwell - Daniel Corness, Jesse Corness. -

The Committee appointed in relation to the treasurers a/c made the following report. -

"We have attended to our appointment have Settled the treasurer's account and find a balance in favour of the Meeting of one hundred and twenty-six dollars 2/100. We think it will not be necessary to raise any money this year. We are united in proposing the name of William Clark as treasurer."

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Signed on behalf of the committee"

David Mitchell"

The Report was united with and William Clark appointed treasurer for one year.

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The Treasurer was directed to pay David Haight Eight dollars for extra Care of this Meeting House, during the time of holding our Yearly Meeting this year. -

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to other Yearly Meetings reported that they had prepared Epistles as usual to those yearly meetings with which we have been hitherto Corresponding

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~~but~~ that way did not open to offer any Communication to those ~~Meetings~~ with which we have not been in Correspondence; but hope are entertained that the Spirit of reconciliation and restoring love may Continue to Cover the minds of those who profess to be led by the Same light and Called by the same name. And then in due time way will open to Communicate and receive tokens of Gospel love, one from another -

The report being united with the essays prepared by the Committee were Severally read, and directed to be Signed by the Clerk and forwarded. -

Benjamin Renouf, and Sunderland P. Gardner, were appointed to assist the Clerks in preparing the Extracts from the minutes of this Meetings proceedings for publication, and to have the Same distributed, they are authorised to call upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the necessary expense. -

The minds of Friends being now turned towards an adjournment we have been led to indulge an humble faith, that in conducting the affairs of the Church, we have been graciously favoured by the benignant Spirit of him who loves the workmanship of his holy hands. Who comes to harmonize and reconcile all things to himself; And who rules and reigns in the heart of his dependant Children! Under this faith we have bowed

in humble, reverential love & gratitude, for the favours bestowed upon the flock, and a deep conviction has been felt, that there assemblies unite us more and more closely in the bands of Gospel fellowship, encourage us more and more to press forward the mark for the prize of the high Calling of God in Christ Jesus: And qualify us more and more to perform the work allotted to each of us in his wisdom; and to bring forth the fruits of holiness and of peace. -

The meeting now Concludes to assemble again at the usual time next year if Consistent with the Divine Will. -

Caleb Carmalt Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournment from the 12th day of the 6. Mo. to the 15.y of the same inclusive 1854.

The names of the Representatives Sent up prior the Quarterly and half yearly Meetings were as follows.

From Farmington. Joseph Thorne, Isaac G. Ewer, Sund. P. Gardner, Oliver P. Hull, Stephen Y. Watson, Elisha Freeman.

From Scipio: John Searing, John Bedell, Cornelius Weeks, Geo. Dunlap.

From Canada, James Armitage, Samuel Noxen, Joseph Hazard, Joel Hughes, Joseph B. Wilson, & Howland Brown.

From Pelham - William Shotwell, James Pound, William Cornell, Jacob Zavitts, Solomon Doane. -

On Calling their names they all answered except three: for the absence of one - indisposition was assigned. -

Certificates or minutes of unity for Friends attending this meeting from other Yearly Meetings including one introduced from Women friends were rec^d And read as follows: viz: -

One for Joseph Foulke, a Minister from Gwynedd Monthly Meeting in Montgomery County Penn.^a dated 1: of 6. Mo. 1854.

One for John Hunt, a Minister from Burlington Monthly Meeting New Jersey, dated 6 mo. 5. 1854.

One for Richard Cromwell, a Minister from New York Monthly Meeting - N.Y. - dated 5 mo. 3. 1854.

One for Richard Lundy a member, from Burlington Monthly Meeting New Jersey dated 6 mo., 5. 1854. And

One for Elizabeth Leedom, a Minister from New York Monthly Meeting (N.Y.) dated 6 mo. 7. 1854. -

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in the practise of Corresponding were rec.^d And read: their Edifying and Salutory Contents being grateful to many exercised Minds And much Unity and Satisfaction being experienced therewith: A Committee was appointed to Essay answers thereto As way may be made in the openings of divine and perfect wisdom And report them for our Consideration at a future Sitting -

To this service the following Friends are named viz: -

John Watson - Jonathan Noxon -Sunderland P. Gardner, John Searing, Caleb Carmalt, Merritt Palmer, Robert B. Cromwell, Edwin Ewer, Jesse Weeks, William Cornell (of Canada) David Barker. -

To Examine and Settle the Treasurers Recd? Report the name of a Friend to Serve the meeting as treasurer And which Sum it may be necessary to raise for the present year, the following Friends were named. -

William Cornell (of Farmington) Cornelius Weeks (of Scipio) Nathan Dennis (of Canada)

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and Merritt Palmer of Pelham. -

A proposition from Scipio Quarterly Meeting for a revision of the quota's or proportions Contributed by the Several quarters to this Meetings Stock being now brought before the Consideration of Friends, the following Committee was appointed to take the matter under Care and report their Judgment thereon to a future Sitting. - viz:

From Farmington: Elisha Freeman, W^m. Cornell, Edw^d. Herrendeen,

From Scipio. - John Searing: Cornelius Coon, Cornelius Weeks. -

From Canada. Samuel Noxon, Row^d. Brown, Joel Hughes. -

From Pelham. - John Stover, William Shotwell, Jesse Cornell. -

The Representatives being requested to Confer together, and report to our next Sitting the names of Friends to Serve this Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk - Adjourned to the 11th. Hour to-morrow morning. -

13. Of the Month and 3rd. of the Week. -

Elisha Freeman on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had agreed to offer for Consideration the name of Caleb Carmalt as Clerk - And John Searing as assistant Clerk. - And the Meeting on Consideration of each name Separately Uniting therewith, they are appointed to the Service for the present year. -

The meeting proceeded to Consider the State of our religious Society as Reported in the answers to the queries And the following Summary of the Answers thereto being Considered, nearly descriptive of our present State were adopted. -

Answ. 1. All our Religious Meetings for worship And discipline have been attended although negligence in the performance of this Solemn duty of many of our members particularly at the time of holding our Mid-Week Meetings is mentioned in all the Reports, the hour of Meeting is nearly observed, instances of Sleeping in meeting too often Occur but no other unbecoming behaviour is reported And Some Care has been taken in Cases in which it has been necessary.

Answ. 2. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes Brethren - One - instance excepted, And one report says not so fully as is desired. When differences Arise Care has been taken to end them, talebearing and detraction appear to be generally avoided and discouraged, though not so fully as one quarter as would be desireable - in the deficiencies attended to, Some Care has been taken. -

Ans. 3. We believe there is a Care sits upon the minds of Friends to keep themselves their own & other Friends children under their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, but much neglect of this important duty is manifest --Some endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and Conversation Consistent with our christian profession; And Care appears to be generally extended in those respects towards others under our tuition. -

Answ. 4. - Friends appear to avoid the use of All intoxicating liquors

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as a beverage - of frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion - except two instances of dealing in Spirituous liquors two of making unnecessary use of them, and four instances of attending places of diversion - To all these Cases Care appears to have been extended except in One half yearly meeting. -

Answ. 5. We believe the Circumstances of the poor, and of these Lots? Appear likely to require assistance have been ~~extended~~ imparted, And relief afforded them, their Children and all others under our Care, Are instructed in School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. - Five instances are reported of Friends accomplishing their marriages, by the aid of a priest, and one of attending Such marriage; One report States that Some have so far countenanced a hireling Ministry as to attend their Meetings - To all these Cases Care has been given. -

Answ. 7. Nine instances are reported of Friends having paid military taxes. Several of paying a Commutation tax, and one of attending a military training in some of which Care has been taken. -

Answ. 8. Friends appear mostly Careful to perform, their promises, & pay their just debts - One instance only being excepted. One report mentions not So Seasonably as would be best: One instance is reported of a friend extending his business beyond his ability to manage to which Care has been extended to those who have given occasion for fear in those respects, Some labour has been extended. -

Answ. 9. - Care has been generally taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline - One meeting Says not So Seasonably in all Cases as might be best. -

Answ. 10 - We believe they are. -

The State of Society as exhibited in the Answers - deeply interested and exercised the minds of Friends. A Calm, Serene, but solemn covering was spread over the thoughts and Spirits of those who feel for the Welfare and prosperity of the church - Who love to recur? to find principles, and are faithfully dwelling in that living eternal, much angeable? Principle by which our Spirits are filled for the enjoyment of a purer and a happier state - a principle that would harmonize and bless, would dispel and allay all in happy feelings. And remove all Subjects of discord and dissension; Our young men have affectionately called to the performance of the various obligations required by the first, Second and third queries. - And they were faithfully admonished that if they

departed from the light that was intended to preserve and protect us in our course through life they would be cast into outer darkness, as relates to Spiritual things. The exhortation of the apostle in relation to the duty emphatically enjoined by the first query was affectionately urged upon them. And the new Commandment that Christ gave to his disciples was reviewed and illustrated and fervent aspirations uttered that they might be induced to walk by the light of its fire and by the Sparks of its kindling; they were earnestly Solicited to withdraw from the allurements and enticements of a World that ??? ??? wickedness - and faithfully warned against the delusions that under the inferring

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aspect of progress & improvement - discards the government of principles, and the experience of the wise and good: Under which plausible pretexts many are carried away Captive and deluded with a belief that the revelations of the pure and holy Spirit instead of being made immediately to the Son of man were made through Self Contributed Mediums and by the aid of material things. -

Much prudent advice and Counsel was given upon the Subject of marriage it was abundantly Shewn to be a divine ordinance, in the institution of which neither the priest nor the Government had any part: that it was an antecedent to all political institutions, as well as to all Religious organizations: And should have its origin in the heart and the affections; that in every well Constituted mind it should be surrounded by the Solemn Sanctions of parental Sympathy and religious association - It would then fit us for an increased inward and Spiritual extension & communion - Wherein the Spirit would be chastened and purified and filled for Communing with its kindred opened.? -

The beauty and order of our System of Church Government, in relation to this as well as to all the other Acts of religious duty and moral obligation have forcibly illustrated by the frequently expressed opinion of wise and good men ??? members of our Society of its Superiority over all other Systems of Government and by the profession we make that it had its origins in the Wisdom and virtue of him who was the light and the guide of the Primitive Church - We believe it to have been revived after a long night of ??? by the Patriarch of our Society and that every departure from it is a departure from the path of peace and must end in Sorrow and loss; that every such departure has a tendency to the encouragement of ???ism, disorganization, anarchy & Scepticism leading man into the wilderness that they might be tempted by the Spirit of evil and thus become the Subjects of its hateful influence. -

Much anxiety and Solicitude was manifest at the dangers impending from the minds of priestcraft?, and at the negligence of ~~these~~ Friends in Supporting our testimony against those who preach for hire and divine for money. The Zeal of Friends does not it is evident keep pace with the uniting efforts of those. Every one of them is looking for his gain from this quarter - Who give Jacob for a ??? and Israel to Robbers - Whose Sunday School ???; and deceptive Catcetisms are moulding the minds and doctoring? The understandings of Children and gradually Controlling? Them by ??? and publications until they can gradually establish the Kingdom of Mystery Babylon the mother of harlots, and the abominations of the Earth."

The Committee appointed last year to consider the propriety of changing the place of holding our yearly meeting reported.

"That they had attended to the duties of their appointment had visited on the different locations Suggested as Suitable places to Convene such an assembly and were united in reporting to the yearly Meeting that way did not open at present to make any change." - the report was united with and the Committee discharged from the further consideration of the Subject. And the Subject dismissed.

Tomorrow being the day usually Set apart where? Attending our Y/L/ Meeting; for public divine Worship - Adjourned to the 11th hour in 5 day morning. -

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Fifth day morning 15th of the Month. -

-about the time appointed Friends again assembled. -

The Committee appointed to Settle the Treasurer's a/c made report that they had Settled with the Treasurer had found a balance in his hands of 111 Dollars & fifty two cents, that they did not consider it necessary to raise any money the present year and that they had agreed to offer the name of William Clark as Treasurer. -

The Suggestions made in the respect being United with William Clark was appointed Treasurer for one year, and the necessary information directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings. -

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings being now introduced were read and the Services of that Committee being Satisfactory to the meeting, they were encouraged to continue them as way may be made in the openings of Wisdom & truth. The proposition made to the Committee by the Philadelphia Meeting for Sufferings in relation to the republication of William Penns treatise entitled "No Cross no Crown" was united with and the Committee left at Liberty to act therein as may be thought best, Women Friends Concurring with us. -

The Committee appointed to Consider the proposition from Scipio quarterly Meeting for a new arrangement? of quotas reported that they had all met and deliberately Considered the proposition and were United in recommending to the Yearly Meeting: that in all future Contributions whenever the Yearly Meeting Concluded to raise money - Farmington quarterly Meeting should raise thirty two dollars in every hundred - Scipio, twenty eight Dollars - Canada twenty dollars and Pelham Twenty Dollars. - Which being united with the information is directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings. -

On consideration the following Friends were appointed to have Such alterations and improvements as may be necessary made in the partitions that Separate the men's from the women's apartment in this house: and draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the amount of expense thus incurred. -

Edward Herrendeen, Seth W. Bosworth, Joseph Green, William Clark, and Joseph M. Howland. -

Benjamin Renouf and Sunderland P. Gardner were appointed to assist the Clerk in having a Suitable number of Copies of the extracts from the minutes of this meeting -

And also of the Minutes of the Meeting of Women Friends prepared & published in pamphlet form; and to draw on the Treasurer of this Meeting for the necessary expense. -

The Committee appointed at our first Sitting to Essay Answers to the Epistles rec.^d from other Yearly Meetings reported that they had prepared an Epistle to N. York Yearly Meeting, and another to Ohio yearly meeting; which they Considered Suitable to send to those Meetings respectively; that they had prepared &

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offered to this meeting for its consideration a few paragraphs for the announcement of a reply to Baltimore yearly meeting intending to add thereto the minute made of the State of Society is Subjoined to the Answers to the Queries of our Consideration it is approved of by the Yearly Meeting; the same course had been taken with regard to Philadelphia And Indiana. -

The Several essays being Separately Considered were united with, and the addition proposed directed to be made - the Clerk is directed to have the Same organized, Signed and forwarded. -

Having been graciously preserved in a Spirit of Conciliation harmony and love while performing the duties for which we Convened - We have been humbled at the Merciful interpositions and visible kindness of him who watches over the Welfare of his family! Who knows what we Seek for when thus assembling; Who Sounds and Searches the Secrets of the heart, Lo he mourns over the divisions of his church, and to whom the bread of the poor and oppressed is precious: Under a deep and abiding Sense of the Reverence and the gratitude due to him for the blessings Rec.^d We

hope they may remain as unquenched Coal upon his Altar, and with a Sense of the Justice of his Judgments and the far greater proportion of his mercies we adjourn to meet at the usual time next year - tender and humble faith that our Spirits may not? There appear as Strangers in his holy presence. -

Caleb Carmalt
-Clerk-

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 11th day of the 6. Month to the 14th. Of the Same inclusive 1855. -

It appears by the Reports that the following named Friends have been appointed to represent the quarterly and half yearly Meeting in this Meeting viz:

From Farmington. - Joseph Head, William Cornell, John H. Robinson, Edward Derrendeen, Elijah P. Quinby and Gordon? T. Smith

From Scipio. - Caleb Carmalt, Richard Searing, John Bedell, Cornelius Koon, and Stephen Bogardus;-

From Canada. - Joel Hughes, Nicholas Austin, Jonathan Noxon, and John Stinson. -

From Pelham. - Henry Zavitts, Solomon Doan, David Bears, Asa L. Schooley, Charles Hill and Jacob Zavitts. -

On Calling their names they appeared to be all present except one from Pelham, and tow from Scipio, for the absence of two Satisfactory reasons were assigned; -

Certificates or minutes of Unity for Friends who are in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were received and read as follows -

One for Stephen Paschall, a Minister from Radnor Monthly Meeting Delaware County Penn.^a dated the 10. Of 5 month 1855. -

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One for Samuel Allen, a Minister from Haddonfield Monthly Meeting Cambden County N. Jersey dated the 7. Day of the 3^d. Month 1855. -

One for Mary Allen (Wife of Samuel Allen) a Minister from the Same Meeting: having the Same date, and endorsed by Haddonfield quarter. -

One for James Thorne, a Minister from the Elders of Coeyman's monthly Meeting Albany County N.Y. dated the 6. of 6. Month 1855. -

One for Abigail Haight, a Minister from Oblong Monthly Meeting, Dutchess County New York; dated the 14. of 5 month 1855. -

One for Nathan H. Conrow, an Elder from Chester Monthly Meeting N. Jersey dated 5 mo. 10. 1855.

One for Elisha H. Powell (an Elder) from the Elders of Coeyman's Monthly Meeting Albany County N.Y. dated 5 mo. 3. 1855.

One for Mark Wright, a member from Falls Monthly Meeting Bucks County Pa. dated 5 month 3^d 1855. -

The time having expired for which the members of the Meeting for Sufferings, or Representative Committee were appointed, the following Friends were named to unite with Women Friends and report to a future Sitting of this Meeting the names of Suitable individuals for that Service. -viz.-

From Farmington, Seth W. Bosworth, Stephen Lapham, William Lapham and William G. Barker

From Scipio: Benjamin Battey, Daniel Sisson, David Mitchell and Richard Searing. -

From Canada. - Jonathan Noxon, Nathan Dennis, John Stinson, and Rowland Brown. -

From Pelham. - Isaac Wilson, Elijah Shotwell, Charles Hill and Freeman Clark. -

The time having expired for which our Committee on Indian Concerns were appointed and Friends believing that the gradual improvement of the Indians was advanced by the aid of our Society the Committee were continued for another period of three years. -

Epistles from all the yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in correspondence were rec^d. and read, a deep feeling of religious responsibility was Spread by their Searching and Solemnizing reflections over the Meeting; and an anxious Solitude was felt that in our interchange of these Communications with other parts of the heritage a qualification may be experienced to unfold to them in Wisdom

the openings of the Spirit; So that our love for one another may be increased, our minds instructed and our hearts enlarged and purified, and the Standard of peace and truth, raised throughout our borders to the Weighty Service of Communicating as way may open to our distant Brethren, the exercises of this Meeting in reply and reporting their essays to a future Sitting: the following Friends are

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named viz. - Sunderland P. Gardner, William S. Burling, John Watson, Joel Hughes, - John Searing, Abraham Wilson - George Dunlap, David Mitchell, Solomon Doane, David Barker, John I. Cornell, John H. Robinson, William Cornell (of Canada), Caleb Carmalt - Edwin Ewer - Benjamin Renouf. -

To Examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts, Report the name of a Friend to Serve the Meeting as treasurer, and ascertain what Sum may be necessary to raise for the use of the Meeting this year the following Committee was appointed. -

Farmington - Edward Herrendeen - Canada - Nathan Dennis

Scipio - Daniel Sisson - Pelham - Solomon Doane. -

The Representatives being requested to Stop at the rise of this Meeting Confer together and report to our next Sitting the names of Friends to Serve the Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk, Adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow morning.

-12. Of the Month and 3rd. of the Week. -

The Meeting Assembled about the time adjourned to. -

William Cornell on behalf of the Representatives reported that they had nearly all met, and after deliberate consideration had united in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt as Clerk; and John Searing as assistant Clerk for the present year.

-The names being Separately Considered were united with, and they appointed to the Service. -

The usual time having arrived for examining into the State of Society, the meeting proceeded to Consider the Answers to the queries as Sent up in the Reports from our Subordinate Meetings, and Summaries of the Reports were agreed upon as follows. Viz. -

Answ. 1. All our Religious Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended; those of the first day of the Week, by the most of our members, but they are much neglected by Some, and those in the middle of the Week by many: the hour appears to be generally observed: Some appearance of Sleeping in Meeting: no other unbecoming behaviour has been noticed, and Some Care taken in most of the deficiencies noted.

Answer 2. Love and unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes Brethren: one report Says, one instance excepted, which is under Care, and another that it si not maintained in ofe preparative Meeting: talebearing and detraction are avoided and discouraged as far as appears: Where differences arise and become known endeavours are used to end them. -

Answ: 3. There appears to be a Care on the minds of some Friends - to keep themselves, their own, and other Friends children under their Care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, and endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation Consistent with our christian profession. We believe care is taken by in these respects towards others under our tuition; altho: exceptions and deviations are apparent, in most of the branches of this query. -

Answer. 4. - Six instances are reported of Friends attending places of
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diversion, and one of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, to most of these Cases, Care appears to have been extended. -

Answ: 5 - the Circumstances of the poor have been inspected & relief afforded: and some advice given, their children and others under our Care, generally partake of School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. - Four instances are reported of marriages accomplished by the assistance of a hireling minister; Five of attending Such marriages, one of taking an active part in their Meetings: And one Meeting Reports that Some Friends have accomplished their marriages by the assistance of a priest, Care appears to have been extended to most of these Cases. -

Answ: 7. - Friends appear to be clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof - One quarter reports Six instances excepted of paying a military tax, to which Care has been extended. -

Answer. 8. Friends appear to be Careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts, one instance excepted which is under Care, none are known to extend their business beyond their abilities to manage, but one report says "generally" Careful in this particular.

Answ: 9. Care appears to be generally taken to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline: though not in all Cases as Seasonably as would be best.

Answer 10. We believe they are, but one meeting mentions that exceptions reported; had been stricken out, because Care had not been extended! -

A deep and lively exercise were apparent in the minds of our young as well as our aged Friends while the meeting was deliberating on the State of Society, & this more especially in relation to the duties enjoined by the final query. The conduct of those in the early history of our Society who in Calm and quiet faith, attended and Sustained their religious meetings: While Harassed, abused, and beaten by licentious Soldiers and Cruel officers was held up as an example for their posterity. It was shewn that during all that trying and eventful period; bankruptions and failures were Seldom known among friends. - A conviction was felt that the performance of this Solemn duty would Serve to Confirm our faith: Would establish in more firmly upon that foundation

that can never be moved, though the threatening aspect of the times indicates, that it will Soon be Sorely and deeply tried; that no loss has ever resulted from attention to it; and if poverty overtakes us; and adversities thicken around us, it will offer unfailing Sources of Comfort and Consolation. - That it will greatly assist us to establish a Correspondence as an anchor of hope between our Souls and him who is the Father of Spirits, and who loves and Cares for the Welfare and prosperity of his children and his church. And parents were feelingly admonished of the dangers that beset their offspring: When they neglect to exercise an affectionate Care over them in this particular.

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was forcibly Set before the minds of Friends, and the expression that upon the first and second commandments are embodied and intended to be exhibited in those two queries "bang all the law and the prophets" was illustrated by the fact that no advancement in religiousness or in religious attainments was ever made by friends who neglected to perform there Solemn obligations or to Cultivate there feelings. -

Much anxiety was also felt on account of the proper Education of our children as enjoined by the third query, and parents were warned that the religious engraver on the heart of childhood by the Simple teachings of home; were the sure foundation upon which character is formed and usefulness established, that the reports of the Schools often fade from the memory, while those of childhood remain in after years. Manifesting that if the precepts of the Gospel are properly ???, and practised by the parent, they are often remembered in distant places and remote periods and thus the Spirits of the parents can Save their children when they have passed the boundary that Separates time from eternity. -

Tomorrow being the day when Friends are expected to assemble in different places for the performance of divine worship, adjourned to the 11. Hour on Fifth day morning. -

14. of the month and 5. of the week.

-Friends gathered pursuant to adjournment. -

The Committee appointed to examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts Reported! - That they had attended to their appointment And had found a balance in his hands of Five

dollars 11/100 in favor of the meeting they agreed to propose the name of William Clark as treasurer, and that the sum of One hundred dollars be raised for the use of the Meeting!

The suggestions of the Committee being united with William Clark was appointed Treasurer for one year, and the other necessary information was directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings in the extracts. -

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings being now introduced were read and were Satisfactory to Friends. -

The Committee appointed last year to have Some alterations made in the partitions & other parts of this house ~~reported~~ for the accommodation of the yearly Meeting reported that they had attended thereto, and had drawn on the treasurer for ninety nine dolls & 41/100 the amount of expenses incurred. -

Canada half yearly Meeting informs that the time of holding that meeting has been changed from the time it has been heretofore held to the Second day after the last first day in the 5. Month, at West-Lake, And to the Same time ~~in~~ after the last first day in the 9th Month at Yonge Street, the Meeting of ministers and Elders to be held on 7.th day preceeding; the Clerk is directed to forward this information in the extracts to our Subordinate Meetings. -

The Committee appointed at our first Sitting to propose to this Meeting the names of Suitable Friends to Serve as members of the

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members of the meeting for Sufferings or Representative Committee reported that they had met and Confered with a Committee of like purpose from Women's meeting and had agreed to offer for Consideration to both meetings the following names. -

Jonathan Noxon	Elizabeth H. Prior
Abraham Wilson	Mary H. Watson
John Searing	Harriet Herrendeen
Walter White	Margaret Brown
Sunderland P. Gardner	Sarah Ann Browll?
Rowland Brown	Sarah Dunlap
Edwin Ewer	Charlotte Sisson
George Dunlap	Sarah T. Weeks
Freeman Clark	Ann Cornell
William Cornell (of Canada)	Catharine E. Bosworth
Jesse Weeks	Charlotte R. Mitchell
Charles Hill	Anne Clark
Seth W. Bosworth	Phoebe Frost
James Pound	Isabella Webster

Daniel Sisson	Sarah Carmalt
William Shotwell	Anna R. Brown
Nathan Dennis	Caroline Renouf
John Watson	Mary T. Frost
David Mitchell	Judith P. Russell
Solomon Doane	Mary Armitage
Richard Searing	Elizabeth Dennis
Nathaniel Russell	Hannah D. Howland
William Clark	Mary I. White
Benjamin Renouf	Mary Titus
Job Dennis	Ruth Sheldon
Edward Herrendeen	Hannah Loines
William Cronk	William Cornell (of Menden)
David Barker	Daniel Russell
Joel Hughes	Joseph M. Howland
Stephen B. Titus	Stephen Cox
Joseph Thorne.	

-The names being all united with, they were appointed to the Service for three years. - Women Friends informing that we have their concurrence. -

The Committee appointed to essay Answers to the Epistles received from other yearly meetings, with which this meeting is in correspondence reported, that they had prepared an essay for the Yearly Meeting of Ohio.. One for the yearly Meeting of Indiana - and one for Friends of Baltimore

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they also Submit parts of an Essay for the yearly meeting of New York and Philad^a and propose to embody therein the exercises of the Meeting as gathered by the Clerks and entered upon the Minutes of last Sitting. -

This came being united with by the Meeting, and the Several essays adopted, the Clerk is directed to have the Epistles, prepared accordingly, Signed and forwarded.

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Benjamin Renouf is appointed to assist the Clerks in having two hundred copies of the Extracts printed, and distributed, among our quarterly and half yearly Meetings.

A Holy and Calm Serenity indicating the inward and Spiritual peace of the militant Church, having been graciously permitted to Spread its influence over the closing hours of our business, and the minds of Friends being thoughtfully engaged upon the Separation that is about to take place it has recalled to our recollection the parting admonition of our Divine Master. "It is expedient for you that I go away for if I go not away the Comforter will not come." And while we gladly participate in the comforts and enjoyments that these meetings are so eminently Calculated to furnish. We feel that it is in the hours of Separation, when alone and in Solitary places, we are wrapt in the mantle of our own thoughts, that the still small voice reaches the spirit, saying "Go, my peace shall be with you and any love around you, it shall be unto you as the green pastures and the Still waters, and as the Shadow of a mighty rock in a weary land." Under this divine assurance, and filled with humble gratitude for the favour the Meeting Adjourns to meet again at the usual time next year if consistent with the divine Will. -

Caleb Carmalt

Clerk to the Meeting this year. -

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the ninth - day of the Sixth Month to the twelfth of the same inclusive 1856. -

After a short Season of Silent waiting the names of the Representatives were Called, and they all answered, except one from Scipio, one from Canada, and two from Pelham for the absence of two, Satisfactory reasons were given. - Their names are as follows. -

From Farmington - Sunderland P. Gardner, Edwin Ewer, W^m. Cronk, Joseph Thorn, and Peter Culver. -

From Scipio - George Dunlap, Caleb Manchester, John Bedell, John Searing: and Edward Eldredge. -

From Canada - Rowland Brown - Cornelius White - Nathan Dennis - David Barker -

From Pelham - Henry Zavitts - Joseph Priestman - Asa L. Schooley, Jesse Cornell - Jacob Zavitts & Hugh D. Webster. -

A Certificate was introduced from our Womens Friends, recommending Priscilla Cadwallader, a Minister, from Blue River monthly meeting Washington County, Indiana, dated 1, mo. 8. 1853 endorsed by Blue River quarterly meeting: and renewed & again endorsed by the same quarter on the 24. Of 5 mo: last - her company and Religious Services are acceptable to us. -

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which this meeting is in Correspondence were now Read, and the minds of friends were led to Reflect upon their Solemn Admonitions and affectionate Counsels: to compare them to a brook by the wayside, and to indulge a gratifying and lively hope, that we may be to each other helpers in maintaining the faith, that was, and is, delivered to the Saints: We deeply

Sympathise with those tired & humbled Spirits in distant places & in those parts of the heritage who have Been deprived of faithful labours: but We trust the departure of these may be the means of inducing others to purify their Spirits and fill their places of the departed in the church militant! And that in the Lords appointed time they will Receive the holy anointing that will enable them to become Judges as at the first and Counsellors as in the beginning! - To the Weighty Service of Answering these Communications, as way may be opened in the unfoldings of divine and perfect Wisdom, and reporting their essays to a future Sitting of this meeting the following Friends are names. -

John Watson - Sunderland P. Gardner, Abra.^m Wilson -

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George Dunlap, John Searing, Caleb Carmalt, Benjamin Renouf, Richard Searing: William S. Burling: Cornelius White, Stephen Cox - William Shotwell - Asa L. Schooley - Edwin Ewer - and Joseph Thorne. -

An affectionate Epistle was also Rec.^d from our aged Friend Lamuel Comfort; which was Satisfactory and Edifying: and a hope was expressed that its Contents may Claim the close attention of all. -

To Examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts - report what Sum may be necessary to raise the present year; and also the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as treasurer, the following Committee was appointed. -

Farmington - Edward Herrendeen. -

Scipio. - John Bedell. -

Canada - Nathan Dennis. -

Pelham - Isaac Wilson. -

It appears by the Reports, that the several proportions of the receptive quarterly and half yearly meetings to this meetings Stock have been all paid to the Treasurer: -

A proposition from Farmington Quarterly Meeting relative to an explanation of the discipline on the Subject of Grave Stones having been forwarded on the Minutes from that meeting: it was Concluded to refer the Same to the following Friends for consideration; they are directed to unite with Women Friends, in giving proper attention thereto, and report to a future Sitting!

From Farmington - Abraham Wilson - William Cornell - Joseph Thorne - David S. Dillingham

“ Scipio - Cornelius Weeks - George Dunlap - Daniel Sisson - Richard Searing

“ Canada - John Watson - Jonathan Nonon - Rowland Brown - Nathan Dennis.-

“ Pelham - Jese Cornell - Asa L. Schooley, Jacob Zavitts - Smith Shotwell. -

The Representatives being requested to propose according to our usual order, to our next Sitting; the name of a Friend to Serve this Meeting As Clerk - and one as assistant Clerk - Adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow morning. -

3.rd day morning 10. Of the month. -

Friends assembled about the time adjourned to. -

Sunderland P. Gardner, on behalf of the Representatives Reported, that there of their number who had, met, had United in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt for Clerk, and John Searing for

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Assistant Clerk - Where names being Separately Considered were united with, and they appointed to the Service for the present year. -

The Reports from ~~the~~ our Subordinate Meetings exhibiting the State of Society, in their Several Answers to the queries, were now read & considered - And the following Summaries to the Answers being United with, were directed to be recorded. -

Answer 1. - Nearly all our Religious meetings for worship and discipline have been attended - one report Stating that in consequence of the State of the Roads, it has been impossible to attend them all. - And another that two meetings for worship, and one for discipline have been neglected - deficiencies are noted in attending them held in the middle of the week, and Some Friends are reported as neglecting them almost entirely - The hour for meeting is nearly observed - Friends are not quite Clear of Sleeping when assembled - no other unbecoming behaviour is reported, and Some Care has been taken in the deficiencies noted. -

Answ. 2. - Love and unity appear to b generally maintained as becomes Brethren - One instance excepted which is under Care, and Some apprehensions of another instance which has not been attended to for want of time: talebearing and detraction are generally avoided and discouraged: And where differences arise Care has been taken to end them. -

Answ. 3. Most friends appear Careful to keep themselves, their own & other Friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour, and apparel - One report States that may pay little attention to any of the Requisitions of this query - Another mentions deviations apparent in dress & address in which Some Care is taken. - We believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train up our Children in a life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession and Care is extended in these Respects towards others under our tuition. -

Answ. 4. Two instances are reported of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage - One of attending a place of diversion - And one of admitting dancing and Card playing in the family in which Care has been taken - In other respects the duties enjoined by the query appear to have been attended to. -

Answ. 5. - The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected - And Some relief afforded, and Some advice given: their Children and those under our Care, appear to be in a way to get School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. - Six instances are reported of Friends accomplishing

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their marriages by the Aid of a hireling Minister - Six of attending marriages So accomplished - And one ~~instance~~ Meeting Reports a number of instances of attending Such marriages - And one instance of hiring a minister to officiate at a funeral - And one of attending their meetings & taking an active part in the Service - in Some of these Cases. Care has been extended. -

Answ. 7. - Friends are Clear of bearing arms, of Complying with Military Requisitions, and of paying any tax or fine in lieu thereof in all but one of the quarterly Meetings; which reports four instances of paying fines (now under Care) and two or three instances of paying them unintentionally. -

Answ. 8. Friends appear to be generally Careful to perform their promises & pay their just debts. - One instance is Reported of the non performance of promises and two of extending their business beyond their ability to manage, as becomes our religious profession - in which Some Care has been taken. -

Answ. 9. - We believe Care is taken to deal with offenders, in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, though not in All Cases as Seasonably as would be best. -

Answ. 10. - We believe they Are. -

More than the usual deficiencies in the attendance of our Religious Assemblies, as well as in the Maintenance of our other testimonies being manifested in the foregoing Answers. It has been a cause of deep and painful Solicitude. And exercised Friends were favoured to exhibit many instances of the dangers and the evils, that must unavoidably follow from these acts of disobedience, as well as many instances of the blessings and advantages that have flowed from the performance of this our reasonable Service; All our other religious professions and institutions being in a great degree dependant upon faithful obedience to the divine Commandment "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, and with all thy Strength, and thy neighbour as thyself." - the precept of the great founder of the Christian faith, to lay up treasure where it will all be Safe - where neither ??? nor ??? corrupt, where no thieves break through or Steal was revived: and altho' the wisdom of the Wise, may consider the time thus appropriated to religious Communion, to be the Sacrifice of fools: God will not only give those who are faithful an answer of peace: but will reward them abundantly with temporal blessings. - We believe that the acquisition of property is laudable as well as justifiable, when the object for which it is pursued is the promotion of human happiness, wisdom, and virtue: but it was one of the Snares with which the adversary of man's Salvation, Sought to Seduce, Ensnare, and Carry Captive him who was

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Sent to be our example: We have therefore been exceedingly Solicitous that parents may exhibit to their children moderation in the pursuit of property & in the furniture of their houses: in the provision for their tables! And much more that they may always

while Seeking it, Retain the integrity of their hearts and purity of Spirit that all may be like unto the patriarch who Commanded his household after him to walk uprightly and Consistently, and being thus preserved under divine limitations, and experiencing many and necessary Capitalisms regarding them as divine Visitations! Our Society may arise as from the wasting of Regeneration & Shaking off the dust of the Earth: may bear that portion of authority in the ~~Earth~~ world: for which it is qualified & for which it was divinely appointed. -

In Considering the Second query the Admonition was revived "if ye love not a Brother whom ye have Seen how can ye love God whom ye have not Seen." - and as "God is love, and love the fulfilling of the law." every departure from this living Unifying principle is not only a breach of the law, but a departure from the presence and love of the Father, and when we do it, all our pretensions to religion are difirmulation? and by hypocrisy. We are only to overcome evil with good: and we can only do this by evincing that we love those we admonish: Every attempt to Cast out devils or unclean Spirits ~~on~~ ~~which~~ through any other medium is alike wicked and unavailing! Our Fathers loved one another: and if we do not exhibit that love among ourselves: how can we expect to offer an unbroken front - or administer a rebuke to the Systematic Commission of evil --It is evident the Judgment of God are impending: that wars and rumours of wars are around us, and by our answer to the 4.th and 7.th queries we are offering to them no Steady resistance In Civil commotions wher the Sanctities of havitation Are disregarded and profaned the fruity of industry destroyed: And Gods glorious image defaced by the ferocif armed invaders; our ability to Rebuke them is lost by our Controversies: by manifesting that we do not love one another: then Clearly Shewing that we Cannot Consistently Sincerely Love the rest of mankind! We feel that the impending evils of dimension and civil war are weighing heavily upon the minds of many around us: and yet any apparent or interference from us is unavailing because of want of love and and unity among ourselves! We believe that if unity and peace, and love, was manifested among Friends in its fulness as was intended in the economy of divine and perfect wisdom: the spread of intemperance - the practice of war - or the extension of Slavery would not now be attempted by public Authority; but our God would have opened to us, a door of utterance, reaching the witness in the heart: and our petitions, appeals & remonstrances, which we once knew to be quick and powerful in their operation upon the Government could be used availingly! We have indeed Cause to mourn, because the Standard bearers fail and faint and we can only utter the cry of the desponding "help Lord for the Godly man careth, the faithful fail, from among the children of men." - We have indeed many things to shake our ~~faith~~ Confidence in our Society to tumble the proud &

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haughty Spirit, but we know that "altho' God is high he will have Respect unto the lowly he will know the proud from far." - And amid all these baptisms & back slidings too have remembered the Consoling assurance "For a small movement have I forsaken thee, but with great Mercies will I gather thee."- And many fervent petitions have been first

up, that the gathering arm of divine goodness may be Stretched out to the Younger members of Society, leading them to walk in the footsteps of the flock of christ, and tho' many may want examples: and have cause frequently to query "who shall Shew in any good" we trust they will yet remember, that the Lords watchful eye is upon them, and his presence and power around them that he who was their bright example, made it the joy of his life to do good to all even his enemies, endeavouring to effect their Salvation as well as their temporal prosperity, that in that Strait path he walked without a side look, without a thought that might not be exposed to the gaze of Angels or of men; - We utter nothing more than the lessons of experience where we tell them that altho' they may possess all the wealth and honour of the Earth, and may adorn their minds with all the guns that glitter among the gifts of genius: All the glory and wisdom of Solomon was insufficient to keep him in the Strait and narrow path that leads to life and peace. - And we believe that if they would receive and yield to the pathetic exhortation addressed to him by his dying parent. "Solomon my son know thou the God of thy Fathers, and Serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind" they would enjoy more true happiness than was ever attained by the greatest and Wisest of mankind, because if they "Serve him he will be found of them but if they forsake him he will Cast them off forever." - An affectionate Solicitude was felt and expressed that all our Members would look towards the Lords holy habitation, and be willing to bear and to ask for the Searching power of his touch, that they experience receiving the wine that imparts life & activity and the oil that anoints and re-anoints for Service: We earnestly and affectionately entreat Fathers, to dwell deep in travail and exercise of Spirit feeling after renewed ability to step forward in the time of divine appointment, approaching the throne only with unspotted and purified Spirits, resisting all who flatter them with expressions that they are any better than those who fill their appointed work in less conspicuous places: Such men Speak vanity and lies, with double hearts and flattering lips, and the Lord will Out them off together, even he that flattereth and him that is flattered. -

And ~~these~~ to you friends, dearly beloved: Whose Situation and Circumstances in life are So Strait, as to render it difficult to attend Monthly, preparative, and other Meetings: Who cannot exhibit whatever may be Your desire any outward appearance of usefulness: We hope and trust there are many among you, who are hidden Servants in the Lords house, who are walking humbly and mournfully before him: With you we deeply and affectionately Sympathise: Your habitations we trust will be visited with the Salutation of peace: and with the Consoling

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assurance blessed are the meek and humble for they shall inherit the Kingdom - blessed are the pure in heart for they shall See God. - Let it be remembered among you dear Friends, that the Lord is equal in All his Ways; that if you are deprived of the blessings of Social Worship and Religious Communion, he has in his wisdom A System

of Compensation and equivalents, amply Sufficient to vindicate and justify the ways of his providence; and that you have more opportunities in Silent and Solitary places to hold Communion with his own pure Spirit, and less likely to be the Victims of divination and enchantment, than those who are more abroad in the world.

Our testimony against the insidious Evils of a hireling Ministry has been forcibly Sustained in this Meeting! their Conduct has been publicly exposed by those who have witnessed their many Snares, laid to entrap and Seduce the unwary - to overcome the feeble minded - and to cherish harmonies of ??? ??? and selfishness - taxing for these purposes, the energies of the Strong: diminishing the little that is left for the poor - and taking the last mite of the widow & the Fatherless -- When we see men of the very Same religious Sects and professions, taking opposite Sides on the Subject of Slavery - inciting their flocks to Civil and intestine? war - praying at the and imploring at the head of opposite and opposing armies, the same beneficent God & Father to give to each the victory: exciting and Stimulating them to animosity, blood, and Carnage - We have craved that our Souls may not be drawn into their Secret Councils, that into their assemblies our honour may not be united. - And we believe we are not Confounding our testimony upon Such Subjects with the denunciation of men who are often upright and worthy: when we say that the whole System is drinking in iniquity like water, and laying waste the whole heritage of God. -

On Considering the State of Society in Farmington Quarter Meeting as exhibited in the reports from that quarter: the following Committee was appointed to visit that Meeting and Such of it branches as way may be opened in the unfoldings of divine wisdom; to render them Such advice and assistance As the Case may require and report to this meeting next year. - Women Friends uniting with us. -

Richard Searing - Isaac Wilson - Nicholas Brown - John Searing: = Elijah Shotwell - Jonathan Noxon - Jacob Zavitts. - Nathan Dennis. - John Debell. - Rowland Brown.- John Watson - Caleb Carmalt. -

The Committee appointed on the proposition from Farmington quarter, to have an explanation of the discipline upon the Subject Grave Stones - reported their inability to agree upon any explanation - On Consideration of the Report: the Subject is dismissed from our Minutes. -

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The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now read; and the proceedings of that meeting were Satisfactory to Friends. - The proposition to paint the Meeting House at the expense of the Yearly Meeting was agreed to and the following committee was appointed to give the necessary attention thereto, and draw on the Treasurer of this meeting for the Expenche. -

Edward Herrendeen - Sunderland P. Gardner, Seth W. Bosworth and Gordon T. Smith. -

Tomorrow being the day usually Set apart for public divine worship - Adjourned to the 11 hour on 5. Day morning. -

12.th of the Month and 5.th day of the Week. -

About the time appointed Friends again assembled. -

The Committee appointed to examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts Reported, that they had examined the accounts and vouchers and found a balance in his hands of one hundred and five dollars due the yearly Meeting: they recommended the raising of one hundred Dollars for the use of the yearly Meeting this year: And united in proposing William Clark as treasurer. -

The recommendations and Suggestions of the Committee being united with by the Meeting: the necessary information is directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings, in the extracts from our Minutes. -

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to the yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in Correspondence Reported one to each meeting which being united with were directed to be transcribed, Signed and forwarded. -

The Clerks are directed to have 200 Copies of the Extracts usually made from our minutes, printed and Sent for distribution to our Several Quarterly and half yearly Meetings. - And to draw on our Treasurer for the expense. -

The business for which the Meeting Assembled having been transacted in harmony and love, the breathings of gratitude, love & devotives have been Sensibly felt at its close; there upon whom the Holy Spirit descended have felt it remaining with them. And the baptisms with which the faithful are baptised being Regarded as blessings - he who died for us, but been felt to be alive and to be with us! - Having furnished us with a qualification thus to perform his work and his Service; We have cherished an humble hope that he will not forsake us in the hour of Separation or temptation, and under this hope the Meeting adjourns to meet again at the usual time next year, if Consistent with his holy Will. -

Caleb Carmalt
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 15th day of the 6. Month to the 18.th of the Same inclusive 1857. -

The names of the Representatives having been forwarded in the usual Reports from the quarterly and half yearly Meetings, they were called over, and all answered except one from Canada, and two from Pelham. - No reasons were offered for the non-attendance of the absentees. - Their names are

From Farmington - William S. Barker, Joseph Thorne. Joseph M. Howland, Jon Head, and Edwin Ewer. -

From Scipio - David Mitchell, Chas. W. Searing. - Wells Rathbun, Ebenezer L. Warner, Albert Hoxie & Edward Eldredge. -

From Canada - Nicholas Austin, William J. Phillips, Nathan Dennis - Joseph Hazard & John Stinson.

From Pelham. - William Cornell, Jacob Zavitts, Solomon Doane; Amos Canby, John Marsh, and Hugh D. Webster. -

To preserve order in and around our Meeting house, and see that none but members are in attendance the following friends are named viz. - Nathan Dennis, Seth W. Bosworth, -

Certificates of Minutes of Unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were rec^d and read as follows. -

One for Samuel C. Thorne, a Ministre, from Westbury Monthly Meeting held at Mantinicock, Long Island. dated the 29^o. of fifth Mo. last. -

One for Richard Cromwell, a Minister, from New York Monthly Meeting (City of N.Y.) dated the third of the present month.

One for John Parrish, a Minister, from Burlington Monthly Meeting, New Jersey. Endorsed by Burlington quarter dated the fourth of the 5. Mo. last. -

One for John H. Andrus, an Elder, from Darby Monthly Meeting, Delaware County, Penn^a dated the 26. Of 5 mo.

One for John Smith, an Elder, from Fairfax Monthly Meeting held at Hopewell, Frederick County Virginia, dated the 28. of 5. month last.

One for Nathaniel Starbuck and Elder, from Troy Monthly Meet! (N.Y.) dated the 10. of the present month. -

One for Pierce Hoopes, a member from Benningham Monthly

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Meeting Chester County, Penn^a. Dated the 30. of 5. mo. last. -

One for George W. Robbins, a member of Philad^a. Monthly Meeting (Race St.) dated the 20. of 5 mo. last. -

And the following being introduced from our Womens Yearly Meeting were also read. -

Viz:

One for Miriam G. Gover, a Minister, from Fairfax Monthly Meeting: held at Waterford, Loudon [Loudoun] County, Virginia, endorsed by Fairfax quarter dated the thirteenth of 5 mo. last.

One for Sarah Hunt, a Minister, from Chester Monthly Meeting Burlington County (New Jersey) endorsed by Haddenfield quarter dated the fifth day of the third month last. -

One for Elizabeth Newport, a Minister, from Green Street Monthly Meeting Philad^a dated the 16: of 4: mo: last, endorsed by Philad^a. Quarter. -

One for Sarah Hoopes, a Minister, from Birmingham Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Penn^a. Dated 30: of 5 mo. last. -

One for Lydia Longstreth an Elder, from Green Street Monthly Meeting Philad^a dated the twenty first of 5. mo. last. -

One for Susan Walker, an Elder, from Fairfax Monthly Meeting held at Waterford, Virginia, dated 13. of 5 mo. last.

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in Correspondence (Indiana excepted) were now received and read, and the motives that operated upon the minds of the apostles when they wrote Epistles to the Brethren, being revived by these communications, and a lively interest being manifested in preserving an affectionate intercourse with other parts of the heritage, the following Friends were appointed to prepare an answer thereto, as way be opened: in the wisdom and authority of him, who instructs his Servants to write: they are to report their essay to a future Sitting - it being understood that one Copy is to be Sent to Indiana. -

Sunderland P. Gardner - John Searing - John Watson - Freeman Clark, John J. Cornell, William Cornell (of Canada) Richard Searing, Jonathan Noxon, Rowland Brown, and Edwin Ewer. -

To Examine and Settle the treasurers accounts, report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the present year, and also the name of a friend to Serve the Meeting as treasurer, the following friends are named.

From Farmington. - Edward Herrendeen

“ Scipio - David Mitchell.

“ Canada Nathan Dennis. -

“ Pelham - Amos Canby. -

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The Committee appointed at our last Yearly Meeting to Visit Farmington Quarter made the following Report. -

To the Yearly Meeting now Sitting:

The Committee appointed last year to visit Farmington Quarterly Meeting - Report. That they have attended to the duties of their appointment have met Several times, visited the quarter, and Some of its Subordinate Meetings: and have laboured with individuals as way opened for the preservation or restoration of harmony and of peace. - They have Sensibly felt during the performance of this Service, that the cause of truth often Suffers by the over zeal of its Notaries; when they leave their weak Side unguarded, and endeavour to Steady the ark with unbidden hands: losing their faith in the order and discipline of Society: thus Casting off the shield of the Mighty as tho' they had never been anointed with oil. - Sincere & fervent minded members, anxious for the Welfare of Zion, find if their own armour bearers ~~de~~ will not Stay them, that they have to finally fall upon their own Swords; and they invite that State of things upon which there can be neither sow? nor offering. - The Committee hope their labours have been useful, and they are not therefore called upon at this time to shew, that the cause of truth, should never be sacrificed for the sake of peace: or any other of our testimonies. - We believe that Satan himself would delight to Scatter incense over Sacrifices and oblations like these, because peace thus obtained is always hollow and insincere. - We apprehend that the difficulty in this case has arisen from intellectual minds opening the place designed by unerring and adorable Wisdom for the abode of Meekness, patience, purity, and suffering: Setting up their own Judgments against large portions of the

meeting: and substituting their own power, for the protection that the discipline gives: We fear that faithful and tried ones in these little assemblies, altho, originally right in the abstract, have injured the cause they designed to Serve, because they leave not learned the Gospel less on "to Suffer and to wait." they thus lose their faith in the value of principles in their ultimate triumph, though overborne for a Season; and in the divine admonition that the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment! We earnestly and affectionately entreat them; after bearing their testimony in truth and Soberness to there leave ~~them~~ it, as bread cast upon the Waters: We know it is a trial of their faith and their patience: but in the divinely appointed times: God will vindicate the ways of his providence: and they who are thus made perfect thro' Suffering: will find themselves among the Redeemed if his children, offering to him the tribute of thanksgiving, love and praise. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee - Caleb Carmalt -
Farmington 6 mo. 16. 1857. - Margaret Brown. -

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The Representatives being requested to propose to our next Sitting the names of Friends to Serve this Meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk

Adjourned to the 11: hour tomorrow morning

-16: of the month and 3rd. of the week. -

-about the time adjourned to, the Meeting Convened

Joseph Thorne on behalf of the Representatives Reported, that after Confering together, they had United in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt for Clerk, and John Searing as assistant Clerk; the names being Separately Considered, were united with and they appointed to the Service for the present year. -

An Epistle from Indiana Yearly Meeting having come to hand Since our last sitting was read to our Satisfaction. -

The Reports from the Several quarterly and half yearly Meetings upon the State of our religious Society, as Contained in the answers to the queries being now read and considered, the following Summary of the Answers was agreed upon and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present State. -

Answ. 1. - Most friends appear Careful to attend all our religious meetings for worship and discipline, though some neglece is mentioned in all the reports, particularly in the middle of the week, and some Friends are said to entirely neglect this important duty, one meeting is Stated to have been omitted, the hour is nearly observed; not quite clear of Sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour has been noted, and some Care taken in most of the above deficiencies.

Answ. 2- Love and unity are mostly maintained as becomes Brethren (two instances excepted) Care is taken to end differences when they appear though one report States, Some neglect in not doing it Seasonably; talebearing and detraction are generally avoided and discouraged - One report is, not so fully as might be best. -

Answ: 3. Friends appear Careful to keep themselves, their own, & other Friends children, under their care, in plainness of Speech, behaviour, and apparel, altho' there

are many departures therefrom, - We believe most Friends endeavour by example, and precept, to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our christian profession; and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition. -

Answ. 4. We know of none who make use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequent taverns, or make a practice of attending places of diversion. -

Answ: 5. - The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected, and Some relief afforded: and advice given, their children and all others under our Care, are in a way to get School learning to fit them for business. -

Answer 6. - One instance is Reported, of taking an active part in

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Sustaining the Meetings, and Contributing to the Support of a hireling ministry - - And ten instances of marriages accomplished by the aid of a priest, Some of which are under Care; and one instance of attending Such marriage.

Answ: 7. Friends appear to be Careful Clear of bearing arms, of complying with Military Requisitions, and of paying any fine, or tax in lieu thereof except two instances of paying a Military fine or tax, and one instance of paying unintentionally a Commutation tax. -

Answ. 8. Friends appear to be Careful to perform their promises, and pay their just debts; one instance of extending business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession, and one of not performing promises and paying debts Seasonably; and wherever occasion has been given for fear on these account, Some Care has been extended.

Answ: 9. Cae is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it, on the Spirit of Meekness, and agreeably to discipline but not in all Cases as Seasonably as would be best. -

Ans. 10. We believe they are. -

Those answers Sufficiently indicate that but little improvement has been made during the past year, in the attendance of our Religious Assemblies: And we have to record with Sorrow that notwithstanding our long continued profession upon Such Subjects many yet Seek Salvation abroad and out of the heart, instead of Seeking it in Retirement, in the inward and deep reflexion, for purifying the Spirit & fitting it for a Communion with him, from whom it had its origin. - We know there has always been amongst us, those who cry out against all forms of Godliness; against meeting at Set times even on the first day of the week, but we also know there has always been those, however few they may be; who Seek these Calm and Silent gatherings, that they may get beyond the bustle of Outward appearances to that, that chastens and amends the heart; - To those who have no faith in our testimony for Silent worship: who if they think, continue to pass the public highways of thought, who never retire within these Sacred enclosures, oru Silent Meetings and thoughtful Communings are irksome, Sleepy, and tedious; because they are the Captives of Sense, instead of being tho freemen of

thought; but for those who Seek for Something more Solemn than the commotions and devices, that Protestant and Romish churches alike present to the mind, to keep men in the external and outward: the Silence enjoined upon us, is a lasting and perennial enjoyment, because here they can converse with the emdying Spirit that is within them, can feel, Cultivate, and develope its own Capacities for enjoyment happiness and lift it up to the everlasting fountain and Source of goodness from whence it came! It is in these Communings we can maintain a Successful warfare against the temptations that beset our

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Sensual and animal nature; and give the victory to the better part; it is when thus gathered and withdrawn from the world, that the quiet, Spirit searching character of the religion of Jesus: the power of the Gospel. Which no man ??? ?? feels but in himself is made manifest, bringing forth fruit for eternity; its fruit and its objects Surpassing the productions of nature, as immortality Surpasses the duration of human life; and it is from this point of view that we have the brightest and clearest evidence of the divine Character of our Religious Institutions, the Surest token that their Silent and gentle operations are among the means and forms of instruction, that came from the everlasting fountain of wisdom, goodness, and truth; And the Surest evidence that these assemblies, are in themselves manifestations of mercy and grace from another and a better World. -

But we have had to acknowledge, that all these manifestations of a pure and undefiled Religion, are lost upon us, unless We wear the badge of discipleship. - If ye Love me, Ye love the Brethren: and how can any man love God the Father; and not love or feel for his children; love is the fulfilling of the law! And Sure we are no earthly enjoyment, no Sensual pleasure, Can compare with the joys of a ??? and redeemed Spirit conscious of moving in the harmony with his Brother, in the sphere of divine love, and divine approval; It is love that makes truth united with a moral Vitality, that lifts the mind above Selfish appetites, that makes Wisdom's Ways the Ways of pleasantness and all her paths the paths of peace. - It is his love that leads us to contemplate the practical life of the redeemer, when Clothed with the frail form of humanity: and with the feeling of human infirmity: to shew that we can also produce the results of boundless love and benifience: It is in this view we love to contemplate our religion: to consider it not the gloomy prediction of a diseased mind:but the healthy and active life of an immortal Spirit, operating upon the outward and visible man: and producing fruit like the dew and rain educating the heart, and forming associations and Friendships for eternity - perfecting our higher and nobler faulties?, while lifting the load of anxiety from the heart of a desponding Brother, that he may journey with us in our onward path to immortality, and finally participate with us, in the joys of a purified glorified, disembodied Spirit. -

We have been deeply impressed during the past year; with the truth of our testimony, that minds properly qualified, keeping under the blessed influence of Gospel love, acting in the Spirit of meekness, and with Singleness of mind: Can realize the objects of our Ninth query and treat with their Brethern in the peaceable Spirit and

wisdom of Jesus, and can reach the heart of the erring by forbearance and love, and we have convicting evidence that this is the only Course pointed out by the Gospel to give Authority or influence to the church: or to recover that which is lost! When men attempt to reclaim by any assumption of Superior Wisdom or Virtue: by any authority delegated from Meetings; without being Clothed with this Spirit they not only fail in their object, but deeply impair the authority of the church: And are often chargeable with the loss of more, than those whose Safety was the object of their appointment -
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formal visits for Such purposes never reach the inward a divine witness for God in this Soul made meetings or overseers unless clothed with this Spirit ever obtain a qualification to restore a penitent, to receive him into fellowship; or to free his mind with promise or with hope. Anxiously have we craved an increase of restoring love towards those who are Sometimes Separated from our Religious Society! A Spirit that rejoiceth more over One Sinner that departeth, than over Ninety and nine just persons that used no repentance: And we would again bearer testimony to the value of that mental discipline, that while Securing perfect freedom of thought and utterance, to those who are the objects of our Care; Waits in patience to be made partakers of divine Authority -
- And when it testifies against offenders, assesses? us that we are confirmed and blameless before them. -

It is painful to think that a people preferring to hold Secret communings with him by whom the worlds were made, should dare for a moment to shrink of Calling immortal Spirits from beyond the grave, or of attempting to hold Communion with them, through any other medium than his ever pure Spirit -- it has always been the doctrine of our Religious Society, that the divine, the eternal, the All=Creating but uncreated Spirit, of Heavens Omnipotent and Eternal King hath ever dwelt and Spoken in the Soul, that it is a brighter light, and a clearer voice, than can be Seen or heard through any material agency: And it is the very foundation & Corner Stone of our religion, that it is given to every man to profit withal. - Yet with all these long cherished views of our religion, and its universality, there are those who claim to hold Such intercourse, and claim to hold it through the aid of natural causes and specially favoured and appointed mediums, limiting the revelation and the light to them who undergo manipulations and preparations, by which the healthy action of both body and mind are impaired, and the life of both endangered; This arrogance and presumption, this confounding of religion with philosophy - and that philosophy of no doubtful character. - If not actually associated with gross & Sensual impiety, is manifestly the reverse of the Revelations of the infinite to which Jesus and his apostles, Called the disciples - And yet by this wretched and miserable delusion, many have Suffered themselves to be carried Captive, until no hope remains for them but the Mercy and forgiveness of God. -

While thus reflecting upon the divinations and enchantments by which we are Surrounded; we cannot avoid cautioning our young friends against the Metaphysical Subtleties, and refined spiritualities, by which the plainest facts worded in the Sacred

Writings, are swept from the record, and converted into metaphorical and allegorical Similitudes: And when God sends his Judgments, his Signs His wonders to admonish man of his dependance and his littleness, assumes that they are not Supernatural agencies Saying “ these are their causes they are natural” thus denying a Special Providence, introducing Deism and Atheism the foes to all the dignity and Consolation of mankind. - We have little faith in the so Called “improvements” that are used to justify men who think themselves wiser in their generation than the children of light. We never expect to be better Christians, than Schistianities first great teachers: and we
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distrust all who doubt the Authenticity of the narratives of the Evangelists, the Inspirations of the prophets, or the Simple fact that impart Vitality to the whole System of the Christian Religion. -

Tomorrow (4. day) being the day usually Set apart for religious or divine Worship during the Week of holding our Yearly Meeting. -

Adjourned to the 11. Hour on 5. Day morning. -

-18. of the Month and 5th of the Week. -

Friends met pursuant to adjournment. -

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings or Representative Committee were introduced and read, and the proceedings of that Committee were Satisfactory to this Meeting. -

The Committee appointed to prepare Essays of Epistles to the Yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in Correspondence, Reported one Essay which being read and approved; was directed to be engrossed, Signed, and a Copy forwarded to each Meeting

The Committee appointed to Examine, and Settle the treasurers accounts reported that they had examined the Accounts and vouchers, and found a balance in his hands of Ninety Seven dollars 19/100, due the Yearly Meeting: they are of the Judgment that it is not necessary to raise money the present year; and they United in proposing the name of William Clark as treasurer. -

The Clerks are directed to have 300 Copies of Extracts from the accounts & proceedings of this Meeting prepared and printed in the Annual form, and distributed among the quarterly and half yearly Meetings and Call upon the treasurer of this Meeting for the necessary expense. -

Having been graciously permitted to witness the overshadowing of divine love and goodness: And to feel it pervading the Minds of Friends during the transaction of the business for which We have Assembled: We rejoice that the hours we have been together have not been Mis-Spent, that the morning and evening dew has fallen to verify and impart life and energy to the drooping Spirit. - And has brought with it the Manna for gathering. And while we lay no Claim to higher attainments - indulge no brighter hopes than the faithful who have remained at home labouring in the Vineyard. - We Cannot avoid believing that it is good for us that we have been here together. - We

believe that the gift Conferred upon our Fathers were greater than many attain in this generation, but we believe that a love as deep and Strong as theirs prevails as Many of our Minds for the preservation and growth of Zion And we humbly hope the offerings made at this Season may be as acceptable in the diving Sight. - Under the blessed assurance that the Shepard of Israel is yet Watching over his flock, the Meeting Adjourns to meet again at the usual time next year if consistent with the divine Will. -

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by Adjournments from the 14. of the Sixth Monto to the 17th. of the same inclusive 1858.

The usual Reports from our Quarterly and Half yearly Meetings were received and read it appears therefrom that the following Friends have been appointed Representatives viz:

From Farmington Edwin Ewer, Joseph Thorne, John I. Cornell, Benjamin Renouf, Elisha Freeman, William Clark

From Scipio, Greenfield Iden, John Searing, John Bedell, Daniel Sisson and Russell Frost. -

From Canada - Nicholas Austin, John Stinson, Row^d. Brown, Reuben Powell, and John Samuel Noxon. -

From Pelham. - Jacob Zavitts, Solomon Doane, Asa L. Schooley, Daniel Zavitts,

Their names being called they are answered except two from Scipio, and two from Pelham; for the absence of one from each Meeting Satisfactory reasons were given. -

The Assistant Clerk being absent John I. Cornell was appointed to act for the present Sitting. -

Certificates for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were received and read as follows:-

One for Henry W. Ridgway, a Minister from Chesterfield Monthly Meeting held in Burlington County New Jersey, endorsed by Burlington Quarter dated 4. mo: 6. 1858. -

One for Isaac H. Smith, a Minister from Creek Monthly Meeting: held at Crum Elbow, Dutchess County N.Y. - dated the 16. of the 4. month 1858.

One for William Clothier, an Elder from Mount Holly Monthly Meeting Burlington County New Jersey: (companion to Henry W. Ridgway) dated the 10. day of this month. -

One for John Wilson Moore, a member from Green Street Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia, dated the 22nd of 4 Mo. 1858

And the following being afterwards introduced from Women Friends were also read viz: -

One for Rachel Hicks a Minister, from Westbury Monthly Meeting: Long Island, in the State of New York, dated the 14. of the 4. Month 1858. -

One for Esther Haviland, a Minister from Shappaqua Monthly Meeting held at North Castle, Dutchess County N.Y. dated the 13. of 5. mo: 1858.-

One for Rachel W. Moore -

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a Minister from Green Street Monthly Meeting, Philadelphia Endorsed by Philad^a Quarter, dated 4. mo. 22nd. 1858.-

Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which this Meeting is in regular Correspondence were now Rec^d and read, their contents being Calculated to make edifying and deeply Religious impressions upon the minds of Friends, and to furnish us with encouragement and hope, as well as with information; the following friends were directed to essay an answer thereto, embodying the exercises of this meeting: as way may be opened in the Wisdom and Authority of truth, and report the same to a future Sitting of this meeting: for its consideration and approval viz. -

John I. Corness, George Dunlap, Edwin Ewer, David P. Dillingham, Thomas Hazard, Asa L. Schooley, Elisha A. Griffis, Sunderland P. Gardner: and Joseph M. Howland. -

An Epistle to this meeting from our Friend Jospeh Foucke was also rec^d and read to our Satisfaction. -

The term of Service of our Indian Committee having expired and friends believing that some advantages may occur to that people from it continuance, the same Committee was re-appointed for another period of three years.

The time for which the members of the Preparative Committee or Meeting for Sufferings were appointed having expired: to unite with a Committee of our Women's Meeting if they should appoint Such Committee in proposing Suitable names for that Service the following Friends are named viz:

From Farmington, Isaac Colvin, John H. Robinson, Walter White, Abraham Wilson. -

From Scipio, David Mitchell, George Dunlap, Greenfield Iden, John Bedell.

From Canada, Nathan Dennis, Joel Hughes, Nicholas Austin, Rowland Brown. -

From Pelham. - Jacob Zavitts, Daniel Zavitts, Elijah Shotwell, Asa L. Schooley. -

To examine and Settle the Treasurer's accounts, Report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the present year for the use of this meeting, and the name of a friend to Serve the Meeting as treasurer, the following Committee is appointed viz.

From Farmington - Edward Herrendeen. -

“ Scipio - David Mitchell

“ Canada - Jonathan Noxon.

“ Pelham. - Asa L. Schooley.

To preserve order in and around our Meeting House during the Sitzings of this yearly meeting - Edward Herrendeen - Seth W. Bosworth - John I. Cornell, Elisha A. Griffis, Geo: O Fritz, are appointed.

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The Representatives being requested to Stop at the rise of this Meeting, and propose to our next Sitting, the name of a friend to Serve this Meeting as Clerk and one as assistant Clerk, then adjourned to the 11. hour tomorrow morning.

15. of the Month and 3.rd of the Week. -

Friends met pursuant to adjournment.

Joseph Thorn on behalf of the Representatives reported that having met and Conferred together, they had united in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt for Clerk, and John I. Cornell for assistant Clerk, the names being Separately considered were united with, and they appointed to the service for this year.

The Meeting now proceeded to consider the State of our Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries, and the following Summaries were agreed upon as descriptive of our present State viz: -

Answer 1. Most Friends appear Careful to attend all our meetings for Religious Worship and discipline, though neglect is mentioned in all the reports of those held in the middle of the week, the hour of meeting is nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping: No other unbecoming behaviour has been observed Some Care taken in most of the deficiencies noted.

Answ. 2. - Love and unity are mostly maintained as becomes brethren, One report states not so fully as is desireable; Care is taken to end differences when they appear, altho' one report States not so Seasonably as would be useful, talebearing and detraction are generally avoided and discouraged. -

Ans. 3. - Many friends appear Careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, two of the reports say Some friends; And three of the reports say Some friends endeavour by example and precept, to train them up in a life and conversation Consistent with our christian profession, and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition. -

Answ. 4. We know of none who make use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage of frequenting taverns, or who make a practice of attending places of diversion, three instances excepted, of attending places of diversion, and Some care taken in these cases. -

Answ: 5. - The circumstances of the poor have been inspected, & Some relief afforded and advice given, their children and all others under our care, are in a way to get School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ. 6. One instance is reported of attending Meetings and contributing to the Support of a hireling Ministry. Six instances of marriages accomplished by the aid of a minister, |Six of attending Such marriages, and one report says three other instances of countenancing a hireling ministry - to most of these Cases Care has been extended. -

Answ: 7. - Friends appear to be Clear of bearing arms, of

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complying with Military Requisitions, and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof - except one instance of paying a military fine. -

Answ: 8. Friends appear to be Careful to perform their promises, and pay their just debts, three instances are reported of extending business beyond their ability to manage, as becomes our religious profession, five of not performing promises, and two of not paying debts Seasonably. - Some attention has been given to most of these Cases. -

Answ. 9. - Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders, endeavouring to do it in the Spirit of meekness, and agreeably to discipline, but not as Seasonably in all Cases as would be best. -

Answ: 10. - We believe they are. -

White engaged in reading answering the queries a deep and lively concern Spread over the minds of Friends, and we were feelingly reminded that unless we were Careful to attend all our religious meetings, the interest and prosperity of our Society would Suffer, and that no organized Society can long exist unless the meetings of that Society are attended. We therefore feelingly exhort our members to a more faithful attendance of these Solemn Assemblies, and to endeavour So to live that they may be prepared when thus assembled to wait in Solemn Silence upon the great Creator: And thus be qualified to receive the incomes of his love, and thereby witness their Souls nourished and Sustained under the temptations and trials incident to human life, as becomes the followers of the Lamb of God. -

It was forcibly shewn that all the rents and divisions which have distracted, scattered, and estranges those called by the name of Friends, had their origin in a feeling of jealousy, which at first weakened the bond of love and Unity, and then aided by the two powerful engines of evil, talebearing and detraction has carried devastation and destruction in its back, and thus covered the minds of the Sincere and honest hearted with Sorrow. - It was clearly brought to view, that from this source arises much of the Spirit of war that abounds in the Earth; and we were admonished that had we as a Society been faithful to our principles and testimonies, had we heeded the injunction of that great apostle of truth George Fox "to mind the light," the influence we should have Cast around us, would have so spread that wars would probably at this day have ceased from among the civilized nations of the Earth. - We were also shewn the happy effects of brethern dwelling together in Unity: that it would cement and bind them together in a bond of love and strengthen them to bear the testimonies and principles of the Christian Church, so as to promote the increase of the knowledge of the Lord among the children of men. -

We have not been unmindful of the so called Religious Revivals that have overspread the land, and would regret to utter any thing to disturb the minds of those who are honestly seeking to obtain peace and happiness: but we affectionately

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remind our members that ours is emphatically an inward and Spiritual religion, & that attention and obedience to the light within makes that light shine with increasing brightness: this religion is love, it redeems the Spirit from all Contention, and preserved the soul in harmony with the Source from Whence it Spring: it stands as a watchful guard over the excitements of an outside Religion. - "Be ye not as the hypocrites are for they love to pray Standing in the Synagogues and corners of the Streets, that they may be Seen of men."...."But thou when thou prayed enter thou into thy Closet, and when thou least Shut thy door pray to thy Father which Seeth in Secret and thy Father which Seeth in Secret shall reward thee openly." -

In considering the Sixth query our minds were dipped in Sorrow for the deficiencies appearing in the Support of our great testimony against a man-made ministry. - The fascinating wiles, insidious approaches, and Corrupt efforts of these men to increase and confirm their hold upon the mind of the people, make us fear that they are more active than usual, the Spirit of emulation to make proselytes being their Sustaining Aim, and their efforts being at the bottom of all the animosities of Christendom. - We know that the priests were the first to make golden Calves, and molten images, the first to made divisions among the Jewish people, they were the bitter enemies of the Son and Sent of the Father: the deadliest foes of the apostles and primitive Christians:- They are now with few exceptions the chief Sustaining power of Slavery and knowing upon what their pay is depending, their principles are bounded by Geographical lines, upon both sides of which they bow at the footstool of power. And altho' many of their objects have in view a Seaming good We find when exposed it is the Continuation and Spread of the System:- We therefore affectionately remind our members that our testimony against them is one of our first principles - that principles are incapable of change.- We know from the history or religious institutions, that the virtues that give them permanency, Stability, and power, the causes and the crimes that contribute to their fall, are always the same, and unless our young friends Sustain these principles our hopes are darkened, and the Seeds of our dissolution are sown. We trust our members have been measurably preserved from the Catainities that an improper extension of business has spread around them and we cannot avoid feeling grateful to our beloved predecessors for the rules of discipline that they bequeathed to their children upon Such Subjects. - Those rules have often been compared to an external hedge of preservation, but never was the resemblance more perfect than when Standing as they have during the past year amid darkness, and Storms, and tempests, to Screen as from desolation and ruin: protecting within the Sacred enclosures, the germ of those restraining principles from which a purer morality, and a happier State of existence is to Spring. - If any evidence were wanting to Satisfy friends that the discipline had its origin in the Counsels of divine and perfect wisdom

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we think it has been furnished in the events of the past year. Men who during long lives of uninterrupted prosperity had required a character for Self restraint, integrity, and uprightness, who thought they had acquired a confidence, found themselves Suffering from their neglect of the advice of the Apostle. "Owe no man anything," and that many

of those they loved, who had contributed to their prosperity and rejoiced in their Success had to participate in their ruin.. No property constituted mind can avoid feeling for those whose home has united prosperity with kindness -- And when a young and bouyant spirit, born to enjoy life and its blessings, Witnesses the Silent anguish or the bursts of agony that a Sensitive Spirit feels when unable to perform its promises: when they witness the loss of Character that it brings upon there who are worthy: and the vast amount of distress and ruin that the failure of a large business concern Spreads around them, they must sympathize with the Suffering and read repores? of wisdom inducing them to recoil from the temptations to injure the poor and the fatherless to Send them houseless and Shelterless, seeking in Sorrow and perhaps in Sin an unnatural but temporary relief from destitution and poverty.- We know it is easy for those who have escaped from Snares and Sorrows to Speculate & moralise upon the conduct of others who have been less Successful or perhaps less prudent than themselves.- We fear that these are beyond the reach of Counsel but we affectionately entreat them to avoid Casting reproach upon the misguided and the wretched, to be active in alleniating the Sorrow of the Suffering remembering with deep feeling and circumspection "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he also fall. -

Tomorrow being the day for public divine worship adjourned to the 11. hour on 5. day morning. -

17.th of the month and 5th. Of the week. -

About the time appointed Friends again assembled. -

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings being now introduced were read, the proceedings of that meeting were Satisfactory to the Yearly Meeting: It being understood that the meeting for Sufferings have finally disposed of the Salutation from the Yearly Meeting of London, and that they are not to act thereon. -

The Committee appointed to report the names of Suitable friends to Constitute the meeting for Sufferings or Representative Committee, reported the following which being united with, they were appointed for three years. Women friends concurring therein. -

Isaac Colvin

Margaret Brown

Abraham Wilson

Mary Armitage

John H. Robinson

Sarah D. Searing

Nathan Dennis

Charlotte Mitchell

Norman B. Davis

George Dunlap

Elijah Shotwell

Isabella D. Webster.

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John Bedell	Joel Hughes
Sarah Ann Cornell	Phoebe W. Cornell
Judith Robinson	Seth W. Bosworth
Mary Ann White	Joseph Green
Asa L. Schooley	Edward Herrendeen
Thomas Hazard	Daniel Russell
David Mitchell	Anna R Brown
Nicholas Brown	Walter White
Elizabeth Dennis	William Cornell
Rowland Brown	James Lawrence
Jonathan Noxon	Nicholas Austin
Phoebe Frost	John Searing
Jane Ann Thorn	Joseph M. Howland
Sunderland P. Gardner	Catharine E. Bosworth
Daniel Sisson	Joseph Thorn
Mary Titus	Daniel Zavitts
Margaret Howland	Solomon A. Howland
William G. Barker	Amos Armitage

John Webster

The Committee appointed to examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts Report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the present year, and the name of a Friend to Serve the Meeting as Treasurer made report; that they had attended to their appointment; had examined his accounts with the Receipts; and found them Correct; leaving a balance in his hands of Eighty five dollars and nineteen Cents; they are of the opinion that it is not necessary to raise any money for the Current year; and were united in proposing the name of William Clark for treasurer. -

Which being united with, William Clark was appointed Treasurer for one Year, and the necessary information directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings in extracts from the minutes. -

The Committee appointed to essay Answers to the Epistles received reported one embracing the Minute of the exercises of the Meeting which being read and considered was united with; the Clerk is directed to have the Same engrossed and Sign it on behalf of the Meeting: And forward a Copy to each of the yearly meetings with which we are corresponding. -

The Clerks are directed to make out the usual Extracts from the from the minutes of our proceedings; have three hundred Copies printed and published in pamphlet form; and distributed among the Quarterly and half yearly Meetings: they are authorised to call upon the treasurer of the yearly Meeting for the necessary expense: - Sunderland P. Gardner and Thomas Hazard are appointed to assist in this Service. -

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The usual business of the meeting having been concluded and Friends about to Separate for the year, their minds were drawn into a Solemn reverential feeling of thankfulness and gratitude towards the author of all goodness for the blessing of preservation in peace and love. - And under an humble but confiding hope that his blessed and glorious Cause, is aided by these our annual assemblies. We have concluded to adjourn to meet again at the usual time next year, if consistent with his holy will. -

We acknowledge that it has been to the dedicated and devoted SErvant a time of close Searching of heart of deep travail and exercise of Spirit: but we humbly hope the labours of the believers, have received the divine approval, that individually we have not been Searching the hearts of others, while our own lie fallow, neglected, and desolate: and we have cherished a calm Serene, and humble confidence that the Lord whom we Seek will come to his temple; over the messenger of the Covenant whom we delight in, that he will fit and prepare us to abide the day of his coming: redeeming our Souls from all Corruption and washing in from every Sin: that we may glorify his great name forever and ever. -

Caleb Carmalt Clerk

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the thirteenth day of the Sixth Month to the Sixteenth - of the same inclusive 1859. -

The following Friends appear by the reports to have been appointed Representatives from the Several quarterly and half Yearly Meetings, upon calling their names they all answered except one from Canada and ??? from Pelham

From Farmington - Gordon S. Smith, William Clark, Joseph Head, Elisha Freeman, Stephen Y. Watson, Walter White, Seth W. Bosworth, Edwin Ewes and Joseph Thorne. -

From Scipio - Samuel Sisson, George Dunlap, David Mitchell, Lewis M. Bogardus, Charles H. Searing, Caleb Manchester,

From Canada - Jonathan Noxen, Asa Brown, Amos Armitage, Walter H. Stickney, Howland Brown, John Stinson

From Pelham - William Cornell, David M. Bears, Richard Wilson, Henry G. Zavitts and ??? Marsh. -

Certificates or Minutes of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were rec^d and read as follows viz:

One for Reston T. Lamb? A Minister from Mount Holly Monthly meeting Burlington County N. Jersey, endorsed by Burlington

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quarter dated Second Month 10. 1859. -

One for Richard Cromwell a Minister from New York Monthly Meeting N.Y. dated 6 mo. 1. 1859. -

One for Aaron G. Macey?, a minister from Hudson Monthly Meeting, held at Hudson (N.Y.) be dated the 2. Of the fourth Month 1859. -

One for Daniel Comly?, a Minister from Horsham Monthly Meeting, Montgomery County Penn, dated 6 mo. 1. 1859. -

One for Jesse Roberts, an Elder, from the same monthly Meeting bearing the same date. And the following being afterwards introduced from our Womens Yearly Meeting were also read viz: -

One for Elizabeth Leedim?, a minister from New York Monthly Meeting dated 6 mo 1. 1859. -

One for Rhoda A Lamb, a Minister from Mount Holly monthly meeting: Burlington County N.J. endorsed by Burlington quarter, dated 2 month 10. 1859. -

One for Sarah E. Hargan, a member, from Shapauqua Monthly Meeting held at North Castle dated 5 Mo. 12: 1859.

Epistles from all the yearly meetings with which this meeting is in correspondence were received and read: An interest manifested in these Acceptable Communications for our Welfare as well as for the prosperity and advancement of the Redeemers Kingdom being gratefully acknowledged, the following Committee was appointed to essay answers thereto, as way may be opened in the Wisdom and authority of truth: And report the same to a future Sitting of this meeting for Consideration. -

John Searing, Sunderland P. Gardner, William Corness (of Canada), John J. Cornell, Edwin Ewer, Rowland Brown, Elisha Freeman, Ebenezer L. Warner, George Dunlap, Jonathan Noxon, Abraham Wilson and Caleb Carmalt. -

To preserve order in and around our meeting House, during the Several Sitzings of this yearly meeting the following Friends are named -

Seth Bosworth, Walter Lawrence, George C. Fritz and Edward Herrendeen. -

To Examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts report what Sum may be necessary to raise for the use of this meeting the present year, and also the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as Treasurer, the following Com^{tt} was appointed viz. -

From Farmington - W^m. Cornell - From Scipio - Daniel Sisson. -

“ Canada - Thomas Watson - From Pelham - Merritt Palmer,

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A proposition from Scipio Quarterly Meeting for an alteration in our discipline appearing on the reports from that quarter referred to the following Friends; who are directed to confer with a Similar Committee of our Women's yearly meeting if they should appoint one and report to a future Sitting

From Farmington - Sunderland P. Gardner, William Clark and Walter White -

From Scipio - Daniel Sisson, David Mitchell, John Searing: -

From Canada - Sherman Brown - Jonathan Noxen, Rowland Brown

From Pelham - Jesse Cornell - Elijah Shotwell - Merritt Palmer. -

A Memorial of our deceased Friend Daniel Quinby adopted by Rochester Monthly Meeting approved by Farmington quarterly meeting and also by our Meeting for Sufferings was received and read. On Careful consideration this Meeting concludes to refer it to the latter meeting for further Correction and Consideration. -

The Representatives being request to Stop at the Rise of this meeting; to consider of and propose to our next Sitting the names of Friends to Serve this meeting as Clerk and assistant Clerk. - then adjourned to the 11. Hour tomorrow morning. -

14.th of the Month and 3.rd of the week. -

-about the time adjourned to Friends again assembled. -

Elisha Freeman, on behalf of the Representative, reported that they had met and conferred together, and had united in proposing the name of Caleb Carmalt for Clerk, and of John J. Cornell for assistant Clerk

The names being Separately Considered were united with, and they appointed to the Service for the present year. -

The meeting now proceeded to consider the State of our Religious Society as reported from the quarterly and half yearly meetings, and the following Summary of the Answers to the queries being agreed upon as descriptive of our present condition were directed to be recorded.

Answer to the 1: Query. - Most friends appear Careful to attend all our meetings for religious Worship and discipline, altho' neglected by many in the middle of the week, and a few seldom attend any of them: the hour is nearly observed by most friends; Altho' Some neglect of this is mentioned in two of the reports: Some instances of Sleeping but no other unbecoming behaviour has been noticed: and Some Care has been taken in most of those deficiencies. -

Answ. 2. - Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes Brethern, one report says, not so fully as would be best: When differences arise care is taken Speedily to end them and we believe Friends are generally

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Careful to avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction, one instance being excepted in one of the reports. -

Answ: 3. - Most friends appear Careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour, and apparel, while many deficiencies are apparent ??? them! We believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and Conversation, Consistent with our christian profession - No neglect is reported of others under our tuition - And in the branches noted Some Care appears to have been taken. -

Answ: 4. - Friends are Careful to avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, of frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion - Ten Cases are reported in the different meetings of members attending places of diversion, to most of which Care has been extended. -

Answer 5 - The Circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected, and relief afforded, and some advice given, their children and we believe all others under our care are in a way to get School learning to fit them for business. -

Answ: 6. A Concern prevails among friends to keep Clear of Countenancing a hireling ministry - As the eight instances are reported of accomplishing marriages by the assistance of a priest - eight of attending Such marriages; three instances are Stated of Friends attending their meetings, in one of the reports, and another Says that Several Such Cases have occurred to most of these departures from our principles Care has been extended. -

Answ. 7. Friends appear to be Clear of bearing arms, and of complying with military requisitions, except four instances of paying a military tax, Some Care appears to have been taken in these instances. -

Answ: 8. We believe Friends are generally Careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts; One report Says two instances of not paying debts, and three instances of not paying them Seasonably: Another Says there are two instances of extending business beyond their ability to manage, as becomes our religious profession; and one reports three instances of a breach of our testimonies as enjoined by the query; to most of these Cases care has been extended. -

Answ: 9. Care has been taken generally to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, two of the reports say not always, so Seasonably as would be best. -

Answ. 10. - We believe they are. -

It has been humbling to our Spiritual pride to have to acknowledge at every ??? of these annual gatherings, our Sad deficiencies in the maintainer of the great truth of the Gospel: and We have Earnestly Sought for an increase of the Spirit of the Apostle when he declared "I am"

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"not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto Salvation." Many among us have craved that our religious assemblies, may be more more and more inviting and attractive to those whose minds are Seeking Religious instruction, and aking with Reverence and Awe permission to approach the throne of him who makes

World' his footstool! We know of no better way to accomplish these objects than to cherish in love for one another; to Shew a Spirit that survives all Contention that avenges no wrong, that takes its kingdom by entreaty and not by violence and keeps it in lowliness of mind; that avoids all distinction even in our religious assemblies, as being always in conflict with the Spirit of the meek, the humble, and the pure in heart: We thus manifest to the humbly good, who pass through life without casting out the admiration of men that they too are furnishing reform? Of wisdom that are often deeply engraved on the heart, that are often passed from generation to generation for the moral and religious preservation of men: We believe that the humble wishes of the poor often bloom in the sight of the Creator, and Shed a fragrance that arises like incense before him: and we quietly? Extend to such as these the coveting? Assurance that they have not pained through life in vain. -

During the consideration of the State of Society, our attention was urgently called to the necessity of attending our religious meetings! It was nearly Shewn that they contribute to Strengthen our love and devotion, enable us to unite our Gospel labours, and thus strengthen all our reforming energies; while neglecting this duty manifests a lack of confidence in one another's virtue as well as in the Superintending care of him who watches over all the movements of his flock - Our young friends were Cautioned against permitting the negligence of their Elder Brethern from operating as an evil example or as an apology for any answers of their own; and abundant evidence was offered that those who are thus negligent, never grow in religious life and experience; and occasion was taken to shew that when our members who from the very nature of the Gospel dispensation, as well as by our disciplines were bound to the cause of temperance, of human freedom and of all mans determinations Suffered themselves to be led from meeting and moving with their Brethern to associate with others for Such purposes, they weaken the credit and character of their own Society, and their faith in its ultimate triumph over wrong. - that they often baulked and defeated their own testimony against a hireling ministry, against War, and against Slavery, by associating with hireling ministers with warriors, and with Slaveholders, for Such purposes, and they almost invariably find that when these men are unable to climb into power by thus imposing upon Friends, then interest in the moral reformation gives weaker and weaker, the Societies they organize become Scattered and disregarded if not entirely extinct, and the very times they get enacted if not repealed become a dead letter on the Statute book. -

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Our attention was also forcibly called to maintain with a watchful and jealous Care the integrity of our discipline, against those who under pretence of complying with their own conscientious Convictions, in of losing their own religious? freedom refer? submission to its Salutory regulations, and are soon led by the same Specious and insidious delusion, to cast off all religious principle as imposing fetters upon the understanding; this System of ?anterism that refuses all Submission to the body as well as to all its Settled principles has manifested itself at different times in our Society; and has more

than once made it tremble on the very verge of destruction and Ruin! We think no man can be so utterly blinded by this delusions to believe in the possible existence of Such a Social State! There can be no Such thing in the organization of human Society; there can be no such thing in the economy? of the divine Government as unrestrained and unlimited freedom: All institutions of Government, are forms of law, all laws divine and human, are limitations of freedom our virtues limit our vices, our neighbours rights limit our own, and the very nature of Government, whether it be moral, Civil, is religious sets? bounds to the human Will-

The Calm quiet deportment of our Young friends during the several Sitting of this meeting, their evident interest in its deliberations, during some of its most Solemn Coverings, have furnished us with grounds of comolation? & of hope, and when We See the aged, the infirm, and feeble duly reporting to where the Wicked ??? ??? and the weary are at risk; We are induced to thank God and take courage? at the prospect before us that he will rise up, Judges not the first and ??? as in the beginning.

Tomorrow being the day when Friends usually attend to the performance of Publick divine Worship.

Adjourned to the 11 hour on 5 day morning. -

5th. day morning 16th of the Month. -

-about the Hour adjourned to Friends again convened. -

The Committee appointed to examine and Settle the Treasurers accounts reported that they had performed that Service and found a balance in his hands of Seventy Seven dollars and nineteen cents, that they had united in proposing the name of William Clark as Treasurer and that it was not necessary to raise any money this year. -: The Report being united with William Clark was appointed Treasurer for the present year and the information directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings.

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The Committee to which? was Referred the proposition from Scipio quarterly meeting made the following report. -

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To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee to which was referred the proposition from Scipio Quarterly Meeting for an alteration in our discipline, report, that nearly all their Number Met, and after giving that consideration to the Subject which it Seemed to require, it resulted in the conclusion that it is not expedient to make any change. -

Signed on behalf of the Committee - Sund. P. Gardner

6 mo 13. 1859.

Mary Brown

-The Report being united with, the Subject is dismissed from our minutes. -

The Committee appointed to Essay Answers to the Epistles from other Yearly Meetings reported, that they had nearly all been together, and were united in presenting our Essay directed to Ohio Yearly Meeting - And in adopting the minute of Exercises prepared by the Clerks, with the addition of a few paragraphs as the essay of an Epistle to the other four. -

The report being united with, the Clerk is directed to have copies of the Essays properly engrossed, Signed, and forwarded, accordingly. -

The Clerks are directed to have five hundred Copies of the Usual Extracts from the Minutes of this meeting; printed and published in pamphlet form, and distributed among the quarterly & half yearly meetings; and to draw from the Treasurer of this Meeting for the necessary expense. -

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read - and after deep exercise the proceedings of that Meeting were adopted. -

The business of the Meeting having been brought to a close, our hearts have been grateful for the divine anointing which has been poured into the wounds of the troubled Spirit; enabling us to cultivate and cherish a love for one another while faithful in these assemblies of the people; humbly hoping that He will Renew with us the Covenant made with our Fathers: And let a portion of the Spirit that covered their annual Assemblies be around us also: We have long had the divine assistance "By this shall all Men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love One for another: We have Remembered that his chosen people angered him at the Waters of Strife and grieved his Spirit by Speaking unadvisedly with their lips." - We know that he was more than once ready to disown his & inheritance, but generously forgave them & delivered them from their enemies: - Under a grateful Some of his continued kindness and love, the Meeting adjourns, to convene again at the usual time next year, at Pickering, in Canada West, if Consistent with his holy Will. -

Caleb Carmalt Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering Canada West by adjournments from the 11th of 6th mo. to the 14th of the same inclusive 1860

It appears from the reports of our several Quarterly an Half Yearly Meetings, that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting; viz George Dunlap, Edward Eldridge, Caleb Manchester, John Searing, Daniel Sisson, Cornelius Koon, William Clark, Walter White, Joseph Thorne, Joseph M Howland, William Cornell, David S Dillingham, Joseph Hazard, Thomas H Watson, Sherman Brown, James Armitage, Caleb B Stickney, John P Hilborn, Asa L Schooley, George Bradshaw, Hugh D Webster, & Robert Wilson,

Their names being called, they are all present except two from Scipio, & one for Pelham; Satisfactory reasons were offered for the absence of two of them

The clerk not being present John J Cornell is appointed to that service, and John Searing as assistant clerk for the present Sitting

Certificates of unity for friends in attendance, from other yearly meetings; were now introduced and read as follows

One for George Hatton, a minister from Miami monthly meeting held 25th of 4th mo last; endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting held the 12th of 5th mo last

One for Joseph Foulke a minister from Gwynedd Monthly Meeting held the 3rd of 5th mo last

One for Andrew Dorland a minister, from Saratoga Mo. Meeting held 9th of 5th mo last

One for John Needles an elder, from Baltimore Mo Meeting for the Western district, held the 10th of 5th mo last

One for John H Andrews an elder, from Darby Monthly Meeting Pa. held 22nd of 5th mo last

One for Joseph Dodgson an elder, from Darby mo. meeting Pa. held 22nd of 5th mo last

One for David and Hannah Rogers elders from Danby mo meeting held 7th of 6th mo. 1860

One for Cornelius and Mary Ratcliffe, members from Whitewater monthly meeting Indiana held 25th of 4th mo last

One for Mark Wright a member from Falls mo. meeting Bucks Co Pa. held 12th of 5th mo last

One for Robert Morrison, a member from Whitewater mo mtg Indiana held 25th of 4th mo last

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One for David Jones a member and companion to Joseph Foulke from Gwynedd Monthly Meeting held the 3rd of 5th mo last

Epistles were received and read, from all the yearly meetings, with which we are in correspondence; the reading of them spread a solemnizing influence over the meeting; and under that influence [sic], the following friends were named, to essay answers thereto, as way may open; and report to a future sitting of this meeting viz. John Watson, George Dunlap, Jonathan Noxen, Freeman Clark, John J Cornell, Edwin Ewer, Joseph Thorne, John H Robinson, & John Searing

To examine and settle the treasurers account, report what sum it may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for treasurer, the following friends are appointed (to wit) Seth & W Bosworth Edward Herendeen, Edward Eldridge, Allen Hoxie, Samuel Noxen, Nathan Dennis, Jesse Cornell & Asa L Schooley

The following proposition for an alteration of discipline was received from Farmington Quarterly Meeting (to wit

“A proposition for an alteration of discipline being made in our last meeting; resulted in the appointment of a committee to take the subject under care, and report an essay for such alteration, with a view of having it forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. They now report one to this meeting which claiming our consideration was approved, and with a small addition, that was made in this meeting, is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting: the meeting of women friends giving their concurrence Viz.

“When any friends have removed and settled out of the reasonable reach of the monthly meeting, of which they are members, or of any other monthly meeting to which a removal certificate may be forwarded. After the lapse of one year; the overseers, upon due enquiry; may, should they think the best interests of society demand it; inform the Monthly meeting thereof After carefully deliberating thereon, should truth appear to

require it; the monthly meeting may be at liberty to disown them without further care; except to inform them, of their disownment; when it can reasonably be done

The following friends are appointed in conjunc

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tion with a like committee of women friends should they appoint one, to take the subject under consideration, and report thereon at a future sitting of this meeting viz Seth W Bosworth, Elisha Freeman, Joseph Head, John Searing, Caleb Manchester, George Dunlap, Rowland Brown, Jonathan Noxon, Nathan Dennis, Hugh D Webster, Joseph Priestman & Asa L Schooley -

The following certificated for friends in attendance from other yearly meetings were subsequently introduced and and [sic] read

One for Mary L Caley a minister from the mo meeting of Philadelphia held the 23rd of 5th mo last

One for Mary B Needles, a minister from Baltimore Monthly Meeting for the western district held the 10th of 5th month last

To preserve order in and around the meeting house, during the several sittings of this meeting; the following friends are appointed viz Sherman Brown, Joseph P Wilson, James Armitage & Thomas Stinson.

The representatives were requested to stop at the rise of this meeting to consider of, and propose to our next sitting the names of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk: Then adjourned to the eleventh hour to morrow morning

12th of the month and 3rd of the week about the hour adjourned to, friends again convened

William Cornell on behalf of the representatives reported; that they had conferred together and were united in proposing John Searing for Clerk; and John J Cornell for assistant clerk; their names being separately considered were united with, and they appointed to those services for the present year

The meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries, as they came from the several Quarterly & half Yearly Meetings. The following summaries of them were adopted, and directed to be recorded -

Answer 1st Our meetings for religious worship and discipline; have all been attended and generally by the most of our members; although a slackness is apparent in some and one report says; particularly in the middle of the

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Week; and one that one midweek meeting, and one for worship had not been kept up; and two, state that a few almost entirely neglect this important duty. The hour nearly observed; not quite clear of sleeping in meeting; no other unbecoming behaviour noticed, except one report says there has been some appearance of it, and some care taken in the deficiencies noted. -

Ans 2nd Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren, two instances excepted; one of which is under care, and one report states, they are not so fully maintained in two meetings as is desirable. - When differences arise, care is taken to end them: Tale bearing and detraction, mostly avoided and discouraged as far as we know

Ans 3rd There appears to be a care resting on the minds of friends to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care, in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel; and to endeavour by precept and example, to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession; though the reports furnish evidence that deficiencies are apparent in these respects - We know of no neglect towards others under tuition

Ans 4th Clear in this query as regards intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and frequenting taverns: While ten instances of attending places of diversion; three of allowing music and dancing in their houses; and one of card playing are reported; and care has been extended in all of the cases except two

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor appear to have been inspected; and relief seasonably afforded: And their children and all others under our care appear to be in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6th Nine instances of accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of hireling ministers; Nine of attending marriages so accomplished, and two instances of attending their meetings, and sitting under their ministry are reported; in most of which care has been taken

Ans 7th Clear of bearing arms or complying with military requisitions; or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof, as far as we know; except three instances of paying military taxes.

Ans 8th Except one instance of nonperformance

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of promises, and several instances of extending their business, beyond their ability to manage; in which some care has been extended; friends appear careful to fulfil their several requisitions of this query -

Ans 9th We believe care has been taken to deal with offenders, in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to discipline though two of the reports state, that it has not been seasonably done in all cases -

Ans 10th We believe they are

That part of our discipline relating to marriages and a hireling ministry being considered, not sufficiently definite; it was concluded to appoint a committee, to unite with a committee of women friends to examine that paragraph and recommend such explanation as they may deem proper and report to a future Sitting of this meeting. To which service the following friends were separated viz. Edward Herendeen, William G Barker, Elisha Freeman, Allen Hoxie, Caleb Manchester, George Dunlap, Rowland Brown, Samuel Noxon, John D Philips, Freeman Clark, Robert B Cromwell & Samuel P Cornell -

The committee on the proposition from Farmington made the following report
The committee on the proposition from Farmington for an alteration of discipline;
having met and taken the subject under consideration concluded to report, that way
does not open to make any change at present

On behalf of the committee

John Searing

Margaret Brown

The report was united with and the committee released from the service
Tomorrow being the time usually set apart for public Divine Worship. Adjourned
to meet at the eleventh hour on 5th day morning

**Fifth of the week and 14th of the month near the time adjourned to friends
assembled**

The minutes of the meeting for sufferings were now introduced and read; and
the proceedings of that body were satisfactory to this meeting

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The committee to settle with the treasurer made the following report

The committee to settle with the Yearly meetings treasurer, have examined his
accounts and find them correct; and there is in his hands belonging to the meeting sixty
seven dollars and nineteen cents \$67 19/100 and we are united in proposing William
Clark for treasurer, and we are of opinion, it is not necessary to raise any money the
present year

Pickering 12th of 6th mo 1860

On behalf of the Committee

Edward Herendeen

Edward Eldridge

Nathan Dennis

The report being united with William Clark is appointed treasurer for the present
year

The committee in relation to the explanation of discipline made the following
report (to wit)

The Committee appointed at our last sitting on the subject of discipline; have
been together, and are united in judgment that the discipline is sufficiently explicit as it
now stands

Pickering 6th mo 13th 1860

Elisha Freeman

Sam^l Noxon

Margaret Brown

The report was adopted as satisfactory, and the Committee released from the
service, the womens mtg concurring

The committee on the epistles report they have conferred together, and were
united in adopting the following minute of exercise prepared by the clerk, together with
a few paragraphs to be embodied as an epistle to each of the meetings with which we
are in correspondence. The meeting uniting therewith, the clerk is directed to transcribe

sign and forward them on behalf of the meeting. And the Clerks are directed to have six hundred copies of said extracts printed and distributed among our subordinate meetings and call on the treasurer for the expense

The minute of exercises

During the consideration of the first query a deep and solemn weight appeared to pervade the minds of friends and we

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were reminded that the attendance, of our religious meetings, was a very solemn engagement, and particularly so when those opportunities were silent ones; and it was clearly shown that in order fully to enjoy the benefits to be derived from thus assembling together; and be enabled to partake of that holy communion of spirit; whereby the soul is nourished and sustained to meet the varied conflicts of life; there must be a right preparation of the mind, before going to the place of meeting. And we were cautioned against indulging in such conversation as tends to obstruct such preparation and draw the mind away from its proper center, thus disqualifying us for that silent reverential worship which our Heavenly Father calls for a the hands of this dependant children, for their advancement in the highway of holiness that leads to peace

But when it becomes the engagement of the heart to render unto God that true and acceptable worship; then meetings become seasons of rejoicing. And while we live under this concern, we shall witness a growth in Divine grace and such will be the effect of an implicit obedience to the Divine will; that the influence of the individual thus obedient will be felt for miles around him

Then while dwelling in this dependant condition we shall experience that the love of the Father is a distinct and separate principle from the love of the world and we shall find that this love cannot be overcome by the outward and elementary; while the mind is thus centered to the indivisible fountain; neither can it be purchased by these, but we can only come into possession of it, by a surrender of the life we have in them in of our own human will, to the Divine Will; then we shall realize that this principle and vital expense of Deity will pervade the heart, and its operation there, will be to cleanse and purify, fit and prepare it for the reception of a more full measure till it overflows towards our brethren and sisters; then there is no room for the tale bearer or detractor; There is no ear to hear any thing derogatory of any but every aspiration and feeling flows forth for the restoration of the caring; with desires that they too may come into that state of enjoyment, which they were designed to participate in

A deep and lively interest was felt that friends

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might faithfully maintain our testimony in relation to plainness; and our young friends were encouraged to more care in this respect, and they were reminded that it of times found as a bridge about them; to guard the precious tender mind from the temptations that might otherwise assail it

The deficiencies in maintaining our testimony against a hireling ministry, as contained in the answers to the sixth query brought much exercise over the meeting. The disposition that seems to prevail among the young to accomplish their marriages by the assistance of hireling ministers; and attending such marriages; was a cause of much concern: And they were reminded, that the giving way in these particulars opened a door for further inroads till the mind becomes drawn away from the communion of the spirit with its Creator; to a settlement in forms having no life nor vitality. It was clearly shown that worldly mindedness; and all that the spirit of this world loves leads to support and upheld a mercenary priesthood

The spirit that is under this dominion would be willing to be thought religious, and seeks to purchase a knowledge of Divine things with the treasures of earth; and this leads to the offerings of a priesthood, that has no higher authority than mans fallen wisdom; these would barter their substance or render their applause, for words without life, and which have a pleasant sound, because they are first to surrender all the acquirements and accumulations of the things of time to the disposal of the prince of peace: And we were reminded that our own society was not clear of spirit: That all see perficial ministry; and that was in the letter, unaccompanied by the Divine life, was mercenary in its character; because there was some selfish end in view; while the true gospel ministry proceeds from unselfish motives, has no selfish ends to accomplish, and seeks only the best interest of the human family; not for any thing it will gain; but for their eternal happiness and well being

We were admonished, that in dealing with those who have departed from the order of society; that it should be done under a kind feeling; and while the heart is fitted and qualified, by the great head of the Church, to labour in love for their restoration; and in no wise to feel a disposition to cut off, for this owner of a retaliating spirit, which has

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no part in the government of Christ. As the dispensation of Infinite wisdom are always in loss to the children of men solely designed for their improvement, and for their advancement, in those things that contribute to their greatest good so will the outflowings of that heart which has been anointed by him for his service, breathe forth the same spirit of restoring reclaiming love; looking not at its own aggrandisement but, the highest good of the object of its care -

A proposition was made in this meeting to hold this yearly meeting at Farmington and Pickering Canada west alternately, to be held next year at Farmington. The subject claimed the weighty consideration of the meeting, was united with and it was concluded to hold it accordingly the womens meeting having united therewith. The clerk is directed to have the information inserted in the epistles to the yearly meetings with which we correspond

Having been favoured during the several sittings of this meeting to feel the overshadowing wing of Divine goodness to be stretched over us, and that the Master has indeed been in our midst, we have thereby been preserved in much harmony, christian condescension and brotherly love, for which blessing our hearts overflow with

the gratitude to the great Supreme and in and under this precious covering the meeting adjourns to meet at Farmington the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington by adjournments from the 10th of the 6th mo to the 13th of the Same inclusive 1861

By the Reports from the Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following friends were appointed representatives to attend this Meeting Viz:

From Farmington

Joseph Thorn
William Cornell
Seth W. Bosworth
Walter White

Elisha Freeman
Edward Herendeen
David S. Dillingham

Scipio

David Mitchell
Lewis Bogardus
George Dunlap

John Bedell
Edward Eldridge
Ebenezer L. Wanzer

Canada

Nathan Dennis
Jonathan Noxon

Caleb B Stickney
Seth Armitage

Pelham

Jesse Cornell
Hugh D Webster

Amos G. Canby
Robert Wilson

and Jacob Zavitts.

who were all in attendance except one from Farmington three from Scipio and three from Pelham. Satisfactory reasons were offered for the absence of three of them.

A certificate of unity for the only friend now in attendance from other Yearly Meetings was now introduced and read as follows

For Stimersson Powell a minister from Westbury Monthly Meeting held at Matinacock. 5th mo 15th-1861 -

Epistles were received and read from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence except New York. Their interesting contents were satisfactory and edifying -

To essay answers thereto as way may open

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and produce to a future Setting of this meeting the following friends are appointed Viz: Sunderland P. Gardner. John J Cornell. George Dunlap. Joseph Thorns. Cornelius White. Jesse Weeks. Joseph Priestman. Stephen Hatfield and John Searing

To examine and settle the treasurer's accounts. Report what sum it may be necessary to raise the present year and propose to a future setting of this meeting the name of a friend for treasurer the following friends are appointed Viz:

William Cornell, Seth W Bosworth. David Mitchell - Edward Eldridge. Nathan Dennis. Samuel Noxen Robert Wilson. & Daniel Zavitts.

The following proposition for an alteration of our discipline appearing on the reports from Scipio Quarterly Meeting. Viz:

The subject relative to grave stones being introduced into this meeting: after a time of deliberation it was concluded to forward the subject to the Yearly Meeting for the purpose of having some alterations made in our discipline. So as to allow small stones such as in the judgment of the Yearly Meeting may be deemed proper.

The subject engaged the attention of the meeting and resulted in the conclusion to appoint a committee to take the subject into consideration and if way opens to propose to a future setting of this meeting such alteration of the clause of discipline alluded to as they may deem proper - To which service the following friends are appointed. Viz:

Elisha Freeman - Stephen Hatfield. Jakamiah Seaman Charles W. Searnin. David Mitchell George Spalding Nathan Dennis. Samuel Noxon -. John Watson Hugh D Webster. Joseph Priestman. & David Bears

Who are requested to act in conjunction with a committee of Women friends.

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the several settings of this meeting the following friends are appointed Viz:

Edward Herendeen, Seth W Bosworth.

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George O Fritts. Isaac S Phillips. Sherman Brown. Lorin Brown. & Joseph D Wilson.

The time having expired for which the Representative Committee or Meeting for Sufferings were appointed the following friends are appointed to in conjunction with a committee of women friends consider of and propose to a future sitting of the meeting the names of suitable Friends to fill that station for the ensuing three years. Viz: Seth W. Bosworth Isaac Colvin. Joseph C Watson, Charles W Searing - George Dunlap. Cornelius Koon Stephen White - Nicholas Austin. Seth Armitage Jacob O Zavitts. Joseph Priestman & Robert Wilson

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and propose to our next sitting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk - Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning.

Third day morning the 11th of the month

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened.

William Connell on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and William G. Barker for Assistant Clerk whose names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services for one year-

An Epistle from New York Yearly Meeting was now introduced and read. Its contents were satisfactory and encouraging to us.

The meeting now proceeded to the consideration of the state of society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from our Several Quarterly and

Half Yearly Meetings and the following Summaries were adopted and directed to be recorded as nearly descriptive of our present state

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Ans 1st. Most Friends appear careful to attend all of our meetings for religious worship and discipline although quite a neglect is apparent in others and some seldom attend any of them. the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping in meetings. no other unbecoming behavior noticed and some care taken in the deficiencies noted

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be nearly maintained amongst us as becomes brethren, except three instances in which care has been taken. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them and we believe friends are mostly careful to avoid talebearing and detraction one instance excepted.

Ans 3^d. There is some care with most friends to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, and some endeavor by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession and care is extended towards others under tuition.

Ans 4th They do as far as we know except three instances of attending a place of diversion and one instance of having instrumental music and dancing in a selected circle and care taken.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded. All children under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th Four instances are reported of accomplishing marriages by the assistance of a hireling minister and Sixteen of attending marriages so accomplished one of permitting a marriage to be so accomplished at his house and two instances of contributing to the support of such ministers. And care taken in nearly all the cases reported.

Ans 7th We believe Friends are clear of bearing arms, complying with military requisitions or of paying

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any fine or tax in lieu thereof, three instances of paying a military tax excepted.

Ans 8th Except in one instance which is under care we believe friends are careful to perform their promises and pay they just debts, none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage one instance excepted which is under care and when occasion has been give for fear on those accounts care has been extended.

Ans 9th We believe care has been mostly taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline though not in all cases so seasonably as would have been best.

Ans 10th We believe they are -

The continued neglect of our meetings and particularly those held near the middle of the week, spread a deep and lively exercise over the meeting, and we were admonished that all who were concerned for the promotion of the cause of Truth should

be careful to gently but faithfully - remind those who were delinquent in this important duty whence they have strayed: And it was held up for our consideration how those sons of the morning of our Society prospered even amid their deep persecutions, and testimonies were borne to the truth that when we fully yield to perform our spiritual duties, and in obedience thereto are diligent in attending our religious meetings, that prosperity in temporal things would not be withheld; agreeably to the testimony of the blessed Jesus. "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you -

And as we are concerned to humbly seek for strength to fulfill all the duties required of us by our Heavenly Father, thereby becoming His obedient children we are introduced into a unity with the Spirit of Louth and receive from Him, the incomes of that pure Love which is universal in its nature and hence glows forth to all the workmanship of His holy hand, and when

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this becomes our experience we shall be preserved in love and unity one with another; and as we feel this pure principle to invade our hearts we shall desire to mingle together, and hence nought but unavoidable circumstances would prevent our assembling with our brethren to offer acceptable worship to the Author of our being and thereby receive a renewal of strength.

The evidences of a departure from our testimony against a hireling ministry as exhibited in the answers to the sixth query, filled many minds with sorrow, and a deep concern was felt that our young friends in an especial manner might become willing to attend to the monitions of the witness within. And suffer it to lead and teach them. And it was held up to our view that as we come under the direction of this great Teacher He would as we were qualified to understand them open those things in relation to His Kingdom which appear mysterious, and then we would understand the ground on which this great testimony rests, and being thus fully convinced of its propriety we should be enabled to bear it faithfully.

It was shown that as this testimony was departed from, we might be compared to Jerusalem when her walls were broken down, and her gates consumed with fire affording to those who seek to undermine and destroy our testimony that immediate divine revelation has not ceased. An entrance into the camp and an opportunity to carry our members away captive into a traditionary religion having form without life. The young and the old were exhorted to greater faithfulness and were encouraged in the view that as they were obedient to the manifestation of Truth, the waste places in the walls of our Zion would be repaired.

Parents were reminded of the necessity of yielding their obedience to this indwelling firm cycle and of looking to it for counsel and as they become willing to be subjected to its direction they would be qualified to lead the tender lambs committed to their care to the fold of Christ and when their precepts were enforced by their example, when the general tenor of their lives spake to the children with the Jusuarive language

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“Come follow us as we are endeavoring to follow Christ” then would their precepts find a resting place in their tender minds and thus would the foundation be laid on which the broken walls and waste places could be rebuilt.

We have not been unmindful of our testimony against war in this time of great commotion and preparation for the deadly conflict and it is our earnest desire that we may not only be preserved from an active participation therein, but that we may not suffer anything that partakes of the nature of that Spirit that can take the life of a human being under any circumstances to find a resting place in our hearts because where this is found the love of God and of our neighbor has in proportion been displaced and we not only balk this noble testimony but alienate ourselves from the enjoyment of that true peace which is only found when living in and under the government of the child born the forgiver whose name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace. But while we know this governor to reign supreme in our hearts we shall not only experience our love to flow towards those who are thus seeking to destroy each other, but when it becomes necessary to suffer for the Maintenance of this testimony we shall be sustained and supported.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceedings of that body were satisfactory to this meeting. And the following proposition made by them was united with Viz.

The subject of raising money to defray the expense of painting, and making other repairs to the meeting house at Pickering coming before this meeting resulted in a commending to the Yearly Meeting, the propriety of raising the sum of (\$200) two hundred dollars and placing it at the disposal of the members of that meeting to be applied for the purposes mentioned.

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportion of the sum named, and pay it to the Treasurer of this Meeting subject to the order of Pickering preparative meeting and report.

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A proposition was opened in this meeting to raise the Quota's of our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings which claiming the attention of the meeting was united with and the following friends were appointed to take the subject into consideration and report to a future sitting of this meeting Viz:

Elisha Freeman - Edward Herendeen - Seth W. Bosworth. John H. Robinson. David Mitchell. Charles W. Searing. George Dunlap. Edward Eldridge. Samuel Noxon. Nathan Dennis. Ira Brown - Sherman Brown. Joseph Paristman. Hugh D. Webster. Daniel Zavitts and David Bears.

To-morrow being the day usually set apart for public Divine worship, this meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour on fifth day morning.

13th of the month and 5th of the week

About the hour adjourned to friends again assembled.

The committee to examine and settle the treasurer's account propose the name of a friend for treasurer and report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year made the following report viz:

We have settled with the treasurer and find in his hands due the Meeting Fifty four dollars and nineteen cents. We think it will not be necessary to raise any money this year-. We are united in proposing William Clark for treasurer.

6th mo 12th 1861 -

On behalf of the Committee,

The report being united with
William Clark is appointed treasurer
for one year

David Mitchell
Edward Eldridge

The committee to whom was referred the proposition from Scipio Quarterly Meeting in relation to grave stones report as follows.

The committee to consider the proposition from Scipio Quarter, in relation to grave stones having conferred together, are united in proposing that the discipline be so altered as to admit small plain stones to be erected

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not exceeding one foot high above the natural level of the ground, fourteen inches wide and four inches thick with no other inscription than the date, name and age

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

David Mitchell
Margaret Brown -

On Consideration he meeting united with the report and directs the Meeting for Sufferings to have the alterations made in all the books of discipline belonging to a~~ll~~ this Yearly Meeting, and call on the Treasurer for the expense the womes [sic] meeting concurring.

The committee to consider of and propose the names of friends to constitute the Representative Committee or Meeting for Suffering made the following report -

The committee to propose names to constitute the Meeting nearly all met and were united in proposing the following names for that service to wit

Nicholas Austin

David T Dillingham

Nathan Dennis

Joseph Priestman

Sunderland P Gardner

Loren Brown

George Dunlap

Charles W Searing

John J Cornell

William G. Barker

John Searing

Daniel Zavitts

Samuel Noxon

Elisha Freeman

Seth Armitage	Job S Dennis
Stephen White	Rowland Brown
Nicholas Brown	Edwin Ewer
David M Bears	William Clark
William Cornell of Mendon	John Watson
Edward Herendeen	John Stinson
Joseph Thorn	Thomas Stinson
David Mitchell	Joseph Head
Seth W Bosworth	Silas Orves?

The meeting uniting therewith they are appointed to that service for three years

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The Committee to revise the quotas of our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report as follows -

We the committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of making a change in the quotas report That we have conferred together and are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that when \$100 isto be raised Farmington pay \$31., Scipio \$22. Canada \$24 and Pelham \$23.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Elisha Freeman

The report being united with, is directed to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meeting in the extracts for their observance -

The committee to essay answers to the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond report, that they have been together and were united in adopting the minute of exercises as prepared by the Clerk, together with a few additional paragraphs, as an epistle to be forwarded to each of them.

Wh being united with by the meeting, the Clerk is directed to transcribe and sign them on behalf of the meeting and forward a copy to each Yearly Meeting in correspondence with us.

The clerks are directed to have five hundred copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this meeting together with the Epistle received from New York printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the treasurer for the expense-

Under a deep solemnity of feeling and with hearts grateful to the Author of all good that He has been pleased at this time to be with us preserving us in much harmony and love to each other and with an earnest hope that we may continue to abide under this precious and holy covering when we have arrived at several homes:

the Meeting adjourns to meet at Pickering C.W the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

John J Cornell Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering C.W. by adjournments from the 9th of the 6th mo to the 12th of the same inclusive 1862.

Reports have been received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings by which it appears that the following friends have been appointed as representatives to this meeting viz.

From Farmington

Seth W Bosworth, Elisha Freeman, Joseph Thorn, William G. Barker, William Cornell, David T Dillingham, William Clark, Jacob Potter.

From Scipio

John Searing, Charles W Searing, George Dunlap, Cornelius Koon and Caleb Manchester.

From Canada

Stephen White, John D Philips, Rowland Brown, Richard Widifield and David Barker

From Pelham

Isaac Mills, Robert Wilson, Amos G Canby and John D Harris

On being called they all answered to their names except two from Farmington and one from Pelham, and a satisfactory reason was offered for the absence of one from Farmington

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A Certificate of unity was now introduced and read for William Dorsey, a minister from the monthly meeting of Philadelphia held at Race St. 21st of 5th mo 1862.

X The assistant clerk not being present John D Philips is appointed to that service for the present sitting.

The following were subsequently introduced from the Women's Meeting and read Viz

One for Ann A Townsend, a minister from Gwynnedd Monthly Meeting Montgomery Co. Pa held 29th of 5th mo 1862

One for Phebe W Foulke a member and companion of Ann A Townsend from the same meeting and bearing the same date

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Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence were received and read

Their interesting contents, conveying an evidence that there ~~are~~ is yet a lively interest felt in the maintenance of our several testimonies and that though widely separated as to the outward that love which is the true badge of discipleship is still felt to draw our hearts towards each other were truly edifying and encouraging to us.

To essay answers thereto as way may open and report to a future sitting of this meeting the following friends were appointed Viz:

George Dunlap. Freeman Clark. John Searing. John J Cornell. Elisha Freeman. John D. Philips. Jonathon Noxon. David Barker. Seth W Bosworth and Alfred Stevens.

To examine and settle the treasurers account report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer, the following friends were appointed. Viz. William Cornell. Walter White. Allen Hoxie Charles W Searing. Nathan Dennis Rowland Brown. Asa L Schooley and Amos Canby.

The following proposition for an alteration of discipline appeared on the reports from Farmington Quarterly Meeting Viz: -

A proposition was forwarded to this meeting in the minutes of Rochester Monthly Meeting with the concurrence of Women Friends for an alteration of Discipline on the subject of appeals proposing that the last paragraph under the head of appeals be erased and the following substituted to wit.

It shall be the duty of appellants to furnish the meeting appealed to with a written notification of their intention to prosecute their appeal. And they have a right to be present during the appointment of the committee in their cases and objections which they may then make to persons nominated on the committee are to be considered by the meeting. Which receiving the deliberate consideration of this

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meeting we are united in forwarding the proposition to the Yearly Meeting the Womens meeting concurring

With a time of deliberation the meeting unites in appointing the following friends to take the subject into consideration in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends and report their judgment thereon at a future sitting of this meeting. Viz:

Elisha Freeman, Joseph C Watson. Walter White. John Searing. Caleb Manchester. Benjamin Batty. Jonathan Noxon. Reuben Powell - Stephen White. John Marsh. Joch H Cornell and Isaac Zavitts.

To preserve order in and around the Meeting house during the several sittings of this meeting the following friends are appointed. Viz:

Asa Brown. Loren Brown. Alfred Stevens. Edward Herendeen. Seth W Bosworth. John H Robinson. Isaac G Ewer and Israel Mosher.

The time for which the committee having charge of Indian Concerns having expired. And it being believed that there still remained a necessity for the continued extension of care towards the Indians at Catararrgus the meeting was united in appointing the following friends to that service for three years - Viz.

Elisha Freeman. John H Robinson. Joseph Head. Edward Herendeen. Jacob Potter. John J Cornell. Rowland Brown and Joel Hughes.

The representatives are requested stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and propose at our next sitting the name of a friend for Clerk and one for assistant clerk

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning

Third day morning the 10th of the month

near the time adjourned to Friends assembled -

William Cornell on behalf of the representatives

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reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Jese Weeks for assistant clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they are appointed to those services for one year.

The Meeting proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, the following summaries of which were adopted as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st We believe the most of our members have a care to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, though there is a manifest neglect on the part of others, more particularly in the middle of the week and a few seldom attend any of them. The hour Pretty well observed by the most; not quite clear of sleeping in meetings. And three instances of other unbecoming behavior in them are reported. Some care appears to have been taken in the deficiencies noted.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren, except three instances in which care has been extended. And an account from one meeting states they are not so fully maintained as is desirable. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged as far as appears.

Ans 3^d Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, and we believe endeavours are used to train up their children in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession; though many deficiencies are apparent among others in all these branches of the query. We believe a care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

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Ans 4th Friends do avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns, or attending places of diversion except two instances of allowing music and dancing in their houses and four of attending such a place of diversion in all of which care has been extended.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor and of those likely to require assistance are inspected and relief afforded them and their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th One instance of countenancing a hireling ministry by attending their meetings and contributing to their utmost? by paying money, four instances of accomplishing marriages by the assistance of a hireling minister, and three of attending marriages so accomplished and one of partaking in their ordinances, are reported in nearly all of which some care has been extended.

Ans 7th Except two instances of bearing arms, two of complying with military requisitions and ten of paying a military fine or tax, friends appear to be clear of the violation of the requisitions of this query.

Ans 8th Friends appear careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts except one instance which is under care. No others known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage, three instances excepted one of which is under care. No others known to give occasion for fears on that account

Ans 9th Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline though two meetings say it has not been extended in all cases as Seasonably as might have been best.

Ans 10. We believe they are.

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While the Meeting was thus engaged in the consideration of the State of Society, many lively testimonies were borne in regard to the benign and holy effect that a full surrender of the will, a cheerfull giving all outward affairs a secondary place, was upon the minds of men, as bringing a full and adequate reward, even in this life.

Our attention was called to the necessity, in order to rightly fulfill the common obligations of this life, in regard to the care of our families, to be prepared by an attention to the imfoldings of Divine Love, by which we should not only be qualified to rightly discharge those obligations, but will be enabled to keep them in their proper place and thus prevent them from hindering us from the performance of those higher duties, by which our spirits are kept pure and clean, so that we may witness a growth in virtue, and an advancement toward the state of a pillar in the church that shall go no more out. It was clearly shown, that while the mind was thus concerned, we would be careful not to neglect the assembling ourselves together, to offer that worship which is acceptable in the Divine sight.

We were reminded that love to God was the first great command, and that this must be made manifest by our love to each other, and by our fulfilling all those obligations which He enjoins.

We were feelingly admonished that those who are careful to regularly attend our religious meetings be closely concerned when gathered, to draw near the alone fountain of life and love, so that when those who may at times be delinquent in this important duty come and sit with them, they may find their table so spread with this holy influence that there will be nothing to discourage, but that all might tend to gather under the power of that influence, so that each might be refreshed and those who were delinquent encouraged to greater faithfulness.

We were tenderly cautioned to beware of the indulgence of a spirit that would destroy our cementing bonds the badge of discipleship; to watch carefully over our own hearts, so that when a brother may wound or injure us or our feelings, that nothing may find a resting place within us but the pure spirit of restoring love, that no dispo-

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sition but that which would raise a fallen brother is suffered to remain. We were warned against entertaining any other spirits because it not only dwarfed our own spiritual growth, but exerted an influence for evil on those by whom we are surrounded.

The careful and guarded education of our dear children was the subject of much exercise and concern. The many temptations by which we are surrounded calculated to draw them away from our principles, to which they are exposed while obtaining a literary education, were feelingly adverted to and desires were expressed that suitable schools might be established wherein they might be surrounded by an influence that would tend to lead them to the fold of Christ.

Parents were reminded of the deep responsibilities resting upon them, that they first be concerned to walk in accordance with the pointings of the Divine Finger, that they may be enabled to often seek for strength to faithfully fulfill their obligations.

It was forcibly brought to view, that while the Almighty possessed and could use the power to preserve the child through the parent might, neglect his duty, it did not relieve him from the responsibility, and that should the child go astray, when the solemn inquiry was made, "What hast thou done with the lambs committed to thy care?" the condemnation in the consciousness of neglected duty would be hard to bear.

Our minds have been dipped into sympathy with our distant brethren, whose lot it is to be surrounded by the horrors of the battlefield, and on whom this affliction has laid a heavy hand. And our desires have gone forth that not only they who are thus brought into trial, but that we who are as yet more favored, may be enabled to bear a consistent testimony against this great evil, being careful that while we hold up to view that the principles of the Christian religion lead to peace & we do not by our acts among men - by an undue interest in the present fractricidal? strife - by mingling with the political movement of the world, or by evincing a contentious spirit, balk this noble testimony, and thus liven? the influence we should

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exert towards the eradication of so great an evil. And introducing and extending in the hearts of men that kingdom whose ruler is God and which breathes peace on earth and good will to man.

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceeding of that meeting Committee are satisfactory to this Meeting.

Tomorrow being the time usually set apart for public Divine worship, the Meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour on fifth day morning.

Twelfth of the Month and Fifth of the Week -

About the time adjourned to, Friends convened.

The committee to take into consideration the proposition from Farmington Quarterly Meeting in regard to an alteration of discipline on the subject of appeals made the following report viz:

The committee on the proposition from Farmington, for an alteration of discipline on the subject of appeals all met but one; and after having deliberately considered the proposition, are united in the belief that the alteration proposed would be an improvement:

On behalf of the committee

John Searing
Margaret Brown.

After carefully considering the subject, the Meeting unite with the report of the Committee Womens Meeting concurring; and John J Cornell and John H Robinson are directed to have sufficient number of slips of the alteration printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, to be inserted in the Books of Discipline, belonging to the Meetings constituting this Yearly Meeting. And call on the Treasurer for the expense: and the subject is directed to be sent down in the extracts for the observance of our Subordinate Meetings.

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The committee to examine and settle the treasurers account report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose a Friend for Treasurer report as follows -

We the committee to settle with the Treasurer have examined his accounts, and find the sum of \$21.18 in his hands. And we recommend that the sum of \$50 be raised for the Yearly Meetings use; and that the sum of \$152 is wanted, to pay for repairs on Pickering Meeting house, also \$200 will be required to make the improvement proposed on Farmington Meeting House which we submit to the Yearly Meeting. And we are united in proposing William Clark for Treasurer the ensuing year

Signed on behalf of the committee

Asa L Schooley -

The Meeting unites with the Report with the exception that it did not deem it best to raise \$50 for the Yearly Meetings use - and William Clark is appointed Treasurer for one year

A copy of an item from the will of the late Caleb Carmalt, was received and read by which it appears that he has bequeathed to this Meeting the sum of four hundred dollars. The treasurer is directed to take the necessary steps to obtain it and the meeting unites in appropriating it in the following manner viz:

\$152.50 for repairs on Pickering Meeting house

200 - " repairs - Farmington Meeting house

And the balance to be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for this Meeting's use -

The committee to essay answers to the Epistles from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond made the following report viz:

The committee on epistles have conferred together, and were united in adopting the minute of exercises as prepar'd [sic] by the clerk, together with some additional paragraphs as an essay & and epistle to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond

On behalf of the committee John Searing

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The report being united with and the essay produced satisfactory to the meeting the Clerk is directed to transcribe a copy for each Yearly Meeting in correspondence with us, sign them on behalf of the Meeting and forward them to their destination.

The Clerk is directed to have five hundred copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this Meeting printed and distributed, among our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, and call on the Treasurer for the expense

Having witnessed during the several sittings of this meeting, the preserving power of Divine Love, to keep us under a feeling of much brotherly love and Christian condescension, whereby we have been strengthened ~~to a other~~ and encouraged to still continue to press forward toward the mark for the prize of the high calling which rests in Christ Jesus our Lord, and desiring that we may oftener them the returning morning remember the source and fountain whence we have received the blessing, so that we have again entered into the necessary care of earthly things, each soul may experience the same hallowed influence to surround it enabling it to overcome the luring of the tempter, and maintain a consistent life and conversation before the world, the Meeting adjourns to meet at Farmington, N.Y. the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine will

John J Cornell - Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N.Y. by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th mo to the 18th of the same inclusive 1863.

Reports have been received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings by which it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting Viz

Joseph Thorn	Charles W Searing
Edwin Ewer	Seth Armitage
Joseph W Baker	Rowland Brown
Stephen Hatfield	Caleb P. Stickney
David L. Dillingham	Jacob S Cronk
Elisha Freeman	Daniel Zavitts
Joseph M Howland	Joseph Priestman
George Dunlap	Asa L Schooley
John Bedell	Desse Cornell
David Mitchell	Nathan Wilson
Lewis Bogardus	

on calling their names they all answered except one from Canada and two from Pelham

Minutes of unity for friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were now introduced and read as follows.

One for David H. Barnes and Naomi his wife Ministers from Purchase Monthly Meeting held 13th of 5th mo last.

One for Solomon Haviland and Hannah his wife elders and companions to David H & Naomi Barnes from the same Meeting and bearing same date.

The following were subsequently introduced from the womans meeting and read viz

One for Rebecca Price a Minister from Little Falls Monthly Meeting Maryland held 2nd of the present month.

One for Elizabeth S Dixon an elder and companion to Rebecca Price from the same meeting and bearing same date

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One for Elizabeth Lawton a minister from Troy Monthly Meeting held 10th of the present month.

Epistles have been received and read from all the Yearly Meetings with which we are in correspondence. The evidence conveyed in them of the care and concern of our distant brethren to maintain our christian testimonies, and amid this time of great calamity to seek for strength, consolation, and preservation by gathering to the one ??? and along fountani [sic] of wisdom and goodness has been truly edifying and encouraging to us.

To essay answers thereto as way may open the following friends are appointed.

John J Cornell. Stephen Hatfield. John Searing. William G Barker. Rowland Brown. David Mitchel. George Dunlap. Elisha Freeman. Elihu Durfee. Freeman Clark. Jonathan Noxon. Edwin Ewer and William Bosworth.

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer the following friends are appointed. Viz:

Edward Herendeen. John H Robinson. Elisha Freeman. David Mitchel. Lewis Bogardus. Charles W Searing. Rowland Brown. Caleb B Stickney. Walter H Stickney. Asa L Schooley. Joseph Priestman and Jesse Cornell.

The following proposition information was received in the reports from Farmington Quarter Viz.

The committee appointed to have the care of making the repairs on Farmington Meeting house made the following report. Viz

We the committee to make repairs at Farmington Meeting house report that we have attended to our appointment and have built a veranda on the east side and south end of Farmington Meeting house being over one hundred feet in

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length, roof shingled, circled? under the rafters, with tin eave trough and conductors. All painted or to be, Expenses two hundred and ninety dollars. We have drawn on the treasurer for two hundred dollars.

Signed on behalf of the committee by
Mendon 4th mo 1st 1863 Edward Herendeen

Which report being satisfactory to the this meeting is directed to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting

After a time of deliberation the subject is referred to the committee to settle the treasurer account.

The committee appointed last year to have slips of the alteration of discipline in relation to appeals printed and distributed among our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report the appointment answered

To preserve order in and around the Meeting House during the several sittings of this meeting the following friends are appointed Viz.

Edward Herendeen, Geurden T Smith. George O Fritts. Isaac S Phillips. Caleb B Stickney and Rowland Brown

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of the present sitting to consider of and propose at our next sitting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk.

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning.

Third day of the week and 16th of the month

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled

Joseph Thorn on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk, and Jesse Weeks for assistant clerk, their names being separately considered were satisfactory to the meeting, they are appointed to those services for one year

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The meeting proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. Summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. We believe most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, yet those held near the middle of the week are neglected by many and one report states that three meetings have been entirely unattended. The hour nearly observed by the most. Not quite clear of sleeping in meeting, no other unbecoming behavior reported. Some care taken in the deficiencies reported.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be mostly maintained amongst us as becomes brethern. When differences arise care is taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction appear to be avoided and discouraged, with an exception from two meetings, and some care reported.

Ans 3rd Friends appear to have a care to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel and some endeavors are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession. Though deviations are apparent in these several particulars in which some care has been taken. Care appears to have been extended towards those under tuition.

Ans 4th They do as far as we know except three instances of attending places of diversion which are under care

Ans 5th The poor are cared for and relief has been afforded them and their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

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Ans 6th Except nine case of accomplishing marriages by the assistance of hireling ministers, and nine of attending marriages so accomplished in which care has been taken, friends appear to be clear of countenancing a hireling ministry

Ans 7th. Except 8 instances of bearing arms, two of complying with a military requisition by enrolling the militia and one of complying with such of requisitions which is not specified in all of which care had been taken, friends appear to be clear of violating the requirements of this query

Ans 8th. Friends appear careful to fulfill their promises and pay their just debts: two instances excepted which are under care. None known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage, and when any have given occasion for fear on those accounts they have been labored with for their preservation and recovery.

Ans 9th Care appears to be endeavored to be taken to deal with offenders in accordance with the requisitions of discipline though one report states not as seasonably at all times as might be best

Ans 10th We believe they are

While thus considering the state of Society, much exercise was felt and many loving testimonies were borne both to the beauty and correctness of our principles, and to the effect of living up to them would have not only upon our own Society, but the world at large -

We were feelingly reminded that were we all concerned to live up to and carry out those testimonies, such would be their cementing influence, so strongly would they bind us together, that all our meetings would be better attended and that we would seldom suffer any temporal concerns to prevent us from meeting in the middle of the week, for we would be so much desirous to enjoy that blessed communion that we would long for meeting day to come

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Parents were exhorted to seriously consider the influence they were exerting over the minds of their children in this direction and to examine, closely how far they are lessening the advancement of these testimonies in their tender minds by leaving them

at home engaged in the labor of the field or the shop, while they are assembled to offer worship to one almighty God.

When we are gathered for this Solemn purpose and have come bringing or have endeavored to bring our families with us and we can feel that we are prepared by a single purpose of heart to offer that worship which is acceptable to Him. (Which is but simply a full surrender of our own wills and an unserved obedience to His requisitions) while the mind is covered with the hallowed influence which always results from such a state of experience, there will be no room for anything like hatred, because as God is love so those who are unreservedly led by Him will ever be likened unto Him, and aid each member of the body in their several localities come thus prepared to offer worship as they were led by the one spirit. They would feel this badge of discipleship to preserve them in unity one with another in the bond of peace. Without being thus imbued with this Divine principle the society cannot prosper ??? availingly bear its noble testimonies to the world. But it was clearly shown that as this principle thus pervades the mind, and flows out in every action, our members would be preserved from every thing like constricture and strife and would be kept from mingling with the commotions and agitations of the political world, because being centered and grounded in this one great all preserving, all powerful principle of Divine love they could not move in the advancement of our testimonies except as led by it. The youth were exhorted to remember whence the many blessings by which they are surrounded have come and as they recognize in their anthem? A God of love of justice and mercy to become willing to devote the morning of their day to His service and thus save themselves many hours of sorrow and suffering. It was also shown that as this principle held the reins? of government over the mind its circumscribing influence would lead into a plainness of speech

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behavior and apparel. We would not then be ashamed to bear our testimony in these particulars using the same simple singular language to one another that we use in addressing our Heavenly Father, avoiding all vain compliments and clothing these bodies with such apparel as we find ??? to comfort, utility and decency thus avoiding the baneful effects of having the mind occupied with the foolish and varying fashions of the world. Those in the younger walks of life whose minds are more easily captivated with the fashions and to whom the cross to use the plain language of thee and thre to a single person appears to be great while the most of their associates conform to the customs of the many? were encouraged where they felt these requisitions to gather close to the Divine illuminating principle and they would find its preserving power could support them in every season of trial and conflict and enable them to take up the cross in every particular, and thus abilitate them to go on their way rejoicing towards towards the possession of the mark for the prize of the high calling which rests in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Our attention was called to the contrast between the mind which by this unanswered obedience has realized the government to be placed upon the shoulders of the Prince of Peace and the mind which following after the cunning? of the

unregenerate? will has indulged in feelings of enmity and retaliation, envy and hatred, and we were exhorted to choose the former as being alone calculated to happify us while in this state of being, and prepare us for a blissful eternity. We were shown and the young in particular were reminded that it was only as our minds were imbued with this Spirit of love, that we would be prepared to faithfully bear our testimony against War in this day of commotion in the land once while the billows of suffering are weling? towards our shores in this ??? when all seems dark to the human vision. The mind that is thus established has an anchor of hope and faith which preserves it in a calm dependance on the all powerful all preserving arm of the most High God -

We were feelingly reminded that the principles we profess? Lead us to exercise toward those who through

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weakness in unwatchfulness have deviated from the path of sectitude?, a spirit of restoring lover, and those who are active in the concerns of society were cautioned that our?other feeling be manifested by them towards such neither by word, look or actions that we neither by our speech or deportment say to them, "stand thou there I am more holy than them?" but that in all our outer course? with them all shall tend to bear the language "Come my brother return to the bosom of thy friends forsake the evil of thy way - in humility seek to know a reconciliation with they God, and thus will then again enter into the unity of Spirit with thy brethren which shall unite you in the bond of peace

To morrow being the day usually set apart for public divine worship, the meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour on fifth day morning.

Eighteenth of the month and fifth of the week

Near the time adjourned to Friends convened

The committee to examine and settle the Treasurers accounts, report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer report as follows

Farmington 6th mo 15th 1963.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer have met and examined his accounts, and find a balance in his hands of Forty six dollars, and are united in recommending the raising of one hundred and fifty dollars the present year of which ninety dollars to be appropriated to defraying expenses on Farmington Meeting house. Thirty six 25/100 dollars to pay discount on money sent to Canada and propose William Clark for Treasurer the ensuing year -

On behalf of the committee -

Asa L. Schooley -

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The report being satisfactory to the meeting was adopted and our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sum named pay it to the treasurer of this meeting and report - and William Clark is appointed Treasurer for one year -

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceedings of that meeting committee were satisfactory to this meeting. And the proposition in relation to holding their regular sessions only in the 4th and 6th months was united with and the womens meeting concurring. The Clerk is directed to forward the information to that meeting

The committee to essay answers to the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings make the following report Viz:

We the committee to essay answers to the Epistles received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond report that nearly all of our number have met and conferred together, and are united in addressing the minute of exercises as prepared by the clerk, with a few additional paragraphs as an essay of an epistle to each of those Yearly Meetings.

On behalf of the committee

6th mo 17th 1863.

John Searing.

The report being united with and the essay produced satisfactory, the Clerk is directed to transcribe, sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The Clerk is directed to have five hundred copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this meeting together with the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings this year, printed and distributed among our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense -

The business of the Meeting being concluded and having in the goodness and mercy of the Master

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of all rightly gathered assemblies, been favored to feel that He has been in our midst enabling us to transact the concerns which have claimed our attention in much Christian condescension and brotherly love we acknowledge with gratitude our appreciation of the favor, met with the hope that we may by obedience continue to be participants of the favor when in our little meetings, at our firesides, or while engaged in the pursuits of lawful avocation of this life, the meeting adjourns to meet at Pickering C.W. the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

John J Cornell Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering C.W. by adjournments from the 13th of the 6th mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1864.

By the reports from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz

From Farmington Seth W Bosworth, William Cornell, John H. Robinson, Joseph Thorn and Jacob Potter.

From Scipio. George Dunlap, Caleb Manchester, John Searing, Charles W Searing and David Mitchell.

From Canada, Nathan Dennis, Jacob S Cronk, Rowland Brown, Samuel Noxon and Reuben Powell

From Pelham, Asa L Schooley, Jesse Cornell, Merritt Palmer, Richard Wilson, Robert Wilson and James Pound -

All of whom were present except one from Scipio.

A certificate of unity was received from the Womens Meeting for Rachel Hicks, a minister from Westbury Monthly Meeting held 18th of 5th mo. last.

Epistles have been received and read from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. Their interesting contents wincing? That our distant brethren are yet concerned to maintain our noble testimonies inviolate and to seek for that qualification to bear them before the world which is only found in deep humility of spirit and in an entire surrender to the requisitions of the Divine Will have afforded us cause for encouragement to press forward in the work assigned to us and by their corroborating the evidence immediately furnished us on our own hearts have strengthened us in endeavoring to faithfully do our part in furthering the cause of Here to End righteousness in the calling?

To essay answers there to as way may open and present

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them at a future sitting of this meeting the following friends are appointed. Viz.

John Searing, Nathan Dennis, W^m. G. Barker, John D Phillips, Andrew Varney, Thomas Hazard, John J Cornell, Jacob S Cronk & Asa L Schooley

To examine and settle the treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer the following committee was appointed. Viz: Edward Herendeen, William Cornell, David Mitchell, Charles W Searing, Jacob S Cronk, Isaac S Phillips, Merritt Palmer and Robert B Cromwell.

The following subject brought up in the reports from Farmington Quarterly Meeting now claimed the attention of the Meeting. Viz:

The following subject was forwarded from Rochester Monthly Meeting and on consideration this meeting is united in forwarding it to the Yearly Meeting, Womens Meeting concurring, namely -

This Meeting having ascertained that it has members living in the Western States whose views and conduct render them liable to be dealt with and who are too remote from any Monthly Meeting to be reasonable to bestow the necessary labor is united in forwarding the subject to the Yearly Meeting for its advice and direction in the case Womens Meeting concurring.

After deliberating thereon it was concluded to appoint the following friends to act in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends to take the subject into consideration and report their judgment in relation to it at a future sitting of this meeting. Viz:

Freeman Clark, John Searing, Jonathan Noxon, John H Robinson, Rowland Brown, Jesse Cornell, John Marsh, Seth W Bosworth, Caleb Manchester and Joel Hughes

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The time for which the representative committee in Meeting for Sufferings were appointed expiring this year the following friends are appointed in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends to consider of and propose to a future sitting of this Meeting the names of suitable friends for that service namely:

Walter H Stickney, Isaac Zavitts, Joseph M Howland, Nathan Dennis, Merritt Palmer, James Armitage, Henry Cox, Elisha Freeman, Benjamin Widdifield, Walter White, Benjamin Batty, Edward Herendeen and Charles W Searing

To preserve order in and around the meeting during the several sittings of this Meeting the following friends were appointed Viz:

Sherman Brown, Loren Brown, John D Phillips, Seth W Bosworth and Joseph M Howland -

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this meeting to consider of and propose at our next sitting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning

Our Several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report that their proportions of money called for by this meeting last year has been raised and directed to be paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting.

14th of the month and 3^d of the week

near the time adjourned to Friends convened -

Joseph Thorn on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for clerk and Thomas Hazard for assistant clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to that Service for one year

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The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, the following Summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. We believe there is a care with most of our members to attend all our Meetings for religious worship and discipline, while there is a manifest indifference on the part of other particularly in attending those held near the middle of the week and a few seldom attend any of them and one report say that one meeting in the middle of the week was unattended. The hour pretty well observed not quite clear of sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care reported taken in the deficiencies noted.

Ans 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren except one instance which is under care and a report from one meeting that a few deviations are apparent and another that they are not maintained by All. When

differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears except that one account states they are not as fully so by all as would be best and another that they are mostly so.

Ans 3^d. Most friends are careful to Keep themselves and endeavors are used to Keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and by precept and example to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession and some care is extended in these respects towards others under tuition.

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Ans 4th They do as far as we Know except four instances of attending places of diversion 2 of which are under care and one of using intoxicating drinks as a beverage which is also under care

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor and of those likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded and some advice given though one meeting reports not as seasonably as is desired. Their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6th. Clear in this query as far as appears except 6 instances of accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of hireling ministers and 4 of attending marriages so accomplished and some care taken in all the cares but one.

Ans 7th Seven instances of bearing arms. Three of hiring substitutes and eighteen of paying a tax in lieu of personal military service are reported in which some care has been taken.

Ans 8th Friends appear careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts except three instance of not paying just debts, in which some care has been taken. No others known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

Ans 9th Care is endeavored to be taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline though one account states not in all cases as seasonably as might have been best.

Ans 10th We believe they are

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While thus considering the state of Society much salutary counsel was handed forth, to encourage us to more faithfulness and dedication of heart. The importance of fulfilling that reasonable duty of attending all our religious meetings was feelingly adverted to and the young in particular were united to greater faithfulness in this respect, particularly in the attendance of our midweek meetings. They were shown that obedience to this duty would open the way for further advancement as the mind was concerned, when thus gathered with their brethren, to become still and to be centered on the manifestations of the light of Truth. Herein they would know of being fed with that food which also can nourish the immortal soul and thereby be strengthened in their

confidence in their God so as to become more willing to obey when other and higher duties are required

We were reminded that love is emphatically the true badge of disciplinship and that under its benign influence we are led into the possession of that feeling and principle that breathes "Peace on earth and good will man." and that unless this was the experience of the heart we could not be possessors of the religion of Christ: and that under the guidance of this pure principle we would be qualified to manifest a forgiving spirit among all those with whom we are brought into contact: and by thus manifesting that love was our governing and actuating motive our influence for good would be extended in our own neighborhoods.

And we were shown that in the cultivation of a forgiving spirit we were not simply conferring a favor on those who may have designed to wound or inuse? us, but that it would receive the greater benefit, that it would redound to our own place, and consequently tend to promote our own happiness

We were counselled to remember that in our intercourse with the world that our example would exert a far more powerful influence over our

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neighbors and in our own families, than our precepts and we were exhorted to dwell near the true fountain that our example might be such as to lead in the way of Truth

The young as well as the old were exhorted to prize the privileges they were enjoying as members of our religious communions, and to suffer nothing of self, the world, or their gratification to lure them away from its influence for good. They were reminded, that our noble testimonies had their origin in the manifestations of the Divine Will and that as they were thus opened by this power to our early friends, they were by it prepared to bear them in so faithful a manner: and it was shown that as we in this day surrender our whole hearts to the direction of this immediately manifested will of our Heavenly Father we would be gradually prepared to take them up, not because they have been transmitted to us by our fathers, but because they will be opened immediately to us and that with a fresh anointing: and there we shall be strengthened to bear them faithfully and unflinchingly in every hour of trials.

The deficiencies manifested in the maintenance of our testimonies against war and a hireling ministry were cause of deep regret and sorrow. While we feel that the present time is one calculated to closely try our foundation: while we clearly see that the specious appeals to our sympathies on behalf of the injured and oppressed are calculated to draw us from our guard, and enlist our feelings: While we discover the insidious approaches of the cunning and deceit of Priestcraft yet we are assured that if our chief care and concern is to know the mind and will of our divine Master to dim our footsteps we shall be enabled to detect the various approaches of the enemy though he may transform himself into the appearance of an Angel of Light and thus be preserved from running out into those things which but dazzle to blind and allure to destroy. But while we are aware that this dependant condition this state of patient waiting for Divine direction is the only true place of safety, we feel to exercise a caution not to judge too harshly or condemn too hastily

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those who for a season? have listened to the voice of this desire but by maintaining our dwelling under the canopy of the Fathers Love find the ability to wind them back for we indeed know that the exercise of that true charity which flowd from the universal love of God is far more powerful to bring back to virtue and truth, them harsh judgment or hasty condemnation.

The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceedings of that committee were satisfactory to this meeting.

To morrow being the day usually set apart for public divine worship the meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour on fifth day morning

Fifth of the week and sixteenth of the month

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled

The committee to whom was referred the subject brought up from Farmington Quarterly Meeting made the following report viz:

The committee on the subject forwarded from Farmington Quarterly Meeting report that they are nearly all united in the belief that the discipline is sufficient and they would advise Monthly meetings to bestow all the labor that is practicable on those members who have removed to remote places whose conduct they have reason to believe has not been consistent.

Signed on behalf of the committee

John Searing

Elizabeth Cooper

After a time of consideration the Meeting unites with the report and directs that it be sent down in the extracts to our subordinate meetings, womens meeting concurring

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The committee to examined and settle the Treasurers account report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for treasurer report as follows

To Genesee Yearly Meeting

The committee to settle with the Treasurer, report they have attended to their appointment, and find his accounts correct and there is a balance in his hands of fifty one dollars and fifty cents due the Meeting. We are of the opinion that it is not necessary to raise any money the present year. We are united in proposing William Clark for Treasurer

Signed on behalf of the Committee by

Edward Herendeen

Pickering C.W. 6th mo 14th 1864.

The report being satisfactory to the Meeting is adopted and William Clark is appointed Treasurer for one year.

The committee to consider of and propose the names of friends to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings made the following report. Viz

The committee to propose the names of suitable friends to compose the Meeting for Sufferings all met but one and were united in proposing the following names:

Richard Widdifield

Jesse Weeks

Joseph Thorn

Rowland Brown

John J Cornell

John Stinson

Asa L Schooley

Elisha Freeman

Thomas Hazard

Edward Herendeen

Samuel Noxon

Brown

Thomas Cox

John Searing

Walter White

Solomon A Howland

William G. Barker

William Cornell

Nathan Dennis

James Armitage

Seth W Bosworth

Watson Lundy

Charles W Searing

Henry Cox

William Clark

Charles J Frost

Merritt Palmer

David Mitchell

John H Robinson

John Cox

Jonathan Noxon

Benjamin Batty

Joseph W Baker

Jacob Potter

Caleb Manchester

Walter H Stickney

Nicholas Brown

Jesse Cornell

Freeman Clark

Isaac Zavitts

Jacob S Cronk

Sherman

John Watson

Joseph Head

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The names proposed being united with the exception of Watson Lundy who was not present and John Watson who was excused appointed to that service for three years, womens meeting concurring.

The committee to essay answers to epistles received from other Yearly Meetings report as follows

To the Yearly Meeting.

The committee on epistles have conferred together. And are united in presenting an essay a copy of which to be forwarded to each of the meetings with which we correspond, embracing the minute of exercises with a few additional paragraphs

on behalf of the committee

John Searing

Pickering 6th mo 15th 1864.

The report of the committee being united with and the essay produced satisfactory, the clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond

The clerk is directed to have 500 copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this meeting printed and distributed together with the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

Having during the consideration of the several concerns which have claimed the attention of the Meeting, been preserved in a good degree of christian condescension and brotherly Love, and having known the canopy of the Fathers love to be spread over us under which we have been baptized together our hearts flow out with gratitude to our Divine Master for the favor, and we feel that our strength has thereby been renewed: and under this precious feeling and solemn covering the meeting adjourns to meet at Farmington N.Y. the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

John J Cornell Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N.Y. by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1865.

By the reports from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this. Viz.

From Farmington

Stephen G. Watson, John H Robinson, Walter White, Joseph M Howland, Joseph Thorn Seth W Bosworth and Jacob Potter.

From Scipio

Edward Eldridge, John Searing, David Mitchell and Zebulon Hoxie

From Canada

Nathan Dennis, Joseph B Wilson, Rowland Brown, Cornelius White, Jacob S Cronk and John Stinson

From Pelham

Hugh D Webster, Ephraim W Haight, Merritt Palmer, Asw L Schooley, John D Harris and Joseph Priestman

On calling their names they were all present except one from Scipio, one from Canada and three from Pelham as satisfactory reason was offered for the absence of the one from Scipio.

Certificates of unity for friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were now introduced and read as follows -

One for Andrew Dorland a Minister from Saratoga Monthly Meeting held 10th of 5th mo last

One for John Wilbur Jr. an elder and companion of Andrew Dorland from Eastern Monthly Meeting held 19th of 5th mo last.

One for Charles Teas and Margaret his wife elders from Horsham Monthly Meeting held 31st of 5th mo last.

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One for William Borton an elder and companion of Elizabeth T Andrews from Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting Woodstown N.Y. held 30th of 5th mo last

Certificates for the following ??? friends were subsequently introduced from the womens Meeting and read as follows -

One for Elizabeth T. Andrews a minister from Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting Woodstown N.Y. held 30th of 5th mo last -

One for Achsah Lippincott an elder and companion of Elizabeth T Andrews from the same meeting and bearing the same date.

Epistles have been received and read from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond except Indiana. A minute was received from the clerk of that Meeting informing us that way did not open for them to address any of the meetings corresponding with them also acknowledging the scripture of our epistle of the 6th mo last

The affectionate interest manifested in the Epistles received for the preservation of the whole flock on the one true foundation, the care and concern evidenced for the maintenance of our testimonies during this time of commotion and trial and the evidence conveyed that though widely separated as to the outward He from whom flows the waters of life so binds His children together by the strong bonds of love that they are prepared to feel for each other and to desire that each may progress in the highway of holiness, has solemnized our minds and tended to strengthen and encourage us, under this feeling the following friends are appointed to essay answers thereto as well as to Indiana as way may open and report at a future sitting of this meeting. Viz

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Sunderland P Gardner, Thomas Hazard, John J Cornell, Elihu Durfee, Isaac Zavits, Nathaniel Dennis, David Barker, Freeman Clark, Cornelius White, Jesse Weeks and Charles W Searing.

To examine and settle the Treasurers account report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer the following friends were named.

Edward Herendeen, Solomon H Howland, David Mitchell, Edward Eldridge, Sherman Brown, Jacob S Cronk, Samuel Haight and Joseph Priestman.

To Preserve order in and around the Meeting house during the several sittings of this Meeting the following committee was appointed.

George O Fritts, Seth W Bosworth, Sherman Brown, Stephen Hatfield and Caleb B Stickney.

Scipio Quarterly Meeting informs that they have concluded to hold their Meetings as follows on the last 4th day in the 3^d, 6th, 9th and 12th months on the 3^d and 9th mo at Scipio - on the 6th at Deruyter on the 12th at Constantia.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and propose to our next the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour to-morrow morning.

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13th of the month and 3^d of the Week

about the time adjourned to friends convened

Joseph Thorn on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Thomas Hazard for assistant clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to that service for one year.

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. And after proceeding to the consideration of the 6th Query during which much exercise was felt and many testimonies borne. To morrow being the day usually set apart for public Divine worship it was concluded to adjourn to the eleventh hour on 5th day morning

5th of the week and 15th of the month

near the time adjourned to friends assembled

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the remaining queries and answers and the following summaries were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline though there is a remissness on the part of others in the attendance of our midweek meetings and one account states that seven of their meetings have been neglected and two reports say that a few of their members seldom attend any of their meetings. The hour nearly observed by the most not quite clear of sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care reported in the deficiencies noted:

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Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren with an exception from one meeting. One Meeting reports several cases of differences, and two that talebearing and detraction are not so fully avoided as is desire, and some care taken in the deficiencies noted

Ans 3^d Some friends are careful to Keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel although there is quite a deficiency apparent in others in this respect, endeavours are used by example and precept to train ~~them~~ the children in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession and care is extended towards others under tuition

Ans 4th Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as we Know except one instance of frequenting taverns two of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage and seven of attending places of diversion in all of which some care has been taken.

X Ans 5th Except Thirteen instances of accomplishing their marriage by the assistance of hireling ministers and one of attending a marriage so accomplished and one of supporting a hireling ministry in most of which cases care has been extended, friends appear to be clear of countenancing a hireling Ministry

X Ans 5 [sic] The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded them, their children and all others under our care in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

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Ans 7th Friends are clear of bearing arms and complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof as far as appears except three instances of bearing arms one of which has been heretofore reported one of enlisting as a surgeon in the army and 4 of voluntarily contributing to aid in furnishing substitutes, and care taken

Ans 8th Friends are careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts except one instance of not fully paying just debts in which care has been taken and one account states that the most of their members are careful and another that they are nearly so. None known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our christian profession except two instances and some care reported, and where occasion has been given for fear on those accounts care has been extended

Ans 9 We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline though perhaps not in all cases so seasonably as would have been best

Ans 10th We believe they are

While the state of Society was thus under consideration much counsel was handed forth by exercised minds

We were exhorted to gather more closely to that Illuminating Power and Principle, which would open unto us our every duty: and were shown that as this became our engagement and concern it would tend to draw us to often meet together: that as this power governed and directed all our movements we should not only be found assembling with our brethren to offer worship to our Heavenly Father on the first

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day of the week when but little sacrifice was to be made - but would be constrained by the love we bore to our God and to one another, to let no circumstance as over which we had control prevent us from attending all our midweek Meetings.

We were reminded that while thus concerned to attend to manifested duty, we should realize that "God is Love; and they that dwell in God dwell in love" And hence as we are qualified by Him to labor in His vineyard, our efforts would be directed to endeavor to restore the withered or withering branches rather than to cut them off and as it became our chief concern to live under this holy influence from day to day it would qualify us to labor successfully in the healing of difficulties as they arise: and we were warned of the danger of attempting to labor in this cause unless we are indeed under the influence of this Holy Spirit, lest we scatter instead of gathering and thus retard the progress of the work we are endeavoring to aid.

We were feelingly called to consider of what avail it would be for us to endeavor to offer our gifts if when we Come to the altar we then remember that our brother hath

ought against us: and were reminded of the injunction of the Blessed Master. When those bringest thy gift to the altar and these remembers thy brother hath aught against thee leave there thy gift before the altar first go be reconciled to thy brother then come and offer thy gift. We were shown that this was an operation in the mind by which our wills became so subdued that we would be willing to make the necessary sacrifice to effect this reconciliation and where we thus become qualified to rightly offer our gift we shall manifest that the reconciliation has been effected by our deportment towards our brother, and by the extension of that love which will bind together and heal the painful wound

We were also reminded that as we came under the guidance and government of the divine principle

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of Love, as we felt this to flow out towards all we then became what we professed to be friends of God friends to one another and friends to the whole human family. And then there would be no room for talebearing and detraction, there would be no wish to hear any thing that would lessen a brother in our estimation. Much less to repeat or spread any thing that would lessen him in the estimation of others: the disposition to magnify a fault would be checked, and we would be disposed to throw the mantle of charity over all for the heart would feel to adopt the language of the poet:

Teach me to feel another's woe

To hide the fault I see

That mercy I to others show

That mercy show to me

The deficiencies reported in the faithful maintenance of our testimony against a hireling ministry was a source of much concern. And desires were felt that a more powerful testimony against a practice which while under the semblance of a concern for the souls of men, nevertheless stand as a cloud between them and that true communion whereby they are truly refreshed might be borne by those among us who are truly concerned by enjoining in our daily life, where we mingle with those who have been subjected to such an influence that our principles lead to something better than thus by our lives we may show them that we have indeed been with Jesus, that this divine principle which we hold up to the world is a living reality and that it still remains to be a truth that God will teach His people Himself. And that all who are thus taught have been transformed and become new creatures that while living in the world they bring their principles to govern every act in their intercourse with men, and hence show clearly that there is no need to pay men to unfold or expound that which may be known and received direct from

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Him who is the Author of all they are thus endeavouring to explain.

While we have mourned that the spirit of War should have made its inroads among us a peace professing people while we have observed that some of our young

men should have under the influence of the excitement around them been induced to enter the arena of military strife, and there become the instrument of shedding the blood of their fellow men yet we earnestly hope now that the conflict has ceased and as they return to their peaceful homes, they may become so convinced of the superiority of the principle of love to that of force and that it is better to suffer wrong for a season than to do wrong, that they may so live in the future as not only to give satisfaction to their friends and thus be continued in the bosom of Society but by being thus convinced by the experience of the sweeter and more hallowed influence which surrounds those who dwell under the canopy of this Divine principle become its devoted advocate in the future.

The Minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were introduced and read and the proceedings of that committee though not entirely satisfactory to the Meeting were consented to.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer made the following report.

To Genesee Yearly Meeting -

The committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer having all attended to their appointment, find on examining his accounts a balance in his hands of \$40 13/100 due the meeting and we propose that the Meeting raise fifty dollars and place in the hands of the Treasurer. We are also united in proposing William Clark for Treasurer - on behalf of the Committee

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David Mitchell

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The meeting uniting with the report it is directed to be forwarded in the extracts for the observance of our Subordinate Meetings. And William Clark is appointed Treasurer for one year

The committee to essay answers to the epistles received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond reported that they had conferred together. And were united in proposing the adoption of the minute of exercises, together with a few additional paragraphs as an essay of an epistle to be sent to each of the Yearly Meetings in correspondence with as also an additional paragraph to be embodied in the one to be sent to Indiana. The report being united with and the essay produced satisfactory, the clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each Yearly Meeting referred to.

The clerk is directed to have five hundred copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this Meeting printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

Having now concluded the business which has claimed our attention and feeling the overshadowing wing of the Lords mercy and goodness has been spread over us as a canopy and that in prospect as our hearts have been devoted to Him so has our strength been renewed, and under the hope that as we have thus been strengthened,

that we may still be preserved in faithful obedience [smudge] that all may be found watchful in the hour of temptation and thus be more faithful in the maintenance of our several testimonies we adjourn to meet at Pickering C.W. the usual time next year if so permitted.

John J Cornell, Clerk.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering C.W. by adjournments from the 11th of the 6th mo to the 14th of the same inclusive 1866

By the reports received from our Several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. Viz

From Farmington

John J Cornell, Joseph M Howland, Jesse Weeks, Seth W. Bosworth, Joseph Thorn, Obadiah P Hoag and Asa Hampton

Scipio

George Dunlap, Caleb Manchester, Zebulon Hoxie, John Searing and David Mitchel
Canada

Sherman Brown, Joseph B Wilson, Stewart Brown, Jonathan Noxon, Jacob S Cronk, and Oliver S Phillips

Pelham

Asa L Schooley, Daniel Zavitts, Robert Wilson, David Ellsworth, Joseph Priestman and Elijah Zabitts.

On calling their names they all answered except eight for the absence of three of whom reasons were assigned. (The assistant clerk being absent Sunderland P Gardner is appointed to that service for the day)

Certificates of unity for friends from other Yearly Meetings who are acceptably with us were read as follows

One for Arden Seaman a Minister from the Monthly Meeting of Jericho L. I. held 19th of 4th mo 1866 and endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting held 26th of same month.

One for David H Barnes a Minister from Purchase Monthly Meeting held 11th of 4th mo. last and endorsed by Purchase Quarterly Meeting held 2nd of 5th mo last

One for Solomon Haviland an elder and companion of David H. Barnes from Purchase Monthly Meeting held 9th of 5th mo last.

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One for James Birdsall an elder from Purchase Monthly Meeting held 9th of 5th mo last

One for Ann Weaver a Minister from Green St Monthly Meeting Philadelphia held 24th of 5th mo last -

One for Rebecca Price a Minister from Little Falls Monthly Meeting Maryland held 6th of 3^d month 1866 - and endorsed by Baltimore Quarterly Meeting held 12th of same month.

One for Rebecca Turner an elder and companion of Rebecca Price from Baltimore Monthly Meeting held 10th of 5th mo last.

Epistles have been received and read from our brethren of Philadelphia Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings - Their contents bearing evidence of deep concern for the maintenance of the principles of Truth in its simply purity, and of desires that the whole flock may be encouraged to still press forward amid all the difficulties that may lie in our pathway towards a greater advancement in their attainment, and to a more perfect upholding of them to the word, have been truly acceptable to us. To essay replies thereto as way may open the following friends are appointed. Viz. Sunderland P Gardner, John Searing, Freeman Clark, Jesse Weeks, Amos G Canby, Jacob S Cronk, John J Cornell, William Thomas, Jesse Cornell, Edwin Ewer, David Barker and Jonathan Noxon -

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To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer the following committee is appointed viz Seth W Bosworth, William Cornell, Zebulon Hoxie, John Searing, Jacob S Cronk, Sherman Brown, Asa L Schooley and Daniel Zavitts.

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the several sittings of this meeting the following friends are appointed, viz. Caleb Stickney, William E Barker, Isaac S Phillips, Seth W Bosworth, Joseph M Howland and Edward Herendeen

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their proportions of money called for by this Meeting last year raised and paid as directed

Pelham Half Years Meeting informs that it has concluded to hold its sessions in 2nd month alternately at Pelham and Lobo at Pelham in 1866 Lobo in 1867 &c.

~~12th of the month and 3^d of the week~~

~~——— About the time adjourned to Friends assembled~~

~~——— Joseph Thorn on behalf of th~~

~~——— The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and propose at our next the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk -~~

~~Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning.~~

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12th of the month and 3^d of the Week

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled

Joseph Thorn on behalf of the Representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Jacob S Cronk for assistant clerk. Their names after being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services for one year

An acceptable Epistle from our brethren of New York Yearly Meeting was now received and read its contents affording us comfort and satisfaction.

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from our Several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, the following summaries of which were accepted as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline whilst others are quite remiss therein more particularly in the middle of the week, one report states that in one meeting their midweek meetings except those for business have not been attended and in another several have been omitted on account of the smallness of their numbers, and another report states that in one meeting the most of their meetings have been attended. The hour pretty well observed by the most, not all clear of sleeping in meetings no other unbecoming behavior noticed. Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes brethren except three instances in two of which care is reported. When differences arise care is taken to end them. talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears except one meeting says they are mostly so

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Ans 3^d Friends have a care to keep themselves their own and other friends children under care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and endeavors are used by example and precept to train up the children in a life and conversation comp??ing with our christian profession and care is extended in those respects towards others under tuition.

Ans 4th Friends do avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage attending frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion except nine cases of attending places of diversion in 7 of which care is reported.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded. Their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th Eight instances of accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of a hireling minister and nine of attending marriages so accomplished are reported in most of which care has been taken

Ans 7th Friends are clear of bearing arms or of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof except one instance of bearing arms and otherwise complying with military requisitions, and care taken, and one of violating the requirement of this query but in what particular is not specified

Ans 8th Friends are careful to perform promises and pay just debts except two instances of no performing promises in the payment of just debts. None known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage, and where occasion has been give for fear on those accounts advice has been given Care taken in the deficiencies noted.

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Ans 9th We have endeavored to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline though 2 reports state it had not always been seasonably done

Ans 10th We believe they are.

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During the examination into our condition of faithfulness in the maintenance of the several testimonies we are called to bear, as they were thus brought to view, in the answers to the queries, much pertinent counsel and many exhortations were handed forth, to encourage us to a greater degree of dedication to, and a more close walking with, the requisitions of that Power from whom we feel that these testimonies emanated.

The continued lukewarmness apparent in the attendance of our religious meetings, called forth much lively exercise. We were feelingly reminded of the first great commandment, : "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy might, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength" - and were shown that as we were careful to seek for this state, we should be prepared to fulfill the second - "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself;" and as the mind became thus imbued with this holy feeling, we would embrace every opportunity to worship the Author of this holy principle, and hence would desire to mingle with those of like feelings, in making a sacrifice from which flows strength to the soul, and therefore would love to attend all our meetings.

But, if we suffer the things of this world to engross our attention, and to almost imperceptibly claim our affections, we, in proportion, lose our love for the Great Supreme, and hence are not prepared or qualified to rightly worship Him; and thus our interest in these solemn seasons of adoration and praise, will become weakened.

The young were appealed to, to make the seeking of this condition of mind, wherein the affections of the heart are placed upon God, and to make the performance of His will the chief object of their lives; and they were shown that they would realize the gracious promise, that those who "seek first the kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness, would have all things necessary added unto them," that while thus making their religious obligations their first care, they would be so led as to provide all things needful for themselves and those dependent upon them.

We were reminded that the possession of this powerful principle of Love, if lived in would enable us, when offended by a brother, to carry out the injunctions left by the Blessed Jesus, in that memorable sermon on the Mount, and thereby be instrumental in drawing him unto us, instead of widening the breach; that as the spirit of forgiveness flowed forth towards him, prompted by pure love, it would unite him to us; and we were exhorted that when we find ourselves in the wrong, that we be willing to acknowledge our error to our brethren. We were shown that such a course, instead of degrading, would ennoble us in the estimation of a brother, and would oft-times become the means of reconciling that which otherwise might separate in the feeling, and raise a barrier of enmity not easily destroyed.

Our testimony against a hireling ministry has again claimed our serious consideration, and while we feel concerned for its faithful maintenance, while we desire that a free, pure gospel ministry, may supplant it, we also feel to extend a spirit of charity towards those who are educated under its influence, feeling that however clearly we may discern the baneful effects it has upon the human family, that it never can be eradicated by harsh denunciations or bitter anathemas, but only by convincing the mind that there is something better, that a ministry which flows from the Father, will baptize into its own essence; and as He is love, so that which emanates from Him, works by love to the purifying the heart. Where our ministry bears this holy impress, there it will reach, will overleap the partition wall of sectarian prejudice, and by convincing the minds of men that it is better and purer than a man-made ministry, eradicate its influence from the heart.

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To morrow being the day usually set apart for public Divine worship the meeting adjourns to the eleventh hour on 5th day morning

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5th of the week and 14th of the month

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceedings of that meeting were satisfactory to this.

A Memorial of Yonge St. Monthly Meeting appears by Canada Half Yearly Meeting concerning our deceased friend John Watson was received from the meeting for Sufferings, and read, and after deliberate consideration approved and directed to be printed with the usual extracts from the minutes of this meeting Womens Meeting concurring.

The committee on Indian Concerns, made the following report - Viz

We the committee on Indian Concerns appointed in 1862 report that we have been mindful of our appointment and that nothing has occurred during that time to require our services, and we are of the opinion that the time has come when the services of such a committee may consistently be dispersed with

Pickering 6th mo 12th 1866

On behalf of the committee

Joel Hughes

The report being united with the committee is released from further service

The committee to settle with the Treasurer have all met except one, have examined his accounts and find a balance of \$66 13/100 in his hands. We think not necessary to raise any money at this time and are united in proposing the name of William Clark for Treasurer the ensuing year

Pickering 12th of 6th mo 1866 -

On behalf of the Committee

Asa L Schooley

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The report being united with William Clark is appointed treasurer for one year

The committee to essay replies to the Epistles received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond report they have attended to their appointment and are united in proposing the adoption of the minute of exercises with a few additional paragraphs to constitute a general epistle to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings which which we correspond. The report being united with and the essay produced satisfactorily the clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings referred to.

The clerk is directed to have five hundred copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this meeting printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

Having to acknowledge with grateful hearts that we have been truly blessed in this assembling together to transact the business of the Society in that we have realized His presence to be with us, which is the crown and diadem of all rightly gathered assemblies binding and cementing us more closely together causing our hearts to rejoice and strengthening us to endeavor to more faithfully wald as He directeth who ??? knoweth in what path we may safely tread we now adjourn to meet at Farmington N. Y. the usual time next year if consistent with the divine will

John J Cornell Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N. Y. by adjournments from the 10th of the 6th month to the 13th of the same inclusive 1867.

By the reports from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following friends are appointed representatives to this Viz.

From Farmington.

Norman B Davis, Joseph Head, Jacob Potter, Abraham L Griffin, Seth W Bosworth, Jesse Weeks & William Cornell.

Scipio

John Searning, John Bedell, Anson Lapham & Cornelius Koon

Canada

Nathan Dennis, Rowland Brown, Jacob S Cronk, John Stinson and Cornelius White.

Pelham

Hugh D Webster, Amos G Canby, Daniel Zavitts, Richard Ward, AsaL Schooley, Silas Zavitts and Joseph H Smith.

on calling their names they all answered except five for the absence of two of which satisfactory reasons were assigned.

Certificates of unity for friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were read as follows

One for George Truman a minister from the Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia and endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting.

One for Catharine Truman an elder and wife and companion of George Truman from the same monthly meeting

Epistles were received and read from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. Their interesting contents contribute to edify and encourage us and furnished us with a renewed

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evidence of the value of such a correspondence.

The following friends are appointed to essay replies these to as way may open and

present there at a future Mtg of this meeting Viz Sunderland P Gardner, Charles W, Searing, Elihu Durfee, Joseph Thorn, Asa L Schooley, John J Cornell, Freeman Clark.

To settle with the Treasurer report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year

and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer. The following friends are names viz.

Jacob Potter, Joseph M Howland, samuel Dickenson, Calib Manchester, Rowland Brown,

Nathan Dennis, Amos G Canby & Hugh D Webster

The following minute was received from the meeting for sufferings viz

At a meeting for sufferings held at Menden 4th of 4th mo 1867

The subject of the propriety of taking on enumeration of the members belonging to the

Yearly Meeting and of making an improvement in the manner of keeping a record of them claiming our attention resulted in believing it was best to forward it to the yearly Meeting for its consideration.

Extracted from the minutes by

John J Cornell Clerk.

The subject claiming the deliberate attention of the meeting resulted in the appointment of

the following friends to in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends take the subject into consideration and report at a future sitting of this meeting viz John J Cornell Elihu Durfee, Hugh D Webster, John Searing, Sunderland P Gardner, Rowland Brown, Isaac P Phillips, George Dunlap, Edward Herendeen and Andrew Varney

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The time for which the representative committee was appointed expiring this year the

following friends were appointed to in conjunction with a like committee of women friends consider of and propose at a future sitting of this meeting the name of suitable friends for this service viz Edward Eldredge, Joseph B Wilson, Samuel Noxon, Jonathan D Noxon, Samuel Zavitts, Obadiah Laurence, Oliver P Hull, Chester Hampton, Loren Brown, Norman B Davis, Isaac G Ewer, Alfred Stevens, Richard Widdifield, William G Barker, Charles W Searing and Isaac Zavitts

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the Yearly Meeting following

friends are names -

Edward Herendeen, Loren Brown, Isaac S Phillips, Seth W Bosworth & Norman B Davis.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and propose to our next the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk.

Then adjourned to meet at the eleventh hour tomorrow morning

11th of the month and 3rd of the week

About the time adjourned to friends again assembled.

Nathan Dennis on behalf of the representatives reported that they had confirmed

together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for clerk and Jacob S Cronk for assistant clerk their names after being separately considered were united with and they were appointed to those services for one year.

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The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as presented by

the answers to the queries received from our Quarterly and Half Year Meetings. The following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as representing our present state.

Ans 1st There appears to be a case with the most of our members to attend our meetings for religious worship on first days, but those held near the middle of the week and those for a discipline continue to be much neglected and a few are reported as seldom attending any of them. One account states that 4 of their meetings were not attended on account of inclemency of the weather, and another states that several meetings had been omitted. The hour pretty well observed not all clear of sleeping in meetings no other unbecoming behaviour reported and some care taken in the deficiencies noted.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appears to have been maintained as becomes brethren except seven instances in three of which case is reported. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them talebearing and ?? have been avoided and discouraged as far as appears except one account states they are mostly so and motion? that they are not altogether avoided.

Ans 3d Most friends appear careful to keep themselves and endeavour to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness as queried after, And exercise a care to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, but many deprivations are in which some care has been taken, no neglect in regard to those under tuition is reported.

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Ans 4th Fourteen instances of attending places of diversion, and one of making unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage are reported in most cases care has been taken.

Ans 5th The poor have been cared for and relief afforded and their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th Nine instances of accomplishing their marriage by the assistance of hireling minister. Twenty of attending marriages so accomplished. Two of being in the practice of attending meetings whose hireling officials and one of permitting a marriage in his house by the assistance of such a minister are reported and care taken in most of them.

Ans 7th Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or of ?? any fine or tax in ?? thereof except two instances of complying with military requisitions one which under care.

Ans 8th Friends appear careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts except one instance in which care has been extended, some ?? to extend their business beyond their ability to manage and where occasion has been given for fear on those accounts advice has been given.

Ans 9 Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline but not in all cases as seasonably as might have been best.

Ans 10 we believe they are

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[typed] As the state of Society was brought before us, by the reading of the answers to the queries, our minds were introduced into a feeling and travail for the welfare and advancement of the flock. The evidences thus furnished, that there was a need of more and continued effort, caused much exercise, and lively and pertinent counsel was handed forth.

The continued neglect of the attendance of our religious meetings, spread a deep concern over the Meeting, and we were feelingly reminded that no organization could long hold together, unless its members should meet, and that if our Society maintained its high position before the world, it must [smudge] OFTEN, meet together, and meet too in that Power which we acknowledge to have gathered us to be a people; and when we thus met, as each mind was concerned to seek to know, and strove to perform, its whole duty, there would be an influence flowing out not only towards our own people, but towards others who may surround us. And as we were concerned to hold such meetings in this Power, we should be drawn together by a force beyond any thing which could be exerted by man. The example of those who were first gathered under our name, the devotion they manifested, the Power which drew them together, to sit down and hold sweet communion with each other and with their God, was feelingly averted to. So powerful was this drawing to meet, and so strengthening to their minds, that no outward circumstance could deter them; no fear of incarceration in loathsome dungeons; no fear of armed bands, either without their meetings, or their entrance

within them, seemed to affect them. And it was shown that we too might realize the same Divine influence, enabling us to make any sacrifices necessary, to fear no outward disturbances, in order to receive the blessed incomes of that love which, in those seasons where, when gathered, each mind was drawn out in devotion to the All-merciful Father, flows from vessel to vessel, watering the whole heritage, binding and cementing it together.

We were reminded that love was indeed the foundation of every true religious structure, and that there could be no true unity unless it was based upon it. And where this was the foundation, difference of view or sentiment would make no disturbing element; that in that bond by which we would be held together, we must recognize a unity of spirit in the bond of peace, out of which flows that charity which acknowledges that difference of view in accordance with our different states of experience, may be maintained, and all under the power of love.

We were cautioned to watch every avenue of the heart, that nothing may enter to make inroad upon this pure feeling. And were shown that were this the case, there would be no occasion to report deficiencies in regard to this important testimony.

The attention of the young was feelingly called to a more faithful maintenance of our testimony, in regard to plainness. It was shown that although it might be said there was no religion in dress, yet by it we manifested before men the state of the heart. If our conduct was right, if the whole desire of the mind was to be found serving God, this would regulate the outward appearance, and would check the desire to conform to the world, either in dress or address; and that in our intercourse with men, we would not be ashamed of the plain language, which is the language of true affection; but would be willing however singular it might make us appear, to faithfully bear this testimony before the world.

Our testimony against intemperance has claimed our attention, and while we have cause for gratitude that the reports show us as a body to be nearly clear of this great evil, yet we were reminded, that we should not on that account relax our vigilance, nor cease our efforts for the checking of the spread of its dire influence, and the reclamation of those who have yielded to its seductive temptations.

We were reminded that though we were not now suffering from the bold and open attacks of a hireling ministry, yet it was working insidiously in an undercurrent, and we were called upon to watch more closely its movements, and encouraged to more firmly and faithfully resist its encroachments.

A lively exercise was felt for the younger portion of the Society, that they might be brought forward into a more active co-operation in its concerns; and they were encouraged to manifest their interest by the expression of their views. And the elder portion were exhorted, in the appointment to services in the Society, to let their minds feel with and for the young - and thus aid them in assuming their proportion of the responsibilities which devolve upon us in the transaction of the affairs of the church.
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To morrow being the day usually set apart for public divine worship the meeting adjourns to the 10th hour in 5th day morning.

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5th of the week and 13th of the month

near the time adjourned friends convened -

The minutes of the meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceedings of that meeting were satisfactory to this.

The committee to whom was referred the proposition from the meeting for Sufferings made the following report.

We the committee to whom was referred the proposition from the meeting for Sufferings report that most of our number have met and conferred together; and are united in recommending that the Yearly Meeting request its Monthly Meetings to appoint a committee to take an enumeration of their numbers and report to the Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting the number of members they find on the records. And we would also recommend that the recorder in each Monthly Meeting should be furnished by Yearly Meeting with a suitable book in which may be kept in alphabetical order on the left hand page of said book a record of all the members of the Society and how they became so. Whether by birth request or certificate and on the right hand page opposite each name a record of their death, removal, disownment or change of name if married as the case may be should either occur -

On behalf of the committee
Farmington 6th mo 11th 1867

John J Cornell
Sarah D Searing

The meeting uniting therewith it is directed to be forwarded in the extracts to our subordinate meetings for their observance. And the Meeting for Sufferings is directed to procure and furnish our Monthly Meetings the necessary books o keep such a record and call on the Treasurer for the expense Women Meeting concurring.

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The committee to consider of and propose the names of Friends to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings report as follows -

We the committee appointed to propose names of Friends to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings have conferred together and are united in offering the following names

Nathan Dennis

Abigail D Thorn

Solomon A Howland

Anna R Brown

William Clark

Emily Palmer

George Dunlap	Eleanor Bowerman
Rowland Brown	Jane R Searing
Charles W Searing	Margaret B Howland
Richard Widdifield	Lydia Stinson
William Cornell	Susand? Zavitts
George Spalding	Isabella B Webster
John Searing	Elizabeth Dennis
Joseph Green	Catharine Bosworth
Jonathan D Noxon	Clarissa Watson
Joseph B Wilson	Sarah Mosher
John Bedell	Elizabeth Phillips
Norman B Davis	Phebe W Cornell
Isaac G Ewer	Elizabeth Brown
Loren Brown	Judith P Russell
Amos G Canby	Harriet Herendeen
Asa L Schooley	Tamar B Weeks
Seth W Bosworth	Eliza Cromwell
Freeman Clark	Lydia Webster
Charles J Frost	Catharine Eldridge
John J Cornell	Sarah D Searing
Joseph Thorn	Mary S Peckham
Thomas Stinson	
Elihu Drufee	
Jaco S Cronk	
Alfred Stevens	

The names produced being satisfactory they are appointed to that service for three years

Womens Meeting concurring

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The committee to settle with the Treasurer made the following report viz.

The committee have settled with the Treasurer and find a balance in his hands due the meeting of thirty six 12/100 dollars and are of the opinion that it will be best to raise one hundred dollars for the use of the Yearly Meeting and are united in proposing William Clark for Treasurer -

Signed on behalf of the Committee

6th mo 12th 1867

The Meeting uniting therewith our subordinate meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sum named and pay them to the Treasurer of this meeting and report. And William Clark is appointed Treasurer for one year -

Freeman Clark on behalf of the committee to essay replies to the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings reported that the most of them had met and were united in proposing the adoption of the minutes of exercises together with a few additional paragraphs as an essay of an Epistle to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. The essay produced being satisfactory the Clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy of each of the Meetings referred to

The Clerk is directed to have six hundred copies of the usual extracts printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense -

The business for which we have been convened having been concluded, during the transactions of which we have witnessed the cementing of the Divine principle of love to draw us more closely together and to flow out towards each other

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filling our hearts with gratitude to Him from whom every good must come and causing us to feel that in this mingling together we have been strengthened to more faithfully devote ourselves to the services required of us by our Lord And Master; to further His cause on the earth and to advance our own souls peace. With minds deeply solemnized under this holy influence we adjourn to meet in Pickering C.W. the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

John J Cornell Clerk

(1868)

At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering CW. by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th month to the 18th of the same inclusive 1868.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this viz

From Farmington

Elihu Durfee, Ebenezer Ford, Edwin Ewer, Sunderland P Gardner and Joseph W Baker

From Scipio

John Searing, Allen Hoxie, Charles W Searing and David Mitchell

From Canada

Hiram Brown, Thomas G Cooper, Benjamin Widdifield, Nathan Dennis, Jacob Cronk and Loren Brown

From Pelham

Daniel Zavitz, Jonathan K Page, John Minard, Robert Wilson and Hugh D Webster on calling their names they were all present except one from Farmington and one from Pelham

Certificates of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were read as follows

One for Samuel M Janney a minister from Goose Creek Monthly Meeting London Co Va. and endorsed by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting.

One for Thomas Foulke a minister from New York Monthly Meeting NY. endorsed by Westbury Quarterly Meeting.

One for Israel Drake a minister from Rensselaerville Monthly Meeting Albany Co N.Y.

One for Louisa Steer a minister from Fairfax Monthly Meeting Va - endorsed by Fairfax Quarterly Meeting

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One for William B Steer and elder and companion of Louisa Steer from Fairfax Monthly Meeting Va

One for Asa M Janney an elder and companion of Samuel Janney from Goose Creek Monthly Meeting Va -

One for Jane Drake an elder wife and companion of Israel Drake from Rensselaerville Monthly Meeting Albany Co N.Y

One for Elisha Wells a member from Concord Monthly Meeting Ohio

Their company and labors of love are truly acceptable to us.

Epistles were received and read from our Meetings of Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings.

The evidence of paternal affection. The kindred travail and exercise for the promotion of the same blessed truths. And maintaining the same testimonies to which they bear witness, have been cause of renewed thankfulness, and encouragement to us to continue to press forward in the discharge of our obligations that we too, may receive that blessing which is the true Crown of all right labor. To essay answers thereto as way may open the following friends are named - viz.

Elihu Durfee, Freeman Clark, Jonathan Noxon, John Searing, Charles W Searing, Joel Hughes, Amos Freeman, Sherman Brown, Richard Widdifield, John J Cornell, Isaac Wilbur? and John S Searing

To settle with the Treasurer report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and whose the name of a Friend for Treasurer the following friends are appointed viz

Benjamin Chase, William Cornell, Allen Hoxie, David Mitchell, Alfred Stevens,
John D Phillips, Samuel Haight and John Minard

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The following subject was forwarded in the reports from Farmington Quarterly Meeting, Viz.

This meeting desires the Yearly Meeting to decide the proposition whether subordinate meetings have the right to change the hour of holding their meetings without the consent of the superior meetings which claiming the deliberate attention of the meeting resulted in the appointment of the following Committee be, in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends, take the subject into consideration and report at a future sitting of this meeting. Viz. Joseph Thorn, Elihu Durfee, Geurden? T Smith, Nathan Dennis, David Mitchell, Freeman Clark, Edwin Ewer, Merritt Palmer, Jonathan Noxon, Rowland Brown, Amos Armitage and Richard Widdifield

The following minute was also forwarded from Farmington Quarterly Meeting Viz

One of our Meetings forwarded the subject of the dispersal of those who stand on our records as members but who are scattered over the country and appear to feel no interest in society and many of whom are out of the reach of disciplinary actions which after consideration it was concluded to refer to the Yearly Meeting.

After consideration the Meeting concluded to appoint the following friends to, in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends, take the subject into consideration and report at a future sitting of this Meeting, namely -

Seth W Bosworth, Hugh D Webster, William Clark, Isaac Zavitz, Edward Herendeen, Joel Hughes, James Armitage, John B. Hilbony?, John Searing, Jacob S Cronk, Freeman Clark Jr, Isaac Wilbur and Henry Cox.

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their proportions of money called for raised and forwarded to the Treasurer of this meeting.

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They also report they have taken an enumeration of their members as directed and find that Farmington Quarterly Meeting has, 1516 members

Scipio	"	"	"	359	"
Canada	"	"	"	576	"
Pelham	"	"	"	<u>503</u>	"
Making a total of				2954	"

To preserve order in and around the Meetinghouse during the several sittings of this Meeting the following friends are appointed - viz:

Isaac S Phillips, Loren Brown - Seth W Bosworth, Edward Herendeen, Thomas Stinson and Benjamin Chase -

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and report to our next the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk -

Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning

16th of the month and 3^d of the week

Friends again convened

Elihu Durfee on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Jacob S Cronk for assistant clerk their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services for one year -.

The meeting proceeded to the consideration of the state of society as presented in the answers to the queries received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, the following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

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Ans 1st. Friends appear to have a care to attend all our meetings, though quite a neglect apparent in the attendance of our mid week meetings, and one report says the midweek meetings in one meeting have not been attended and another that several meetings have been omitted. The hour pretty well observed by the most not all clear of sleeping in meetin. No other unbecoming behavior noticed, some care reported.

Ans 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes brethren except 5 instances, 2 of which are under care - When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction not so fully avoided and discouraged as would be best -

Ans 3^d. There appears to be a care resting with friends to observe the several requisitions of this query, though deviations are apparent in nearly all its branches care appears to have been extended towards others under tuition.

Ans 4th. Friends appear to be clear in these respects except several instances of attending places of diversion in which some care is reported.

Ans 5th. The circumstances of the poor have been attended to and relief afforded, their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th. Three instances of accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of a hireling minister and 6 of attending marriages so accomplished are reported in which some care has been taken

Ans 7th Clear in this query as far as appears

Ans 8. Friends appear to be carefull to perform their promises and pay their just debts except

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one instance,. None known to extend their business beyond their abilities to manage as becomes our christian profession.

Ans 9 - Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders as queried after though not always as seasonably as might have been best.

Ans 10. We believe they are -

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As the state of Society was brought to view in the answers to the queries, our minds were baptized together in an earnest travail for the welfare of the Church, under which lively testimonies were borne, designed and calculated to awaken and arouse a deeper interest, and call us to a life of greater dedication and devotion.

We were feelingly reminded that unless we acknowledge our allegiance to our Heavenly Father, by manifesting to the world that we did truly love Him with all our heart, mind, might and strength, by our frequently assembling together to offer to Him that worship which is acceptable to Him, we should not experience a growth and an advancement in Divine or spiritual things; but that as we made the fulfilling the first great Commandment thus apparent, and became really and truly engaged to live it out, we should become assimilated to its nature, and thus be led to fulfill all the other duties which adorn the Christian character. And as the heart became fully imbued with this lover, these seasons of public communion with our God would be more attractive to us - for the soul realizes that on each recurring season of dedication, that it receives a new accession of knowledge and of strength to war with its internal enemies, and thereby knows of being preserved from their snares and allurements.

We were shown, too that by a faithful maintenance of our religious Meetings, manifesting that in these we need no other head than Christ, that these hours of communion do make us better men, that they aid to purify the heart, we should bear a powerful testimony against a hireling ministry; for when thus rightly gathered, as each mind becomes concerned, there would be witnessed the spreading of a sweet influence over the meeting, which would evidence to each mind that there was a silent ministry in the teachings of the Infinite Divine Power in the secret of each heart thus influenced, far surpassing all vocal utterance. And under this ministry, we would experience that our comfort, our strength, our source of encouragement, lies not wholly in a vocal ministry, but in that communion with our God which is best promoted by these solemn seasons of internal communication of the soul with its Creator, when thus publicly acknowledging its allegiance to Him.

We should, then, manifest to the world around us, the truth that there is a power in our silent meetings; and thus as they behold its influence on our minds will we be enabled to let our light so shine before them, that they seeing our good works, may be induced also to come and glorify our Father which are in Heaven.

We were also shown, that if we truly loved God, we would manifest it by our love to brethren, and that if we truly loved our brethren, we should feel that we had no right to speak of their faults in a light conversation. And we were feelingly reminded of the care we exercise in regard to those allied to us by the natural ties of brotherhood, and whom we dearly love; and were encouraged and enjoined to extend the same kind consideration towards those bound with us in the same religious communion; and to manifest that charity which, as it is an emanation from the Father, will enable us, out of the kindly feelings which clothe the heart when brought under its influence, to cover a multitude of faults. And here these will experience that stain which however deeply we may have been wronged or injured, the whole desire of the heart will be, that those who thus wrong or injure us may be reclaimed.

We were shown, that amid the conflicts of life, unless we could thus show forth the preserving power of the Love of God, and were restrained from indulging any other feeling, we would not only lose our own peace of mind, but fail to restore the erring, make wider the breach, and obstruct the rebuilding the walls of affection which should enclose us with our brethren.

The careful guarded education of our children has occupied our serious consideration. While looking to them as one of the most important means for the perpetuation of our organization and the spread of our principles, we were exhorted to encourage in each member of the body, the occupancy of their individual gifts, not only in the ministry, but in each department of the Church. And earnest desires were expressed, that there might be raised up among us, those who would be qualified as instructors of the dear children, who, while imparting a scholastic education, would be enabled to lead them as tender lambs to the fold of Christ.

And parents were feelingly exhorted to seek for that qualification which, by first enabling them to guard their own conduct, to set an example of devotion and dedication, would empower them to throw around their loved offspring those safeguards which would protect them from harm in their infantile years; and to instil in their minds a love for those principles which in more mature years shall become the governing motives of their lives; and which will preserve them amid the allurements and conflicts of life, and enable them to carry forward those testimonies so dear to us and so important to the best interests of man.

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The minutes of the Meeting for Sufferings were now introduced and read and the proceedings of that meeting were satisfactory to this

The subject in relation to the appointment of a standing committee on Indian affairs referred to this meeting by the representative Committee claiming our deliberate attention resulted in the appointment of the following friends to in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends take due care in relation to the Indians as circumstances shall point out as being best for the term of three years and report annually - Viz

Elihu Durfee, William Cornell, Freeman Clark, Rowland Brown, Joseph Head, Edward Herendeen, Benjamin Chase, Seth W Bosworth, John Searing, Loren Brown, John J Cornell, Jonathan Noxon, Jacob S. Cronk, John D Phillips & Guerdon? T Smith.

Tomorrow being the time usually set apart for Public Divine worship, the meeting adjourns to the 11th hour on 5th day morning

5th of the week and 18th of the week

Friends again assembled

The committee to settle with the Treasurer made the following report viz.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer report they have examined his accounts and find them correct, and in hands, due the Meeting \$33.18 and are united in proposing that the meeting raise 100 dollars in United States currency for the coming year and are united in proposing William Cornell for Treasurer for the ensuing year

On behalf of the committee
6th mo 17th 1868 Benjamin Chase

The report being united with, with the exception that the amount to be raised shall be 200 dollars. Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meeting

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are requested to raise their respective proportions of the Sum named and forward to the Treasurer of this meeting and William Cornell is appointed Treasurer for one year -

The Committee to whom was referred the subject from Farmington Quarterly Meeting in relation to right of subordinate meetings changing the hour of holding their meetings report as follows

The Committee to take into consideration the subject of meeting changing the hour of the day of holding them nearly all met, and were united in judgment that a Preparative Meeting has not the right to change it without the consent of the Monthly Meeting, - nor a Monthly Meeting without the approbation of the Quarterly Meeting nor a Quarterly Meeting without the consent of the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee

Joseph Thorn

Jane R Searing

The Meeting uniting therewith it is directed to the observance of our Subordinate Meetings. Womens Meeting concurring.

The Committee to Whom was referred the subject in relation to the disposal of our scattered members report as follows.

The committee on the subject from Farmington Quarterly Meeting asking for the disposal of those who stand on our records as members but who are scattered over the country and are out of the way of disciplinary action have conferred together. And unite in believing that way does not open to make any change at present

On behalf of the Committee

Jacob S Cronk

6th mo 16th 1868. Lydia C Webster

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which is satisfactory to the meeting, womens meeting concurring.

Elihu Durfee on behalf of the Committee on Epistles reported they had conferred together, and were united in proposing the adoption of the minute of exercises together with a few additional paragraphs as an epistle to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. The essay produced being satisfactory, the clerk is directed to transcribe sign and sign and forward a copy to each of the Meetings referred to.

The clerk is directed to have six hundred copies of the usual extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting together with the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense -

Having witnessed, during the transaction of the concerns of the Society of being preserved in much condescension and brotherly love, and felt the outpouring of the Divine Spirit to baptize us together, invigorating and encouraging us, we feel bound to acknowledge with grateful hearts our appreciation of the great favor, and under an earnest hope that as we return to our several homes, we may carry with us a portion of the blessing received, that we may be strengthened to mercifully dedicate our all to His holy cause under His direction, that we may witness a growth in that faith which works by love and purifies the heart, we adjourn to meet at Farmington N.Y. the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

John J Cornell - Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N. Y. by adjournment from the 14th of 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1869.

Representatives raised from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings [unreadable] the following friends have been appointed representatives to this Viz:

From Farmington

Isaac G. Ewer, Ebenezer Ford, Jonathan D Noxen, Elihu Durfee, F??? Ewer, Benjamin Renouf, Isaac Baker

From Scipio

Charles W Searning, Edward Herendeen, John Searing, Christopher Brown, Allen Hoxie, William P Sisson

From Canada

Elisha W. Talcott?, Nathan Dennis, Loren Brown, Jonathan Noxon, Joseph B Wilson

From Pelham

Asa L Schooley?, Samuel? Haight, Isaac Zavitts, Robert Wilson, John D Harris

All whom were present except one from Scipio and three from Pelham

The Assistant Clerk not being present Isaac Baker was proposed for that service and he

being united was was appointed thereto for the present meeting.

A certificate of unity for William Haines from Westbury Monthly Meeting ??? was read and his company is acceptable to us -

Epistles were received and read from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings. The manifestation conveyed in them that our brethren are deeply interested and engaged in the active? promotion of all the precious testimonies we as a people

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feel required to bear assuring us that there is still a remnant left who are abide in the Truth has united to strengthen and encourage us To essay replies thereto as way may open the following friends are appointed viz

John Searing,

Sunderland P Gardner,

Benjamin Renouf

Elihu Durfee

Edwin Ewer

John Cornell

Loren Brown	Jonathan Noxon	Nathan? P ???
Freeman Clark	Isaac Zavitz	Joseph J Thorn?
William G Boocker?	& Charles Haines	

The following proposition for an alteration of discipline was received from Farmington Quarterly Meeting Viz!

The situation of friends in some of our small preparative meetings, claiming the attention and generally? of East Hamburg Monthly Meeting and the subject having been under advisement for several months it was united in proposing an alternative discipline allowing small preparative meetings to hold their meeting of men and women for discipline jointly, and forward their reports and expense to [unreadable] the monthly meeting. The Quarterly meeting was united in formalizing? It to the yearly meeting. Womens Meeting app???ing.

The proposition was referred to the gathering? Of friends who in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends are to take the subject into consideration and report at a future sitting of this meeting viz:

Rowland Brown	Freeman Clark	Sunderland P Gardner
Benjamin Renouf	Isaac Baker	Elihu Durfee
John Searing	Charles W Searing	Anson Lapham
Edward Eldridge	Joseph B Wilson	Joel Hughes
Thomas Stinson	Isaac Zavitts	Samuel Haight
Richard Ward.		

The following proposition in relation to the establishment of a school was also received from Farmington Quarterly Meeting having been forwarded from East Hamburg Monthly Meeting Viz:

This meeting [unreadable] to be conducted under the care of friends believe

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The opportunity for securing? a favorable location and buildings for such a purpose ??? presented. The subject ??? been acted upon jointly by Men and Women Friends and it appears that ??? a concern might ??? engage the attention and action of the Yearly Meeting it is presented to the Quarterly Meeting for their consideration with the following statement. The [unreadable] situated near the village of East Hamburg, about three fourths of a mile from Friends Meeting house and is [unreadable] by John Allen by whom it was originally intended for a boarding School. Declining ??? renders him inadequate to the undertaking? And hence the opportunity for Friends to purchase the building already a ??? ??? to completion at a price far below its original cost which including two and one half acres of land amounts very nearly to twelve thousand dollars and is now offered for six thousand with interest from the first of 4th month ???. The proposition also includes in the transfer a furnace for warming the building, stove and ??? ??? estimated at five hundred dollars. The building is about fifty rods from the street and covers an area of 4468 feet with 106 ft frontage. The building will

accommodate 84 ??? and necessary ??? with seats and desks for 110 scholars.
Estimated cost of completion \$1,000.

The proposition claiming the deliberate attention of the meeting was referred to the following committee who in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends are to consider it and report their judgment thereon at a future sitting of this meeting. Viz

Isaac Baker	Edward Herendeen	Elihu Durfee
William Cornell	Wells Rathbun	Aaron Lapham
William P Sisson	Edwin Eldridge	Isaac L Phillips
Nathan Dennis	Loren Brown	Elisha W Talcott
Isaac Zavitts	Freeman Clark	Samuel Haight
Richard Ward	Stephen G Watson	Charles W Haines
Jonathan Noxon	Edward Schooley.	

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To preserve order in and around the Meeting house during the sittings of this meeting [unreadable] of our next Yearly Meeting the following committee was appointed
Viz

Loren Brown	Benjamin Chase	Seth W Bosworth
Isaac L Phillips	George G Fritts	??? ???
Isaac Wilson		

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer the following friends were named viz.

Solomon A Howland	Henry Cox	Christopher Brown
William Hoxie	Levi Dennis	Isaac Wilson
Edward Schooley	Samuel Haight.	

The following proposition for changing the time of meeting Pelham Half Yearly Meeting was received from the Meeting Viz.

The Meeting for Ministers and Elders to be held on sixth day: and the meeting for

discipline on seventh day after the second fourth day in second month and third of fourth? day in eighth month: and the ??? meeting for worship in the first day following.

It claiming the attention of this meeting was united with and information thereof is directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings in the extracts from the minutes of this meeting, Womens meeting concurring.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting, to consider the names of suitable friends to serve this meeting as clerk and assistant clerk and report ??? at our next sitting.

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their respective proportions of money called for by the Yearly Meeting raised ??? and forwarded as directed

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Third of the week and 13th of the month.

At ??? ??? adjourned to Friends Convened

Elihu Durfee on behalf of the representatives [unreadable] Cornell for Clerk and Isaac Baker for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered are united with and they appointed to those services for one year

The meeting then proceeded to the ??? of the state of Society ??? ??? in the answers to the queries??? Came from our Quarterly and Half-Yearly meetings: the following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state. Viz

Ans 1st All of our Meetings have been attended except in mid week meeting in one preparative meeting. [unreadable]. The hour pretty well observed by the most, ??? ??? clear of sleeping in meeting and except one instance of behavior [unreadable], clear of all other unbecoming behavior in them, and some care reported in the deficiencies noted

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained as ??? as becomes brethren, except three instances in ??? of which some care taken. ??? ??? that one meeting states they are not ??? ??? ??? maintained as is desired. Then differences have been known care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction mostly ??? and discouraged.

Ans 3rd? There is a care with friends to keep themselves [unreadable] to keep their own and other friends ??? under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and by example and precept

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to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession. Though deficiencies? are? Apparent and care os extended in these respects toward others under tuition

Ans 4 They do as far as we know except one instance of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage and two of attending places of diversion and care taken.

Ans 5 The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded and their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning ??? fit them for business.

Ans 6 - Seven instances are reported of marriages accomplished by the assistance of hireling ministers, and five of attending marriages so accomplished and ??? of contributing to the support of a hireling minister and one of otherwise countenancing them ??? ??? all of which care has been taken.

Ans 7 - Clear as far as we know except seven instances of paying a military tax and care taken

Ans 8 - We believe friends are careful in season to the fulfillment of the various requisitions of this query except three instances of extending their business beyond their ability to manage, and one beyond what appeared to be consistent in all of which care has been taken

Ans 9 - We have endeavored to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline though perhaps not always as seasonably as might have been best -

Ans 10 - We believe they are

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While we were examining the state of Society, as the various testimonies we hold were brought into view, and the evidence presented that there was still much need of a closer devotion to, and a more faithful maintenance of them, exercised minds were qualified to hand forth counsel and encouragement to us.

We were feelingly reminded that the attendance of our religious meetings was a duty which, as we were faithful in observing, ever brought its own reward, and which reward was ever commensurate with the sacrifice made.

We were invited to make the inquiry in our own minds, "For what purpose do we attend these meeting?" and when the answer can be, that our desire is to perform that worship which would be acceptable unto God, under a feeling that such a worship would strengthen the growth of the soul-life, and that to perform it, there must be an entire surrender of our wills to the Divine will; that the prayer of the heart should be, that all that disturbs, disquiets, or hinders the communion of the Father, might be brought into stillness: and that the aspiration may arise, "Here am I, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" our meetings would become places of true and deep enjoyment; places where we would love to be found; places where we would receive strength to overcome temptation - where our energies would be renewed to bravely battle with the world and its spirit, - and where we would find the spirit of resignation, to bear the various trials which are oft the accompaniments of human life, to be nurtured in us.

We were cautioned to let no feelings of prejudice against our brethren arising from any cause, hinder us from thus assembling to publicly worship our God; and were shown that if we would be truly faithful in endeavoring to perform these devotions, so as to be acceptable to Him, our dedication of spirit manifested in the purity of the life we led, would qualify us to labor to remove the cause of such prejudice, and thus we may be a means of aiding those who may have strayed, to return to the fold of true peace.

As each mind, when gathered for so solemn a purpose was thus engaged, we should then indeed "hold all our meetings in the power of God," and the evidence thus presented would reach out to the young mind, even to the children; and would speak to them in a powerful manner, calling them to "Come, follow us, as we are endeavoring [sic] to follow Christ."

We should then evince that we loved God supremely, because we would make His service and His requisitions the primary objects of our care. And, as we come to thus love Him, we shall truly dwell in Him; we shall experience the truth that God is Love, and they that dwell in Him dwell in love. And this would manifest itself in our intercourse with our fellow men, and we would be found fulfilling the second query by being preserved in love and unity, as becomes brethren, and guarded in what we say of them, that no report of the talebearer or detractor shall find a resting place with us, or

be handed by us to another. We would not allow the simple desire to gratify our own will even in obtaining that which we may believe to be our just rights to mar our affection for our brethren. We shall be willing to suffer, rather than any feeling of bitterness shall find room in our hearts, because we know such a feeling does not repair any wrong, does not reclaim any erring one, and destroys our own happiness.

We were feelingly reminded that the devotion of our energies to the pursuit of treasures of this world could not bring peace to the soul; and those in the middle walks of life, whose minds were and had been devoted to such a purpose, were called to pause and reflect and examine the ground whereon they stood; and as they find they are not laying up treasures that are enduring, to let the time past suffice, and for the future press forward toward the obtaining of those higher, purer enjoyments, found only in a life of dedication to the commands of our Heavenly Father. The aged were also appealed to, to keep their ranks in righteousness, to not relax the vigilance of their watch, that thus their example might be a powerful incentive for the youth and middle aged to persevere in endeavoring to live lives of devotion to the truth.

As our testimony against the use of Intoxicating Liquors was brought to our view by the reading of the query, while it was a cause for gratification that we are nearly clear of this great evil, yet we were reminded that we should not therefore relax our care and efforts in this respect. And we were tenderly exhorted to exercise an increasing care in regard to the use of Tobacco, and to examine and see if the nature of our testimonies does not require us to endeavor to check the spread of the use of an article so unnecessary to the true happiness of man, and oft times so injurious to his health.

Our testimony against a Hireling Ministry has again brought our minds under much exercise, and we were shown that the most effectual manner in which we could bear it before the world, would be by giving evidence that we were seeking to obey the requisitions of the Divine Power in our own hearts, and that such obedience did enable us to live a true Christian life, and that such an acquaintance with this Power there would be unfolded to our understandings all that was requisite for us to know of Divine things, and would therefore remove all necessity of going to man for instruction in the way of godliness.

We were reminded that the necessity of more firmly bearing our testimony against War had not ceased, and that as the two great commandments, to "Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," were practically carried out before the world, it would be far more effectual than mere argument; because it would plainly show that love was the most powerful principle to curb and subdue the human passions, and would certainly end all strife and contention, because it eradicated from the heart the root from which these things spring.

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The committee on Indian affairs presented to this meeting as their report the minutes of their proceedings accompanied with a statement of the proceedings of our Friends of Baltimore New York and Philadelphia which were read and were satisfactory

to this meeting. And the meeting authorises the committee to select a delegate as suggested in the statement referred to and authorize the committee to call on the treasurer for any expense incurred not exceeding three hundred dollars.

To morrow being the day usually set apart for ??? divine worship the meeting adjourns to the 11th hour on 5th day morning.

17th of the month and 3rd of the week

About the time adjourned to Friends convened

The minutes of the Representatives Committee were now introduced and read and their proceedings were satisfactory to this meeting.

The committee to take into consideration the subject of the Alteration of Discipline report as follows:

The Committee to whom was referred the subject forwarded from Farmington Quarterly Meeting in regard to making an alteration in discipline allowing small preparative meetings to hold their meetings jointly by men and women Friends, having ??? and conferred together after a full and free discussion and deliberation in which much sympathy and ??? unity in feeling with friends in their different localities their ??? was expressed. The committee are united in reporting that in their judgment way does not open at this time to make any change in the discipline on the subject

Signed on behalf of the committee by

Isaac Baker

Hannah Armitage

After deliberating thereon the meeting united with the report, [unreadable]

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The committee to have the care of the subject in relation to the purchase of property for the establishment of a School made the following report - Viz

The Committee on the subject of establishing a school to be conducted under the care of Friends forwarded from Farmington Quarterly Meeting having met and conferred together report that in their judgment way does not open at this time for establishing such a School or procuring the property alluded to in the proposition

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Isaac Baker

Phebe ??? Cornell

After a time of Consideration during which there was much expression of interest in the subject the report was adopted Womens Meeting concurring.

~~After a time of Consideration during which there was much expression of interest in the subject the report was adopted -~~

The committee to settle with the Treasurer report as follows

6th mo 14th 1869 - This day settled with the Treasurer and find in his hands one hundred and seventy ??? dollars, and we are not aware that it is necessary to raise any

money the present year. The Committee are united in proposing William Cornell for Treasurer

On behalf of the Committee

Christopher Brown -

The report was united with except that it is deemed best to raise three hundred dollars the present year William Cornell is ??? appointed Treasurer for one year

The above information is directed to be forwarded to our subordinate meetings for their observance and they are directed to forward their proportions of the sum named to the Treasurer of this meeting.

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The Committee to essay answers to the Epistles received from other Yearly meetings report they have attended to their appointment and were united in proposing the adoption of the minutes of exercises together with a few additional paragraphs as ??? ???epistle to each of the Yearly Meeting with which we correspond. The essay made and was read and was satisfactory to the Meeting. The clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each of the Meetings referred to.

The Clerk is directed to have six hundred copies of the usual Extracts from the minutes of this meeting together with the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings printed and distributed among the Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer the expense

He is also directed to ??? five hundred copies of the Minutes made of the proceedings of our meeting ??? Baltimore New York and Philadelphia ??? meetings in relation to the ??? concerns - and distribute them among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the necessary expense

The meeting having now finished the business for which it convened and under a deep feeling of gratitude to Him who is Master of all rightly gathered assemblies, that we have been enabled to conduct the business under harmony of feeling and true Christian condescension realizing thereby that ??? ??? has ??? renewed our confidence and faith in God increased, more earnest resolves have been made that our lives shall be more fully dedicated to Him ??? we may witness during the coming year a ??? growth in our inner and spiritual life ??? ??? ??? in the maintenance of our testimonies before the world. We adjourn to meet at Pickering Ontario the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will -

John J Cornell Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting held at Pickering Ontario by adjournment from the 13th of the 6th mo to the 16th of the same inclusive 1870

By the reports received from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been appointed representatives to their meeting. Viz

From Farmington

Solomon A Howland, Benjamin Chase, Isaac Baker, Seth W Bosworth & William Cornell -

Scipio

John Searing, Zebulon Hoxie, Charles W Haines

From Canada

Isaac P Phillips, John Stinson, Reuben Powell, Richard Widdifield, Jacob S Cronk and Rowland Brown -

From Pelham

John Marsh, Asa L Schooley, Robert Wilson, John Minard, Joseph Priestman and Jonathan R Page -

On calling their names they were all present except one from Farmington, one from Scipio, one from Canada and three from Pelham - for the absence of one of whom a reason was assigned -

Minutes of Unity for friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were read as follows.

One for Justus Wright a minister from Oswego Monthly Meeting N.Y. endorsed by Nine Partners Quarterly Meeting -

One for Benjamin G Foulke an elder from Richland Monthly Meeting Pa.

One for Robert and Susanna E Hatton from Green Plain Monthly Meeting Ohio

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One for Catharine Foulke a minister from Richland Monthly Meeting Pa endorsed by Abington Quarterly Meeting.

And one for E. G.? Gaduison? and daughter members from Salem Monthly Meeting Ohio.

Epistles were received and read from ??? ??? of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Indiana. The evidence conveyed by their contents of the continued earnest effort to faithfully maintain the varied? Testimonies which we feel Truth calls for at the hands of Friends. And to acknowledge that the qualification and strength to thus maintain them springs only from Him who has called for this faithful labor at our hands has been to us a source of encouragement to ???” in that ??? of labor assigned to us, and ??? to strengthen the bond of affection which should bind the members of the Church of Christ in one fold thus again attesting the value of such an epistle??? correspondence. To essay replies thereto as way may open the following friends were named to wit: Oliver P Phillips, Jonathan D Noxon, John D Phillips, Benjamin Renouf, Edwin Ewer, ??? Noxon, David Mitchell, Asa L Schooley & Joseph Priestman

The time for which the Representative Committee was appointed expires this year. The following friends were nominated to in conjunction with a like committee of Woman Friends, consider of and propose at a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable Friend for the service. Viz

Norman B Davis, Reuben Powell, Plenalt? Brown, John D Phillips, Isaac Zavitts, Joseph ???, Asa Schooley, John P Hilton?, Joseph Thorn, Joseph Taylor?, John Searning, John Seaman, Jacob S Cronk, Jonathan D Noxon, Wilber? Hoxie, Alexander Colvin? and John L Searing

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To examine and settle the Treasurers account & report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer. The following Committee was appointed. Seth W Bosworth, Norman B Davis, Jacob S Cronk, John D Phillips, Edward Eldridge, Allen Hoxie, Samuel? P Cornell and Joseph Priestman

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the ??? sittings of this meeting the following Friends were named viz.

Isaac P Phillips, Asa Brown, Jonathan Widdifield, Solomon A Howland, Seth W Bosworth & Edward Eldridge -

Scipio Quarterly Meeting forwarded the information that they proposed to change the holding of their Quarterly Meeting in 12th month from Constantia to North Street Scipio, which claiming the consideration of the meeting was united with womens meeting concurring, and information thereof is directed to be forwarded in the extracts to our subordinate meetings.

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report they have raised and forwarded as directed their several proportions of the sum called for by our last Yearly Meeting.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of and propose at our next - the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk -

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour to=morrow morning -

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14th of the month and 3^d of the week.

About the time adjourned to, Friends again assembled -

John Searing on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Isaac Baker for assistant clerk whose names being separately considered were united with and they were appointed to that service for one year -

A minute of unity was received from the womens? for Sarah E Wright an elder of Alexandria Month Meeting Va -

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as exhibited in the Answers to the queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. The following testimonies of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. Most friends appear careful to attend all our Meetings for religious worship and discipline, yet a neglect is apparent in some particularly in the middle of the week and some are reported to almost of ??? ??? neglect them. The hour is pretty well observed by the most not all clear of sleeping in meetings, no other unbecoming behavior ??? notice and some care is reported in the deficiencies noted -

Ans 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us as brethren ??? except two instances of a want of both and one of a want of unity in ??? which care is

reported to have been taken to end them. talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

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Ans 3^d. Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves in plainness, and endeavors are used in those respects in regard to the children and to train up their children as queried after yet there are there are deficiencies in most of the branches of the query and some care taken.

Ans 4th. Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as it appears.

Ans 5th We know of no neglect of any of the obligations embraced in this query

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Ans 6th Four instances of members accomplishing their marriages by the assistance of a hireling minister and nine of attending marriages so accomplished, and one of allowing such a marriage to be accomplished at his house are reported in most of which cases care has been extended.

Ans 7th Friends are clear of bearing arm[s] complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in their ???

Ans 8th. With one exception Friends appear careful to perform promises and pay just debts and avoid extending their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession. And some care has been taken in the case referred to.

Ans 9th Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline though not in all cases as seasonably as might have been best.

And 10th We believe they are

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The evidence thus conveyed that there are still among us the lukewarm and indifferent, and those who are neglectful in the faithful maintenance of some of our testimonies, brought the minds of some under much exercise, and as qualification was furnished, exhortations tending to arouse these delinquent ones, were feelingly handed forth.

We were reminded that the importance of assembling ourselves together for the purpose of Divine Worship, should not be overlooked while busily engaged in the effort to accumulate provision for the outward; that inasmuch as all we receive should be recognized as blessings bestowed by the All Bountiful Hand - so to, we should be willing to devote a portion of that time, which her permits us to enjoy and occupy, to acknowledging our gratitude for the blessings received.

The fathers and elders in the Church were exhorted to be faithful in the [smear] of this important duty - and in all their intercourse with their families, and the young over whom they may extend influence, to manifest that their earnest engagement of heart was, to not only acknowledge the source from which these blessings flow, but, that they

were endeavoring to make obedience to the Divine Will their chief object - that thus they might induce not only the young, but those farther advanced who appear lukewarm and indifferent, to come and seek to offer praise and thanksgiving, in those seasons of public Divine Worship.

This would prepare the way for that union of spirit under which all the members of the Society would be bound to each other by the strong bond of love - and as the mind became interested in publicly acknowledging its dependence for all that can truly happy, upon the goodness and love of God, and more and more fully realizes, that this appreciation of the goodness of the Lord increases the love for Him, there would outflow from this state that have for the brethren which cements that true unity which is the bond of peace.

The careful, guarded education of the young, and more particularly their instruction in the true ground of a religious life, was a subject of deep exercise. It was shown that in this important work, as well as in all other of a spiritual nature, they upon whom devolves the training of the young mind in the right religious path, should endeavor to direct [smear] so the necessity of holding silent communion with the Father, and induce it to attend to that inspeaking voice, which alone is able to instruct the human family what they shall do or shall have undone, in order that there may be witnesses an establishment [smear] foundation, whence a spiritual building may be erected, which shall keep them in that way God would have them walk, and thus preserve them from the snares and follies which ??? thickly surround the young.

Our testimony against a hireling ministry has called forth much feeling exercise. The many ways by which it seeks to advance its interests and extend its influence over the young - its plausible and insidious approaches, to endeavor to draw them from our fold, were pointed out, and we were earnestly exhorted to watch closely all these efforts, that we may guard them from being entrapped and drawn away by it. To effect this object, we were shown, that our great effort should be to cite their minds to the operations of the Divine Power, in its immediate revelations to the soul - and to inculcate in them that this will be sufficient to teach and to unfold all of religion necessary for them to know - that it would regulate all the conduct - that it would show clearly every duty - and that it would abilitate for the performance of all thus manifested - and then by filling the mind with a love for this higher principle, we will find we have raised an effectual barrier against the encroachment of not only this, but every other insidious foe. And the young who were present were exhorted to seek for this intimate acquaintance with God, for seasons of silent communion with Him, that they might witness His preservation from all that could mar their peace or happiness.
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The minutes of the Representative Committee were introduced and read and the proceedings of that Committee were satisfactory to this meeting.

Then adjourned to 4. O'clock tomorrow afternoon -

4th of the week and 15th of the month

About the time adjourned to, Friends convened

The members of the committee on Indian affairs together with documents received by that committee were presented by them to the meeting.

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As [unreadable] and were read. The report ??? interesting and satisfactory to the meeting and the proposition made to raise ??? for the purpose of compensating a teacher at the Santee? Agency? Was united with and it was concluded to raise one hundred dollars and place it in the hands of the Indian Committee to be used by them as they may deem best.

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning

Fifth of the week and 16th of the month.

Near the time adjourned to Friends again assembled -

An acceptable Epistle from our brethren of Ohio Yearly Meeting has been received and read at this time

The committee to propose names of Friends to constitute the Representative Committee report as follows

We the committee appointed to propose the name of Friends to constitute the representative committee have mostly met and conferred together and were united in proposing the following names. Viz

John Stinson	Jonathan D Noxon
Solomon A Howland	Norman B Davis
Freeman Clark	Isaac P Phillips
Joseph Thorn	John L Searing
Seth Armitage	Seth W Bosworth
Allen Hoxie	Joseph Priestman
William Cornell	John Cornell
Alexander Coleman	Edwin Ewer
John Searing	David Mitchell
Rowland Brown	Zebulon Hoxie
Asa L Schooley	Charles J Frost?
Alfred Stevens	Reuben Powell
Isaac Zavitts	John D Phillips

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Joseph M Howland	Lydia L Chase
Benjamin Renouf	Mary? S Peckham?
Phebe W Cornell	Caroline Barker
Phebe Jane Noxon	Margaret H Seymour?
Elizabeth Brown	Sarah D Searing

Lydia Strusire?	Eleanor Bowerman
Catharine E Bosworth	Margaret Harris
Clarissa Watson	Eliza Hoxie
Elizabeth K Phillips	Laura? Hazard
Lorisa Schooley	Polly Ann Ewer

The Friends proposed being united with are appointed to that service for 3 years

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The committee to settle with the Treasurer report as follows. Viz

We the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer have attended to our appointment and find \$97.37 in his hands. We recommend the meeting raising one hundred dollars. We also propose William Cornell for Treasurer

Edward Eldridge on behalf of the Committee

The report being satisfactory to the meeting except that the sum to be raised shall be \$200 instead of \$100. William Cornell is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year. Our Subordinate Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of \$200 and forward to the Treasurer and report.

A Memorial of Yonge St Monthly Meeting for Nicholas Brown deceased, dated 14th of 10th mo 1869 and united with by Canada Half Yearly Meeting held 5th mo 30th 1870 and approved by the Representative Committee held 6 m. 16th 1870 was now read approved and directed to be inserted with the usual extracts womens meeting concurring -

A Memorial of Rochester Monthly Meeting concerning Daniel? Quinby deceased approved by Farmington Quarterly Meeting

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Representative Committee was also read and approved and directed to be printed with the usual extracts Womens meeting concurring.

The committee to essay replies to the Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings report that they had met and conferred together and were united in presenting an essay of an Epistle to be directed to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. The essay being rec'd was approved and the clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings referred to.

The clerk is directed to have six hundred copies of the usual extracts from the minutes of this Meeting printed and distributed among our Quarterly Half Yearly And Monthly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense -

The business of the meeting being concluded and having witnessed the overshadowing of the love and power of God to preserve as in much harmony and brotherly condescension and to humble and tender our minds under the inflowing of its precious influence for which our aspirations have been raised in gratitude to Him from whence these blessings come, acknowledging that in being thus blessed in being permitted to mingle together in this precious bond of unity and love we adjourn to meet at Farmington the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

John J Cornell Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N.Y. by adjournments from the 12th of the 6th mo to the 15th of the same inclusive 1871.

By the reports received from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this Meeting Viz.

From Farmington

Joseph M Howland, Asa Hampton, Samuel? H Howell, Oliver? J Hull?, Stephen G Watson & Geurden? T Smith

From Scipio

Charles W Searing, Samuel F Dickinson?, Charles W Haines, John Searing, David Mitchell and Ebenezer L Wanger?

From Canada

Thomas Stinson, Isaac P Phillips, Reuben Brown and Cornelius White

From Pelham

Merritt Palmer, Samuel Haight, David Zavitts, Joseph Priestman, Thomas D? Wilson and Nathan Burton?

On calling their names they were all present except 3 from Scipio, 1 from Canada and 3 from Pelham and satisfactory reasons were offered for the absence 1 from Scipio and 2 from Pelham

Certificates of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were now introduced and read as follows

One for Andrew Dorland a minister from Saratoga Monthly Meeting N.Y. endorsed by Saratoga Quarterly Meeting

One for Thomas C Hingham a minister and for Naomi Hingham an elder from Creek Monthly Meeting N.Y.

One for Rachel C Tilton a minister and for Mellis S Tilton her husband and companion an elder? from Purchase Monthly Meeting

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One for Elihu Durfee a minister from Cincinnati Monthly Meeting Ohio

One for Sarah Hunt a minister from Chester Monthly Meeting N.Y.

One for Martha Dodson an elder and companion for Sarah Hunt from Darby Monthly Meeting Pa

One for Isaac Lippincott an elder and also companion for Sarah Hunt from Chester Monthly Meeting N.Y.

One for ??? A Russell? A minister from Easton Monthly Meeting N.Y. endorsed by Easton Quarterly Meeting -

One for Louisa A ??? a minister from Falls Monthly Meeting Bucks Co Pa endorsed by Bucks Quarterly Meeting

And one for Mark Wright a minister and husband a companion of Louisa A Wright from the same Monthly Meeting, their company is truly ??? acceptable to us

Epistles were received and read from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings. Their interesting contents bearing the evidence of an increased concern to promote the object of our organization to call from outward ??? to a brighter? And more spiritual dispensation and to labor for the ameliorative? of the ??? and the eradication of the [unreadable] of mercy have awakened feelings of thankfulness in our ??? and tended to incite us to a united energy in the performance of our part in this? field of labor. To ??? ??? thereto as we ??? ??? the following friends are named Sunderland P Gardner, John J Cornell, Freeman Clark, John Searing, Jonathan D Noxon, John ??? Philips, Genj. Renouf, Saml. Haight, Edwin Ewer, Samuel? F Dickinson, Isaac S Phillips and William G Baker.

??? ??? proposition was forwarded from Scipio Quarterly Meeting viz:

A proposition was received from Scipio Monthly Meeting

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to discontinue the clause ??? the ??? in our Book of Discipline relating to taking? [unreadable] claiming the attention of the meeting it was concluded to forward it to our? Yearly Meeting

The following friends are appointed to, in conjunction with a ??? committee of women Friends to take the subject into consideration and report at a future sitting of this meeting Viz:

Isaac Baker, Benjamin Renouf, Samuel F. Dickinson, David Mitchell, Amos Armitage, Rowland Brown, Asa L Schooley and Isaac Zavitts

The following minute was forwarded to Canada Half Yearly Meeting viz:

Came to this meeting from West Lake Monthly Meeting a proposition relative to the ??? ??? Yearly Meeting to explain why ??? ??? meeting consider countenancing a hireling minister. This meeting unite in forwarding ??? ??? ??? to the Yearly Meeting

The subject is referred to the following named friends who? Are in conjunction with a like committee of women friends to take the subject into consideration and report at a future sitting of this Meeting Viz:

Sunderland P Gardner, Joseph M Horton?, Zebulon Hoxie, George Powell, Joseph ??? Willson, Isaac P Phillips, William Cornell and Nathan? Borton?

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friend for Treasurer. The following committee was appointed to with. Oliver P Hull, George C Fritts, Edward Eldridge, George Spalding, John D Phillips, Thomas Stinson, Samuel Haight and Daniel Zavitts

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the ??? the Yearly Meeting the following friends are named. Rowland Brown, Henry ??? Wilson, Richard H Herendeen, Seth W Bosworth, Isaac P Phillips and John D Phillips.

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Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report that there several quotas of the amount called for by the Yearly Meeting last year have been raised and paid as directed.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk to propose? At our next sitting

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour tomorrow morning.

13th of the month and 3^d of the week

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled

John Searing on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Isaac Baker assistant clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those serviced for one year.

Our friend Sarah Hunt made us an acceptable visit at this time

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. The following summaries which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. Most friends are careful to attend those meetings meetings held on first days while those held near the middle of the week are neglected by many. The hour mostly? Well observed, not quite clear of sleeping in meeting with an exception from one meeting no other unbecoming behavior has been observed. And some care taken in the deficiencies noted.

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Ans 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears -

Ans 3^d. Most friends appear careful to Keep themselves and their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and do endeavor by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our professession [repeat] consistent with our profession though deviations are [repeat] are apparent. Care appears to have been extended towards others under tuition.

Ans 4th. Except three instances of the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage and 5 of attending places of diversion the requisitions of this query appear to have been observed.

Ans 5 We believe the poor have been properly attended to and all children under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th Seven instances of accomplishing marriage by the assistance of hireling ministers and 12 instances of attending marriages so accomplished and 2 of otherwise countenancing a hireling ministry are reported and care taken in most of the cases

Ans 7 Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions and of paying any fine or tax, in lieu thereof. -

An. 8th We believe friends are careful to perform promises and pay just debts with 2 exceptions. None known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our Christian profession or give occasion for fear on those accounts

Ans 9 - Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline thereto. One account states that it has not always been done in season?

Ans 10th They are

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The importance of faithfully fulfilling the reasonable duty of assembling together for the purpose of public Divine worship, was earnestly impressed upon us, it was shown, that this was one of the means by which we manifested that we truly loved God, and that when this duty was faithfully attended to, a blessing would be witnessed. The example of our early Friends was cited, showing that they were concerned and faithful to meet, even when human laws forbade it, and although thereby subjected to cruel persecutions, still they were rewarded by the reception of the Divine blessing, and enabled to bear all outward afflictions to obtain this heavenly enjoyment. We were appealed to, in this day of ease and high privileges, to be willing to make the sacrifice necessary to attend our mid-week meetings and were shown that we would derive strength therefrom, to meet the varied trials of life as becomes the Christian, and to perform all those duties required by which harmony is maintained with the Father, and our spiritual progress and true happiness secured. This Divine blessing does not depend upon the number assembled, but upon the proper preparation of the heart, for where the two or three are gathered in His name, He will be found in the midst.

Intimately connected with this love to God which prompts us to publicly manifest our allegiance to Him and flowing out therefrom, as the standard by which men may judge of the purity of our motives, is love to our fellow men. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love for one unto another." We were entreated to let this be our badge of discipleship, and to guard against the inroads of anything which shall interrupt the outflow of such a feeling.

An earnest concern was felt for the proper, careful training of the dear children, that they might be kept in that simplicity of language, apparel and deportment becoming a Christian mind, and that they might be preserved from the entanglement of Fashion's votaries, or being led away by the follies of the world.

Our testimony against the use of Alcoholic Stimulants has claimed an unusual share of our attention. The increase of this great evil - its direful consequences upon the human family - were feelingly portrayed. And, although the reports show that we, as a people, are nearly clear from its unnecessary use, yet it was felt that we had an influence to exert among our fellow men, to ameliorate the suffering, and check the crime occasioned by its indulgence; and we were earnestly called on to endeavor to exert that influence to accomplish so desirable a result.

The use of Tobacco was the occasion of a considerable exercise, and we were exhorted to use our influence to check the [smudge] of a habit at once unnecessary, and often hurtful [smudge] its tendency; and those in whom the habit has become confirmed, were entreated to endeavor to eradicate it, that their example might be useful in restraining the young from contracting it.

While our testimony against a Hireling Ministry called forth but few remarks, yet we have not lost sight of its importance nor of the necessity for the proper and firm maintenance of it, and while a public testimony to a free gospel ministry may oft be necessary, yet we feel that in the willingness to come together, and sit down to worship God in solemn silence, trusting to Him to qualify for all instrumental means that are requisite for counsellor encouragement, we will bear a powerful testimony to its purity and completeness, and that a man-made paid ministry is entirely unnecessary.

Our attention was earnestly called to the necessity of still endeavoring to faithfully maintain our testimony against War. The sufferings occasioned by the unhappy strife in Europe was brought to view, and we were shown that to labor rightly in that direction we must begin at the root from which this state of things springs. That, if man truly loves God and his fellow man, it would be impossible under this state of feeling that any would be willing to participate in the carnage of the battle-field; and hence, to advance our testimony against this enormous wrong, we must seek under Divine direction and qualification, to draw men by our example and precept to participate in the peace and joy arising from the fulfilling the two great commandments, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind, with all thy might, and with all thy strength," and "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself."

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The meeting then adjourned to meet at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon

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4th of the week and 16th of the month

About the time adjourned to [unreadable]

The committee for? Indian Affairs made the following report -

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To Genesee Yearly Meeting;

Since our last Annual Report nothing has occurred to abate our interest in the welfare of the Indians, or to cloud our hopes of the final success of the efforts now making for the amelioration of their condition and their ultimate civilization. The delegate selected by the Committee last year to visit the Superintendency under the care of the Society, was accompanied in his visit by a delegate from Ohio Yearly Meeting, and they visited all the Agencies. On their return they prepared a report, which was printed by subscription - your Committee taking 75 copies - and distributed among our Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings. We do not therefore deem it necessary to refer to its details in the present report. Their statements concerning the improved and improving condition of the Indians, their increasing confidence in the efforts of Friends on their behalf, have afforded the Committee much encouragement.

The delegate reported his expenses while performing his mission, to have been \$100, which has been paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

In the 11th month a communication was received from Wm. H. Macy, Acting Correspondent for the six Yearly Meetings, stating that it was deemed advisable to call a convention of delegates from each of the Yearly Meetings to meet in Philadelphia, on the 19th of 12th month, for the purpose of concluding upon some method for more concentration of action. Accordingly, a special meeting of the Committee was called, and after a full consideration of the importance of the movement, John Searing was appointed to attend such Convention, with full power to act for this Committee. For the result of their deliberations, we present the subjoined report of their proceedings:

**Report of the Proceedings of the Convention of Friends on Indian Affairs, held
12th Month 19th, 1870.**

At a Convention of Delegates, appointed by the Committees on Indian Concerns, belonging to the Yearly Meetings of Friends of Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Genesee, and Indiana, held in Philadelphia, at the Meeting-house on Race Street, 12th month 19th, 1870, William Dorsey, of Philadelphia, was appointed Secretary, and Samuel Townsend, of Baltimore, Assistant Secretary.

The Delegates were as follows. They presented Minutes of their appointment, and were all present except five; for the absence of some of these, reasons were given:

Philadelphia - John Saunders, Dillwyn Parrish, Henry W Ridgway, Wm. Dorsey, Clement Biddle, David Pettitt, Martha Dodgson, Deborah F. Wharton, Mary S. Lippincott, Sarah Hoopes, Elizabeth W. Lippincott and Margaretta Walton.

New York - Samuel Willetts, William H. Macy, Thomas Foulke, Margaret G. Corlies and Hannah W. Haydock.

Baltimore - B. Rush. Roberts, Rebecca Turner, Mary G. Moore, Richard T. Bentley and Samuel Townsend.

Genesee - John Searing.

Indiana - Aaron Wright and William Parry.

A communication was received from the Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting, dated Twelfth [sic] month 13th, 1870, expressing their unity with a more permanent organization of the Committees on Indian Concerns of all the Yearly Meetings, and confiding the subject to the judgment of the Delegates in attendance, but excusing themselves from being present. It also states their entire willingness to co-operate with us in the prosecution of our work, and that they have appointed Joseph Mead, of Lloydsville, Belmont Co., Ohio; Samuel Tomlinson, of Mount Pleasant, Jefferson Co., Ohio; and Eli Garretson, of Salem, Columbiana Co., Ohio; their Executive Committee and correspondents.

To nominate two Friends to serve this Convention as now organized, as Secretary and Assistant Secretary, the following Committee was appointed:

Philadelphia - Dillwyn Parrish and Sarah Hoopes. *New York* - Samuel Willetts and Thomas Foulke. *Baltimore* - Richard T. Bentley and Mary G. Moore. *Genesee* - John Searing. *Indiana* - William Parry.

Communications from Superintendent Samuel M. Janney and some of our Agents, addressed to the Philadelphia and Baltimore Committees through their

correspondents, and forwarded by said Committees for the consideration of this body, were read, which conveyed important information as to the most desirable method of advancing the civilization of the Indians assigned to us by the Government of the United States, in the northern Superintendency.

The success that has thus far crowned our exertions in their behalf, is cause for thankfulness, and affords strong grounds for hope that if our views are sustained by the Government, we may be the means under Providence of their more rapid progress toward the desired end. Friends administration of Indian Affairs has been endorsed by the President, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. William Parry, from Indiana, gave an encouraging statement of the condition of the Omahas, from information recently received from agent Edward Painter. The most prominent subjects embraced in the document referred to, were as follows:

A copy of a Memorial signed by Superintendent Janney and all his Agents, addressed to the President, the Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, in relation to the sale of certain portions of land in the Indian Reservations in the Northern Superintendency, at their fair market value, which would afford them ample means, without calling upon the Government for pecuniary aid, to carry on their work of Indian civilization.

A copy of a Memorial signed by 46 chiefs, police and head men of the Omahas, witnessed by Superintendent Janney, Agent Painter, and the United States Interpreter, Laru Saunsoci, confirming the views expressed in the Memorial of the Superintendent and Agents.

Samuel M. Janney's letter dated Twelfth Month 5th, 1870, says, "Since my letter of Tenth month 20th, no change of any importance has taken place, nor is there any cause for discouragement, provided funds can be obtained to carry on the work we have begun. To settle the Indians in their allotments of land, to assist them in building houses, to bread the prairie sod and fence a lot for each family, to purchase implements and live stock, and to establish Industrial and other schools, will require a large amount of funds."

"The appropriation of \$30,000 made for these purposes at the last session of Congress has enabled us to make a beginning, and will be very beneficial."

"In my first annual Report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, I recommended that a part of some of the Indian reservations should be sold at fair market value, and with the Indians' consent, in order to improve the residue and to promote their civilization.

"In my report this year, I have again urged the same measure, and stated that some of the tribes have expressed their desire for its accomplishment."

He further intimates that "were these views sustained by the Government, it would render impossible the ratification of

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the unjust treaty made in the winter of 1869, by which the lands of the Sacs and Foxes were to be ceded to the Government at one-fourth their value, for the benefit of certain railroad companies.

“The Otoe and Missouri tribes made a similar treaty in the winter of 1869, ceding a large portion of their lands to the Government for the benefit of a railroad company, at \$1.25 per acre, which has not been ratified, and the Indians are not satisfied with it. The land is worth from four to eight dollars per acre. These Indians have become so fully imbued with a desire for civilization, that last month they requested me to retain \$1500 for this purpose from their scanty annuity.”

On the Iowa Reservation there are gold mines already leased, with a good prospect of profit to the Indians and the lessees. He says, “ I have transmitted to the Department a standing offer which they have made of \$7.50 per acre, for the whole of that reservation, in order that there may be no plea left for the ratification of the Treaty of 1869, which allows only \$2.50 per acre for the same property.”

A copy of a Memorial to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs from the Winnebagoes, urgently protesting against the claim of Charles Hillex and Gen. Sanborn for a commission on the sum of \$232,345.90, recently refunded by the Government to the tribe for expenses charged against them for their removal from Minnesota. The Superintendent writes that he believes this claim utterly groundless. The original Memorial is signed by 91 Winnebagoes, and has been transmitted to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

In a letter dated 12th month 5th, he says that he has for some time had it in contemplation to inform the general committee of Friends on Indian Affairs, that he does not think it will be required of him to retain the office of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, longer than the autumn of next year; that he submitted to the appointment from a sense of duty, believing it right to acquiesce in the judgment of Friends, and feeling a deep interest in the work to which he was called; that there are other duties of a religious nature which he thinks will be required of him, and feels assured there are in the Society many Friends competent to perform the duties of Superintendent. He informs that there is an effort being made to displace our friend Asa M. Janney from his position as Agent for the Santee Sioux, and to have a member of the Episcopal Church appointed in his place. This movement he considers unfair and unjust to Asa M. Janney and his employees, who are faithfully performing their duty, as far as possible with the means at their command, and who earnestly protest against it.

After weighty deliberation it was concluded to appoint a committee representing the six Yearly Meetings, to whose watchful care the important matter contained in the documents submitted to us should be referred, whose duty it shall be to endeavor to obtain the influence of the Government in support of the views so clearly presented by the Superintendent, and to grant th[e] requests of the Indians addressed to the Department through the agents with his approval, all of which appear essential to the successful issue of our labors in this interesting concern.

All questions which may arise requiring the joint action of the Yearly Meetings, shall be submitted to said Committee for its judgment and attention.

It is understood that this arrangement should not interfere with the management of the several Agencies [smudge] heretofore, by the Committee of the different Yearly Meetings to whom they have been allotted.

This division of labor have worked well and the desire its continuance.

The nomination of Friends to constitute said committee was referred to the Committee on Secretaries, who were also directed to prepare an adjustment of the expenses hereafter Incurred by this committee in the prosecution of their work between the six Yearly Meetings

Then adjourned to 7 1/2 o'clock this evening.

Evening. - The Convention met pursuant to adjournment

The Committee on nominations made the following report, which was read and united with, and the Friends therein names were accordingly appointed:

Secretary, Wm H. Macy of New York,

Assistant Secretary, Wm. Dorsey of Philadelphia.

Executive Committee,

Benjamin Hallowell, Sandy Springs, Maryland.

Samuel Townsend of 47 S. Calvert St. Baltimore, Maryland.

B. Rush Roberts, Sandy Springs, Maryland.

Richard T. Bentley “ “ “

Wm. Dorsey, 923 Market Street, Philadelphia.

Dillwyn Parrish, 1007 Cherry St., “

John Saunders, 34 N. Fourth St., “

Wm. H. Macy, 40 East 21st Street, New York.

Samuel Willets, 303 Pearl Street, “

Thomas Foulke 52 West 38th Street “

Wm. Parry, Richmond, Indiana.

John Searing, Poplar Ridge Post Office, New York.

John J. Cornell, Mendon Centre P. O., “

Daniel S. Tomlinson, Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson Co., Ohio.

Ma??? C. Moore, Fallston, Harford Co., Maryland.

Mary L. Roberts, Sandy Spring, “

Deborah F. Wharton, 3367 Spruce Street, Philadelphia.

Sarah Hoopes, West Chester, Chester Co., Pa.

Mary S. Lippincott, Moorestown, New Jersey.

Hannah W. Haydock, 212 East 12th Street, New York.

Margaret G. Corlies, 31 East 30th Street, “

Mary W. Wright, Springboro, Ohio.

Phoebe W. Cornell, Mendon Centre P. O., New York.

Ruth Cope, Short Creek P. O., Harrison Co., Ohio.

Apportionment of Expenses.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 35 per cent.

New York “ “ 25 “

Baltimore “ “ 15 “

Indiana	“	“	12	“
Ohio	“	“	7	“
Genesee	“	“	6	“

The Convention adjourned, subject to the call of the Secretary.

William Dorsey, *Secretary*.

In the 2d month, the members of the Executive Committee therein named, belonging to this Yearly Meeting, were notified that Samuel M. Janney had tendered his resignation of his position as Superintendent, and Asa M. Janney had also tendered his resignation as Agent. S. M. Janney, from reasons stated in the report alluded to, and Asa M. Janney in consequence of the state of his health. And said Executive Committee were called to meet in Philadelphia, to take proper measures to secure successors to them. After considering the matter, the members of the Executive Committee of this Yearly Meeting were of the opinion that inasmuch as the action of the Convention had not been ratified, and some doubts were felt as to the propriety of appropriating the funds on hand to pay their traveling expenses, and as the term of the appointment was nearly expired, and circumstances since the appointment has so materially changed, it was deemed best to await the action and instruction of the Yearly Meeting, before taking further measures. We have been informed that such of the Executive Committee as met have selected Barclay White, of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, as Superintendent, in place of Samuel M. Janney, and gave the selection of an Agent, in place of Asa M. Janney, to the charge of the Committee of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

Early in the Fall, a call was made upon the Committee, for clothing and dried fruit, to ameliorate the sufferings of the Indians at the Santee Agency, which being laid before Friends, was responded to promptly. And there was forwarded, as has come to the knowledge of the Committee, the following:

2 boxes of Clothing from Scipio Quarterly Meeting, valued at\$90,00

2 barrels of Apples, 3 barrels of Dried Fruit, and Clothing, from Rochester Monthly Meeting, valued at32, 50

1 box of Clothing from Friends of East Hamburg Monthly Meeting - value not known.

Fruit, sent to A. M. Janney and S. M. Janney, from Farmington Monthly Meeting, valued at\$14,50

The Committee appropriated \$15,00, of the one hundred raised last year and placed in their hands, for defraying the freights on the articles sent; and subsequently forwarded \$20,00, in money, and \$11,24, in garden seeds. The Agent, in acknowledging the reception of the donations says, “We think Friends have been very prompt to furnish assistance, and I do not think I could have disposed of more funds to advantage.”

In view of the magnitude of concern, the happy effects which have already followed the efforts made the improved condition of the Indians, and the increasing confidence in the community in the peace policy, we feel much encouraged, and can hopefully recommend to the Yearly Meeting the continuance of a committee to co-

operate with the other Yearly Meetings in carrying out the concern.

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In view of the experience we have had during the last three years, we have become convinced, that for this proper co-operation, it is necessary that there be such an Executive Committee as was appointed in 12th mo. last, who shall be empowered to act under instructions from the General Committee, on behalf of this Yearly Meeting; and that appropriations be made to defray their necessary expenses, while attending to their duties. We therefore recommend that the Yearly Meeting empower the General Committee, should they appoint one, to select such an Executive Committee; and that it place sufficient funds at the disposal of the Committee, to defray their expenses; and that the General Committee be empowered to call on the Yearly Meeting's Treasurer for such amounts as may be needed to pay this Meeting's proportion of money called for by the joint action of the six Yearly Meetings of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Indiana, Ohio and Genesee.

It was the judgment of the Committee, that \$100 would be needed in addition to the amount at their disposal, to meet the current expenses of the coming year.

Signed, by direction and on behalf of the Committee, by

John J. Cornell, Clerk.

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The report being read, was satisfactory to the Mee[ting] and the recommendations therein named are appr[oved] and adopted. And our Subordinate Meetings ar[e] [re]quested to raise their respective proportion of the dollars names, and forward it to the Treasurer of [off page] Meeting.

A Committee was appointed to consider of and [pro]pose at our next sitting, the names of suitable frien[ds] [to] constitute our Committee to continue our care in [this?] concern.

The Minutes of the Representative Committee [off page] now introduced and read, and the proceedings of [off page] body were satisfactory to this Meeting.

Then Adjourned to the eleventh hour to-mo[rrow] morning.

Fifteenth of the Month, and Fifth of the Week.

Friends met pursuant to adjournment

The Committee to consider the subject from S [off page]

1 box Clothing from Friends of East Hamburg Monthly Meeting - value not know.
Fruit, sent to A. M. Janney and S. M. Janney, from Farmington Monthly Meeting,
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The report on being read was satisfactory to? The meeting and the
recommendations [unreadable] are approved. [unreadable] and propose [unreadable]
next sitting the name of suitable friends to consider? A committee to continue in
[unreadable] concern the following friends are named -

Isaac Baker, Seth W Bosworth G??? Catharine E Bosworth, Judith H
Cornell, Polly Ann Ewer, Wells Rathbun, Zebulon Hoxie, John Searning, Sarah D.
Searning, Louisa Mitchell? Jane K ???, John D Phillips, Rowland Brown, Thomas
Stinson, Elizabeth K Phillips, Lydia Stinson, Eleanor Bowerman?, William Cornell, Asa
L Schooley, ??? ???, Phebe Haight, ??? Zavitts & ??? Minard?

The proposition of the former? Committee to raise? One hundred dollars for the
[unreadable] Indian affairs [unreadable] with and directed to be forwarded [unreadable]
for the observance of subordinate meetings

The minutes of the Representatives Committee was introduced and read
[unreadable] of that Committee were satisfactory to the meeting

The meeting then adjourned to the 11 hour tomorrow morning -

15th of the mo and 5th of the week

Friends met pursuant to adjournment

The committee to consider the subject ??? ??? Quarterly Meeting relative to the
advices make the following report. Viz.

The committee having under consideration the proposition from Scipio Quarterly
Meeting to omit in the advices the clauses recommending friends not participate in
elections also that relating to the dealing in or consuming the produce of the labor of
slaves united in proposing that they be retained as they now placed? - Isaac
Baker

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After a time of consideration the meeting concludes to adopt the report womens
meeting concurring

The Committee to which was referred the subject from Canada Half Yearly
Meeting report as follows viz.

To the Yearly Meeting
??? the committee appointed upon the proposal? From Canada Half Year Meeting
concerning the 6th query met and report consideration agree? when the following as
their understanding of it viz

Accomplishing a marriage by the assistance of a hireling minister or contributing to the support of a hireling minister be [unreadable]

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On behalf of the Committee

S. P. Gardner

Hannah Marshall

After an interchange of views the meeting concludes to accept and adopt the report and directs it to the observance of our subordinate meetings.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer made the following report - to wit

We the committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer have examined his accounts and find them correct, these being two hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents balance due the meeting in his hands. In our judgment it will not be necessary to raise any money this year. We also propose William Cornell for Treasurer

On behalf of the Committee

Edward Eldridge

Samuel Haight.

The report being satisfactory to the Meeting was united with ~~except~~ it being understood that our Subordinate Meetings are to raise one hundred dollars for the use of the committee on Indian affairs and William Cornell is accordingly appointed Treasurer for one year

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The committee to nominate Friends to constitute the committee on Indian Affairs - report they have met and were united in proposing the following names -

John Searing

Sarah I Searing

John J Cornell

Judith H Cornell

Geurden? T Smith

Eleanor Bowerman

Edwin Ewer

Polly Ann Ewer

Samuel Haight

Phebe? Haight

Seth W Bosworth

Catherine E Bosworth

John D Phillips

Charlotte Cook?

Jonathan D Noxon

Phebe Jane Noxon?

Wm Cornell

Phebe W Cornell

Isaac Baker

??? Minard?

Zebulon Hoxie

Eliza F Hoxie

Benjamin Chase

Jane K Searing

Isaac P Phillips

Elizabeth? K Phillips

Asa L Schooley

Susan Zavitz?

Benjamin Renouf

??? Brown

Isaac G Ewer

Elizabeth Freeman?

Thomas Stinson

Mary ???

Joseph Thorn

Prudence? G???

Which being united with they are appointed to that service for three years. And are authorized to carry out the recommendations of the former committee as contained in their report. And call on the Treasurer for such in his hands at their disposal? As

circumstances shall seem to require or the promotion? Of the welfare of the Indians. And they are to report to this meeting annually Womens meeting approving.

A memorial of Sunderland P Gardner concerning our deceased friend Abraham Wilson approved by Farmington Monthly Meeting and approved by Farmington Quarterly Meeting and the Representative Committee was read approved and directed to be inserted with the usual extracts womens meeting concurring

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A memorial of Farmington Monthly Meeting concerning our deceased friend William Clark approved by Farmington Quarterly Meeting & the Representatives Committee were also ??? approved and directed to be inserted with the usual extracts womens meeting uniting therewith.

Jonathan D Noxon on behalf of the committee on epistles reported most of them had met and prepared in? Way to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The essay being produced was read and being satisfactory the clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings referred to.

The clerk is directed to seven hundred copies of the usual extracts printed and distributed among our Quarterly Half Yearly and monthly meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense -

The business having been concluded and having been preserved in much Christian harmony and condescension and [unreadable] we can truly accept the language verily the Lord has been with us and it has been [unreadable] to be there -

Under a feeling of deep gratitude to Him for thus preserving and blessing us we adjourn to meet at Pickering Ontario the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will -

John J Cornell Clerk.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering, Ontario by adjournments from the 10th of the 6th mo to the 13th of the same inclusive 1872

By the reports received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting. Viz:

From Farmington

Seth W Bosworth, William Cornell, Joseph M. Howland, Joseph Thorn & Benjamin Renouf

From Scipio

John Searing, Allen Hoxie, Edward Eldridge & William Green -

From Canada

Isaac Wilson, Jonathan Noxon, Seth Armitage, Reuben Powell & Richard Widdifield

From Pelham

Samuel Haight, Robert Wilson, Joseph Priestman, William Cornell & Asa L Schooley.

On calling their names they were all present except two from Farmington two from Scipio and one from Pelham. A satisfactory reason was offered for the absence of one from Farmington.

Certificates of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were introduced and read as follows.

One for Rachel Hicks a Minister from Westbury Monthly Meeting, Long Island N.Y.

One for Mary Jane Field an Elder and companion for Rachel Hicks, from Rahway and Plainfield Monthly Meeting New Jersey

One for Harriet Stockly a Minister from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting P.a. endorsed by Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting

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One for Susan Carall [Carroll] an Elder and companion of Harriet Stockly from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting Pa.

One for Edmund Willets a minister from Westbury Monthly Meeting N.Y.

One for Joseph Homer a minister from Medford monthly Meeting N.J. endorsed by Haddenfield Quarterly Meeting.

Their company is acceptable to us.

Epistles have been received and read from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings.

The evidence there convey that there is still a living concern among our distant brethren to labor in the promotion of the cause of Truth in the earth; that in their assemblies they feel the overshadowing influence of Divine Love to bless and qualify for the the fulfillment of their duties and that there is still a bond of faithful laborers in the field, has afforded us much encouragement and incited us to press forward in the performance of the portion of work allotted us.

To essay answers to these evidences of fraternal affection if way should open the following friends are named who are to report at a future sitting of this Meeting Viz Isaac Wilson, Hiram Brown, Richard Widdifield, Samuel Searing, Isaac Zavitts, Asa L Schooley, Jonathan D Noxon, John D Phillips, Samuel Haight, William Cornell of Pelham, Sunderland P Gardner, John P Hilborn & Samuel Zavitts.

The following proposition was received from Pelham Half Yearly Meeting to wit.

The proposition forwarded from Norwich Monthly Meeting requesting of our next Yearly Meeting the privilege of holding that meeting one third of the time at Yarmouth claiming the careful attention of the Meeting it was

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fully united with and directed to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration we having the unity of Women Friends.

The following friends are appointed in conjunction with a like committee of Women friends to take the subject into consideration, give it their careful attention and report to the next Yearly Meeting to be held in Farmington N.Y. viz.

Seth W Bosworth, Benjamin Chase, Henry Cox, Nathaniel Herendeen, Zebulon Hoxie, John Searing, Charles W Searing, Allen Hoxie, Alfred Stevens, Jacob S Cronk, Ellis Hughes, Rowland Brown, Samuel Haight, Asa L Schooley, Samuel P Cornell and Daniel Zavitts.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting forwarded the information that they were united in changing the holding that meeting from the first 4th day in the 1st, 4th, 7th, and 10th month to the first 4th day in the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 11th months and in changing the winter Quarter from Farmington to Macedon? And desire the concurrence of the Yearly Meeting therewith they having the unity of Women Friends.

On consideration this meeting unites with the proposition of womens meeting concurring. And directs the information to be forwarded to its subordinate meetings in the extracts.

Canada Half Yearly meeting also forwarded the information that they were united in changing the time of holding that meeting so that the Meeting of Ministers and Elders shall be held on the 6th day preceding the last first day in the 5th and 9th months. The meeting for discipline on 7th day and the meeting for worship on the last 1st day in those months. On consideration the meeting unites with the proposition womens meeting concurring information of which is directed to be forwarded to our

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Subordinate Meetings in the extracts.

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum it may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer the following friends were named viz.

Joseph M Howland, Benjamin Chase, William P. Giles, Charles W Searing, Isaac Toole?, John P. Hilborn, Joseph Priestman and Isaac Zavitts.

To preserve order in and around the Meeting house during the sessions of the Yearly Meeting the following committee is appointed viz.

Levi Dennis, John D. Phillips, George O Fritts and Benjamin Chase -

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their respective proportions of money called for by this meeting last year raised and paid as directed.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this meeting and consider of the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk and propose them at the nest sitting of this meeting

Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning

11th of the month and 3^d of the week

About the hour adjourned to Friends convened

Joseph Thorn on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for clerk and Isaac Baker for assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services for one year

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The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of Society as exhibited in the answers to the Queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. The following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. Friends are generally careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline yet there appears to be a neglect with many particularly in the middle of the week. The hour pretty well observed, not quite clear of sleeping in meeting. No other unbecoming behavior observed, and some care reported in the deficiencies noted -

Ans 2nd. Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes brethren except 2 instances in which care has been taken. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction appear to be avoided and discouraged as far as we know.

Ans 3^d. There is a care with some friends to Keep themselves and their children in plainness of speech behavior and apparel. Although deviations are apparent, endeavors are used by example and precept to train up their children in a life and conversation becoming our christian profession. We Know of no want of care towards others under tuition.

Ans 4th. As far as appears friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks and beverage frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, except 3 instances of attending places of diversion in 2 of which care has been taken

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Ans 5th. The poor are cared for and relief afforded yet not as seasonably in all ~~cases~~ one instance as would have been best. Our children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6th. Except one instance of accomplishing a marriage by the assistance of a hireling minister friends appear to be clear of countenancing a hireling ministry.

Ans 7th. Friends are clear of bearing arms complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof

Ans 8th We believe Friends are careful to perform promises and pay just debts except two instances, none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession, except two instances and care has been taken in the exceptions noted.

Ans 9th. Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

Ans 10. We believe they are.

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The non-attendance of our religious meetings was the occasion of much exercise and called forth expressions of counsel and encouragement. It was shown us, that when we attended those meetings under a right concern, when the mind was

engaged to commune with the Source of Love and Fountain of Wisdom, these solemn seasons would prove to be blessings to us, strengthening us to perform rightly all the duties devolving upon us, either in our temporal concerns or spiritual interests. The young were, in a particular manner, counseled to devote a portion of their time to this reasonable service, because they would find that it would conduce to their true peace, and to never allow themselves to be discouraged because of apparent inconsistencies in others, for this ever tends to weakness and loss, as regards spiritual advancement; but a continued perseverance through and over every difficulty would be rewarded by increased vigor and a growth in the best life.

We were also reminded, that if we would obtain the true blessing when in the attendance of meeting, there must be a labor to divest the mind of earthly cares and responsibilities, because if too much concerned in our business transactions, we are unfitted for that communion with the Divine Spirit through which this priceless boon is received. It is often because of these cares being allowed so much place, that we are prevented from experiencing the proper preparation to enter into true spiritual worship, and hence our silent meetings become irksome and unprofitable to us; but if we were concerned to labor for that true bread which alone can nourish the life of the soul, that bread which cometh down from God, which bread is Christ, at once the Light and spiritual Life of men, these silent opportunities would be seasons of deep and true enjoyment.

We were shown, too, that when we had been successful in obtaining this bread, we would find that our love for each other would be increased, and all that would lead to discord and disunity, would be subjected to its powerful influence.

We were counseled to carefully maintain the watch against the inroad of every feeling which was antagonistic to the Divine principle of love - and particularly to guard against the indulgence of animosity or revengeful feelings even against those who have deeply wronged us, because while the indulgence of such feelings cannot repair the injury, or make amends for the wound inflicted, they ever produce sorrow and unhappiness in the minds of those who harbor them. Would we then live in the enjoyment of true peace - would we strengthen the bonds of brotherhood - would we be instrumental in restoring the erring - would we bink up the broken hearted, and rightly sympathize with the afflicted - or bring hope to the disconsolate and discouraged - we must labor to ever dwell in the atmosphere of true love, nor suffer it to be clouded by human passion.

We were not unmindful of our testimony in regard to plainness, and were concerned that our members might more earnestly seek to understand the principle upon which it is based, that being convinced of its rectitude, we may fully and efficiently bear it before the world, in this day of fashion and extravagance.

The enormity of the evil of Intemperance, has awakened a deep interest among us at this time, although our reports from the various branches show us to be clear of yielding to its seductive influences. We were counseled to remember that our labors are not to end here, but that in making our own hands clean, we had become fitted to extend our labors among the family of man, and were exhorted to use our individual influence in love, with the victims of this evil, with whom we might be brought into

contact, to persuade them and to encourage them to resist its temptations, remembering that however they may have fallen, they are still human beings, and have immortal souls to save.

In the maintenance of our testimony against a Hireling Ministry, we were exhorted, while faithfully maintaining it, that we be careful that we do it rightly and gently, that we ourselves may not suffer loss and injury. Our young men were invited, by an attention to the revelations of the Divine Spirit, to examine the ground on which this testimony rests, - and when convinced of its truth and propriety to stand faithful in every day of trial with its influences and presentations, that they might receive the reward for such obedience, as well as assist their elder brethren in resisting its progress.

We have not lost sight of our testimony, that the religion of Jesus Christ is one of peace and good will to men - and hence ever opposed to War and Contention: and a feeling pervaded our minds that we might be careful not to violate this testimony by our deportment before the work, that we might more effectually labor for its promotion among the children of men.

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The minutes of the Representative Committee were now introduced and read and their proceedings were generally united with

To morrow being the day usually set apart in Public Divine worship. The meeting adjourns to meet at 10. oclock in fifth day morning

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Fifth of the week and 13th of the month.

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled

The committee on Indian concerns presented their minutes for the past year together with the following communications from the agent at the Santee Agency, and from one of the employees also from Barclay White the superintendent of the Northern Superintendency which were read in joint session.

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SANTEE AGENCY, 4th Mo. 28th, 1872. I arrived here on the 14th of 7th month, and took charge of affairs on the 22d. I believe, as far as I could ascertain, a large majority of the people (Indians) felt a deep regret for the loss of their Agent, A. M. Janney; while, among the chiefs, there was a diversity of opinion, some of them speaking very highly of him, and other indulging in unreasonable censure.

But, when we take into consideration the manner in which these chiefs hold their office, it is not to be wondered at the fault finding is more prevalent among them than with the masses; for many of them are much inferior, both in intellect and morals, to those they pretend to govern. Very soon after I commenced my work among them, I perceived that this mode of governing the bands by hereditary chiefs, was an evil, and

that it had a tendency to retard their advancement in civilization - and resolved to use my best endeavors to bring about a reformation. My idea is to make the office elective, for the term of one year.

I will instance a case that occurred last seventh day, and was disposed of in council to-day. Some time ago, War-club, Wabasha's head man, built a house on a claim that was previously taken by another. I remonstrated with him kindly, tried to convince him that when these allotments were taken, the owners held certain rights and privileges that could not be invaded without subjecting the aggressing parties to the offence of trespassing, and that I would be compelled to punish them as such. He (War-club) refused to listen to entreaty, and disregarded my peremptory orders. The time certainly had arrived to do something decisive, or to give up the idea of anything like systemic government.

In a council this forenoon, after explaining to the chiefs and head men my reasons for so doing, I told them that War-club would no longer be considered a member of the council and if they had a better man to offer to fill his place I would accept him. If not, I would appoint one myself. I expected a scene and was surprised to find how gracefully they accepted the situation. Wabasha (head chief), said, when they were in Minnesota he considered himself equal in rank with the Agent but now he supposed he was a grade below him.

We issued them plows, harrows, and harness last week, and instead of giving them to the chiefs to issue, G. S. Truman and myself issued them to the individuals.

They brought that up against me in the council, using mile threats stating that the Superintendent would be out here pretty soon and they would have a lot of charges to bring against me. I told them when an Agent did his duty he was as glad to see the Superintendent as they could be. After they found I was firm in maintaining the position that I had taken, they threw off their stiffness and the council ended in a pleasant social talk. They had a great deal to say about A. M. Janney, and how well they liked him; and the difficulty that occurred about him was none of their fault, but was instigated by one of the Missionaries.

The grist mill has been in successful operation most of the time up to the 23d of 3d month, when a freshet, caused by the rapid thawing of the snow, carried the dam away. We are rebuilding it, and if no unforeseen delay takes place, we will have the mill running again in a few weeks. The saw mill has been doing good service, furnishing boards for houses, floors, bedsteads, cupboards, benches, &c.

Most of their crops last year were remarkably good. One thousand bushels of wheat; corn, estimated at 6,000 bushels; potatoes, 2,000 bushels; besides pumpkins, beans, melons, &c.

We have two hundred acres more of prairie sod broken for them this season. Spring has opened and farming has commenced in good earnest. If the season prove a good one, we may reasonably expect better results than last year.

What is most needed just now, is working cattle. What few they have, owing to the severe and protracted winter, are in a poor condition for working. We are assisting them all we can with the Agency teams.

There has been a good deal of sickness this Spring, and several deaths, but as the weather is becoming settled, there appears to be general improvement in the health of the tribe.

Their morals, in some respects have not kept pace with their advancement in other things, yet there is a growth. It may seem slow, but sure and certain in this direction; and even the superficial observer cannot fail to see it. Many things that they have been accustomed to do without considering it improper or sinful, are now considered degrading and disgraceful.

There are two Mission Schools, which are well attended and no doubt are doing a good service. The children are taught principally in Dakota. I am of the opinion that a school exclusively under our care and where their studies could be conducted altogether in English, would be attended with best results. I cannot conceive any one thing that would have a greater tendency to wean them from their old associations and enlarge their ideas than a knowledge of a civilized language. They are not naturally a demonstrative people, yet we receive many assurances from them that they appreciate our labor among them.

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The clothing for the destitute and supplies for the sick, sent by you were duly received. They were distributed to the best of our judgment. On behalf of those who were benefited by your charity, I thank you - believing, if you could know the happiness you brought to the homes of the destitute and suffering, you would feel amply paid for any sacrifice you may have made in raising the donations.

Friends must bear in mind that the whole character of the Indian must be changed. In his natural or wild condition the man is the lord; the woman, his slave. For a man to work would be to unsex himself or become a squaw, which appellation would be the greatest indignity that could be placed upon him. This, in a great measure, has been overcome among the Santees. I think I can safely say that labor is now looked upon as meritorious and honorable. And I have seen on some occasions the man carrying the child and the woman walking unincumbered by his side.

Nearly all are willing to work when the reward follows closely their labor. But to settle down on their claims, and work and wait to the end of the season is not so congenial to many of them. But some of them are doing remarkably well and are in a fair way to become prosperous, if not wealthy, farmers. The example of these will no doubt have a salutary effect upon others, encouraging them to do likewise. And I am hopeful in the belief that the time will come, and perhaps at no distant day, when the idlers and thriftless ones will be the exception.

There is another trait in their character which I consider is harder than others to overcome. That is, their prejudice against the whites. This feeling, which has had ample means to stimulate its growth for a long series of years by blighted faith and broken treaties, on the part of the government; and treachery and dishonesty on the part of its traders and agents, until it has become so woven into their nature that it may now be considered a prominent part of their character.

This, in my opinion, is the most difficult part to overcome, to accomplish which, will require the most circumspect care never to promise more than we are certain can be fulfilled.

Since I have been in charge, we have sawed 688 logs, making about 140,000 feet of lumber. This lumber has been used mostly on Indian houses, for floors, roofing, tables, bedsteads, cupboards, benches, &c.

I have not been all over the Agency, to count them correctly, but think I can safely say there has been 30 Indian houses built on their claims since last fall - most of the work being done by the Indians.

We also erected a commodious carpenter shop, which was greatly needed. The carpenters also built a house for the Interpreter. We have made considerable improvements around the Agency building, in the way of fencing and planting out trees. A large and substantial ice-house was built, and a convenient case attached to the Agent's house. There being no cellar under the house, something of the kind was much needed.

The head chief, Wabasha, is an old man and not able to work much, so I built his house for him. His missionary, S. D. Hinman, furnished pine boards for siding, making a very neat job of it.

Although discouragement may, and does, overshadow us at times, yet there is a hope that underlies it all, sustaining us in the belief that the Divine blessing will rest upon our labor, and finally crown it with success.

Sincerely your friend,

JOSEPH WEBSTER,

Agent for Santee Sioux.

SANTEE AGENCY, 5th mo. 14, 1872.

Dear Folks at Home:

We find that the longer we are with the Indians the better we can work for them; becoming better acquainted with their necessities and character, and thus acting more intelligently with them. In the matter of building houses for them on their respective claims, A. M. Janney had intended to put up frame houses, the work of which would have to be done by the carpenter and apprentices; but as it was desirable to get the Indians all settled immediately, that they might commence to work for themselves, this scheme was found impracticable. The plan in operation now is that each man is expected to put up his own cabin (a log one), the carpenter furnishing doors, windows, benches, tables and cupboard. He can also get at the saw mill, boards for a floor and roof. Some of them make quite a comfortable home in this way. The roof is sheeted with inch boards, then covered with tarred felt paper, and then with dirt, making it warm in winter and cool in summer.

Is the Government prompt in fulfilling its obligation towards the Indians? So far as this tribe is concerned, I think the Government has lately been quite liberal and punctual in granting subsistence and implements when applied for, particularly if we take into consideration the fact that the Santee Indians forfeited all their property in the massacre of 1863, and are now wholly maintained by special appropriations of

Congress. Advertisements are now out for the next year's supplies, commencing 1st July, being for 500,00 lbs. Beef, gross; 36,000 lbs. Bacon; 14,000 lbs. Coffee; about 25,000 lbs. Sugar; 3,600 lbs. Soap; and 1,500 lbs. Tobacco; and I suppose the clothing is being furnished now. Bank funds being furnished for pay of employees, for purchase of implements, seeds, building material and for various purposes; for 1st and 2d quarter this year, about \$20,000 - which, when distributed, does not amount to so much as it would seem at first thought; (our tribe numbering in round numbers, about 1000,) and yet sufficient for all present purposes.

It is found to be a very difficult job to give satisfaction in issuing wagons, plows, harness, &c., as not enough can be bought at once to go all around. In such cases Agent endeavors to supply the most worthy ones first.

Do we require any more assistance from our meeting? This is rather a difficult question to answer correctly. Assistance is valuable when given of the right kind and at the right time. Last season the annuity goods were not given out until mid-winter, and many old men and women suffered considerably in consequence. Several boxes of clothing were sent out by Friends, from different parts, but did not arrive until the other goods were given out. Anything sent out here should be started so as to get here before navigation closes, as rates from Sioux City here are from 50 cent to 75 cents per 100 lbs. higher in winter. Goods of any kind sent out, should be accompanied by an invoice, so that we would know from whom and where they came.

Indians generally value relationship of any kind very lightly. Little children are neglected; old women must do the work; and old men are of no account; and consequently it is these classes (aged men and women, boys and girls to 10 years old,) that we have to help with charitable contributions. For sick persons, tea and dried apples are the principal wants. We have a fund from the Government for sick rations, with which we get candles, crackers, &c.

If the Yearly Meeting wish to do anything for these Indians, they should appoint a correspondent to communicate with the Agent of some of us here.

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If there are any who feel pretty liberal and wish to engage in a good work, I think there is a good chance for them to do so successfully by sending out a couple of women to teach the young women how to sew, and do house work. Now that the Indians are becoming settled on their claims, are getting houses, cook stoves and some furniture, something of that kind would be of great value to them. I think that the Government would furnish a building and contribute considerably to the support of a manual labor school, if sufficient interest was taken by our Society to get it started. I would much rather have the Indians to learn how to do for themselves than to see the most bountiful supplies furnished them without any effort on their part.

Agent received by yesterday's mail the possessory titles to the Indian claims that have been allotted. They are not transferable, but are a good title for the Indians, who would always be trading if they held their land in fee simple. The titles are for 80

acres to the head of each family, and there are very few families of more than 3 persons.

The religious interests are left entirely to the care of the two missions which have been established for a number of years, and thus have a prior right to do this part of the work as they think best. Our mission is more properly to teach them how to help and sustain themselves by well directed labor, also to inculcate good moral principles and form habits of industry, frugality and economy.

In giving the Government credit for promptness and liberality, I omitted to mention the complicated machinery operating between it and us, which is frequently a great drawback, preventing us from making purchases in season and doing work when most needed: the principal impediment being this Board of Indian Commissioners, an irresponsible body, working without pay and when they choose, and composed of rich men of Philadelphia and New York, whom, I presume, want a pastime.

To run our Agency a quarter, we have first to make out an estimate for funds, and forward to the Commissioners; then a list of articles, and probable cost, to be submitted to this Board for approval. If approved, we make the purchases, and forward the bills again to the Board for approval. The bills are then sent back to us for settlement. When paid, we have to make up all the accounts in quadruplicate - one copy being for the Board of Commissioners. When you take into consideration the fact, that all our correspondence has to pass through the offices of the Superintendent and the Commissioners, you can form some idea of the time it takes.

I understand one or two of the Board are to be with us the latter part of next month. We would all like very much to see a delegation from our Yearly Meeting, this summer. I think the Committees that were out last time, would see quite an improvement, in some respects at least, in the working of our Agency.

Agen, Farmer, his son and myself, were up at the mill today, and found Fred running the mill. He had got the dam high enough and water raised sooner than we expected. George and his apprentices are there this week, and several farm hands, making quite a gang (I think about 25,) at the boarding house, with two cooks to serve up the necessaries.

As ever, affectionately yours.
WM. J. PHILLIPS.

Omaha, Neb., 4th Mo. 26th, 1872.

To the Convention on Indian Affairs, of Friends representing the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana and Genesee:

DEAR FRIENDS:

Since assuming the duties of this office, on the 1st of 10th mo. last, the condition of the Indian tribes in the Northern Superintendency has not materially changed, from their situation so fully reported to you in Baltimore by Samuel M. Janney, the late Superintendent.

The winter has been unusually cold and stormy, and the three tribes who still partially depend upon buffalo hunting for their subsistence, have been unsuccessful in procuring from that source, the usual supply of meat and robes; but the same severity

of weather having driven to the shelter of timber on their Reservations, numbers of deer - and the last year's crop of Indian corn and beans being larger - it is believed there has not been much suffering on account of the failure of the usual supplies. The Agents have endeavored to relieve such cases as have appeared, and so far have made no special call upon the Department for aid.

I have received official notice that drafts of bills, to dispose of a portion of the Omaha, Otoe and Pawnees and all of Reserve the Sac and Fox Reservation were early submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, for the action of Congress. It is believed these bills have not yet been acted upon by Congress.

The Indian appropriation bill for the year 1873, has passed both houses of Congress, with amendments, as originally presented to the House of Representatives. This bill provided for the payment to the tribes of this Superintendency, the usual annuities and interest due under treaty stipulations; and in addition thereto, to the Pawnees a sum of money for the erection of two additional school houses for day schools, and the support of teachers therefor, and supplying them with fuel, books and stationary. Also, the Winnebagoes, the sum of \$100,000, to be used in improving their lands, purchasing stock and agricultural implements, erecting houses, providing schools, and in any other way promoting their civilization and comfort - the said amount to be taken from the sum in the Treasury of the United States, belonging to said tribe.

The Sac and Fox Indians, numbering 80, appear to be unanimous in the desire to remove to the vicinity of the Sac and Fox Reservation, in the Indian Territory. Having made very little progress in civilization where they are, it is believed such removal will not materially change their condition.

The Otoes and Missourias have had a strong desire to send a delegation to the Osages are relatives of the Missourias, and speak the same language with the Otoes and Iowas. The object of this visit is preparatory to the removal of the tribe there, if the country should please them.

Their Agent and myself have used all proper means to dissuade them from the proposed visit, but they now appear unanimous in sentiment upon the subject, and so unsettled, that we thought proper to allow a small company of them to go. If the country should please them, I believe the visit will result in good.

The sanitary condition of the tribes is good; there has been fewer deaths from disease than usual. Two young men were frozen to death while hunting, and two deaths from violence have occurred. In one of the latter cases the suspected murderer (an Indian), is under arrest at the Agency.

The National and State authorities report they have no jurisdiction over cases of crime committed by Indians upon Indians. It has been usual heretofore to try such offenders in a council composed of the Agent and chiefs of the tribe; and in cases of graver crimes, to send the offender to the military guard-house for confinement.

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The military authorities are not favorable to taking charge of Indian prisoners, and it is important that, until Congress shall enact laws appropriate to such cases, a concise and simple code of laws for the suppression and punishment of crime among

Indians, be prepared for the tribes of this Superintendency, and that such offenders receive punishment by confinement on the Reservation, under the care of their Agents. The Winnebagoes and Santee Sioux have not yet received patents for the lands allotted to individuals in their tribes in 1870. On all proper occasions, I have called the attention of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to this fact.

In a letter addressed to me, and dated Dec. 1, 1871, he says, "a communication has this day been addressed to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, requesting that the patents to the Winnebagoes be issued without unnecessary delay."

It is of special importance that patents be early issued to the Santee Sioux. This portion of the Sioux confederated tribes, is not recognized by the Government as a separate tribe, but is classed with the others, under the general head of "Sioux of different Tribes." The Government has reserved for the Sioux, the country lying between the Northern boundary of the State of Nebraska, and the 46th degree of North latitude, and the Missouri River and 104th degree of west longitude, with other Reservations occupied by them East of the Missouri River.

These Reservations, secured to them by treaty of April 20, 1868, do not include the lands occupied by the Santee Sioux, which are in the State of Nebraska and West of the Missouri River. Said lands were withdrawn from market by order of the Executive, March 1, 1866, and their possession by the Indians is de-dependant upon the pleasure of the President.

The Santees are satisfied with their home, have constructed flouring and saw mills, made other valuable improvements, and are now improving their allotted lands as rapidly as circumstances will admit. Efforts have already been made by interested parties for the removal of this tribe, and I desire to call the special attention of Friends to the situation. Should the pending bills for the sale of portions of Indian Reservations pass Congress, and the amendments to the Indian Appropriation Bill not have affected that portion of it relating to the Winnebagoes, it will become necessary to construct Manual Labor Schools on the Winnebago, Omaha and Otoe Reservations; and it is very important that proper plans for such school buildings shall be perfected. If there are Friends who have plans for the construction or arrangement of such buildings, for the tuition and boarding of say 75 pupils each, and the necessary teachers and caretakers, or have any valuable ideas or suggestions to offer thereon, and will gratuitously contribute them to this office, their labors will be properly appreciated and acted upon.

From recent report received from the Agent, it appears there are twelve schools on the Reservation, having 23 teachers - 9 of whom are males, and 14 females; 2 teachers of each sex are Indians; the number of scholars on the roll is 810, with an average daily attendance of 496. In addition to the above there is 1 evening school and 6 first day schools, which are well attended and their value appreciated.

These schools are all conducted in the English language, with the exception of the two Mission Schools, at the Santee Agency, which are taught in the Dacotah language. The influence of these schools for good is very great, and the parents in all the tribes where they are established, are not only favorable to schools but take a deep interest in them and the progress of their children in school learning. The Indians of Nebraska are improving in their condition and gradually advancing in civilization; and if

the present just and humane policy is continued towards them, I am firm in the opinion that the youth of the present generation, may be made useful citizens of the State.

Your friend,

BARCLAY WHITE,

Sup't Indian Affairs.

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The proceedings of the Committee were satisfactory to this meeting and the communications have tended? To stimulate us to press onward in the work and the Committee were encouraged to faithfully discharge all the duty which opens before them in relation to the Indians under our care.

The recommendation of the Committee to place at their disposal a sum of money to be used in their discretion to elevate and instruct the women in sewing and housekeeping was united with and our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of four hundred dollars for that purpose and pay it to the Treasurer of this meeting.

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The committee to settle with the Treasurer reported as follows:

We the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer, have examined his accounts and find in his hands \$181.04 due the meeting. We consider it not necessary to raise any money to defray the incidental expenses of the Yearly Meeting this year. We are united in proposing Jonathon D Noxon for Treasurer - On behalf of the Committee

6th mo 11th 1872.

Benjamin Chase

The report being united with it being understood not to affect the conclusion of the meeting in relation to the appropriation to the Indian fund and Jonathon D Noxon is appointed Treasurer for one year-

Jonathon D Noxon on behalf of the Committee on Epistles reported that most of their number had met prepared and now produced an essay of an epistle to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The essay being read was satisfactory, and the Clerk is directed to transcribe sign and forward a copy to each of the meetings referred to -

Our friend Rachel Hicks and Harriet E Stockly made us an acceptable visit at this time.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from Pelham Half Yearly Meeting to hold the Yearly Meeting at Yarmouth Ontario one third of the time proposing to report at this time. The meeting uniting therewith with the concurrence of Women Friends they presented the following report viz:

We the committee to consider the proposition from Pelham Half Yearly Meeting requesting that the Yearly Meeting be held one third of the time at Yarmouth Ontario have all met and are united in the Yearly Meeting

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granting their request -

On behalf of the Committee

Asa L Schooley

Pickering 6th mo 12th 1872

Jane R Searing

After deliberating thereon the meeting unites with the report of the Committee, and concluded hereafter to hold its sessions in rotation as follows. At Yarmouth Ontario in 1873. At Farmington N.Y. 1874. and at Pickering Ontario in 1875 and so on alternately. Womens Meeting concurring -

The Clerk is directed to have one thousand copies of the usual extracts printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings and call on the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

The business of the meeting being concluded and having been enabled in its transactions to witness the preserving sustaining and guiding hand of the Master of all rightly gathered assemblies, to preserve us in love with each other, to sustain us in forbearance and christian condescension and direct us in wisdom we feel to acknowledge the grateful emotions which fill our hearts and warm them toward each other, and under this precious influence we separate to meet in Yarmouth Ontario the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will

John J Cornell. Clerk

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held by adjournments Yarmouth Ontario by adjournments from the 9th of the 6th mo to the 12th of the same inclusive 1873.

By the reports received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following named friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz

From Farmington

Edwin Ewer, Stephen G Watson, William Cornell, Jesse Weeks and Joseph M Howland

From Scipio

Edward Eldridge, John Searning, Charles W Searing, Zebulon Hoxie & Ebenezer L Wanger? -

From Canada

Isaac Wilson, Joseph Tayler, Isaac Tool?, Cornelius White and Seth Armitage

From Pelham

Asa L Schooley, Daniel Zavitts, John W Scott, Samuel Haight, William Cornell, Jonathan Page and Richard Ward -

On calling their names all were present except one from Farmington, three from Scipio one from Canada and one from Pelham - and a satisfactory reason was given for the absence of one from Scipio

Certificates of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were received and read as follows

One for Samuel J Levick a Minister from Richland Monthly Meeting Pa

One for Sarah Hoopes a Minister from Birmingham Monthly Meeting Pa

One for Pierce Hoopes an Elder and companion of Sarah Hoopes from the same monthly meeting

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One for James F Birdsall a Minister from Purchase Monthly Meeting N.Y.

One for Anna M Birdsall an Elder from the same Monthly Meeting

One for Martha E Travilla a Minister from Birmingham Month Meeting Pa

One for Charles Teas and Elder form Horsham Monthly Meeting Pa.

One for Joseph F Schofield a member and companion of Ann Packer and Rebecca J Mason from Fall Creek Monthly Meeting Indiana

The following was subsequently introduced from the womens meeting

One for Ann Packer a Minister from Green Plain Monthly Meeting Ohio endorsed by Miami Quarterly Meeting

One for Rebecca J Mason a Minister from Maple Grove Monthly Meeting Indiana -

Their company is acceptable to us.

Epistles have been received and read from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings -

Those evidences of personal affection and kindred feeling manifesting there is still life in our body that the great concern and noble testimonies our forefathers felt called to bear and promulgate are still resting with their descendants, that there are those who are faithfully bearing the standard of truth before the world has been refreshing and encouraging to us.

To essay replies to them as way may open and report at a future sitting of this meeting the following friends are named. Viz. William Cornell of Pelham, Merritt Palmer, Samuel Haight, Jonathan D Noxon, Charles W Searing, John D Phillips, Isaac Wilson, Edwin Ewer, Rowland Brown, John P Hilborn, Henry E Zavitts, Joseph M Howland, Isaac P Armitage, Charles Wilson, Samuel P Zavitts & Charles W Haines -

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Propositions were received from Farmington Quarterly Meeting, one asking that the language of the 6th query be altered so as to read. "Do friends contribute to the support of a hiring Ministry? And the other that it be altered to correspond with the explanation given to by the Yearly Meeting in 1871. both of which heed the unity of mens and womens meeting after consideration the meeting concluded to appoint the

following friends to in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends to take the subject under their care and report at a future session of the is meeting Viz William Green, Benjamin Renouf, Edwin Ewer, Edward Eldredge, Charles W Searing, Charles W Haines, Joseph Tayler, Ellis Hughes, Jacob S Cronk, Asa L Schooley, Freeman Clark and William Cornell -

The following subject was also received from Farmington Quarterly Meeting - having been forwarded from Rochester Monthly Meeting for the purpose of getting a decision of the Yearly Meeting Viz In case of the birth of Children where parents are both members but of different Monthly Meetings in which shall the birth recorded - that of the father or the mother. Which was referred to the same committee to consider the subject in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends and report their judgment ??? at a future sitting of this Meeting -

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a friends for treasurer the following friends are appointed. Viz Benjamin Chase, Guerdin T. Smith, Charles W Haines, Edward Eldridge, Alfred Stephens, John P Hilborn, Samu^l P Cornell & John Minard.

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To preserve order in and around the Meeting house during the sessions of this meeting the following friends are named, Benjamin Chase, Samuel Haight, Henry G Zavitts, Joseph M Howland & Seth W Bosworth

As the time for which the representative Committee was appointed expires this year the following friends are named to in conjunction with a committee of Women Friends consider of and propose at a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable friends for that service Viz. Rowland Brown, Isaac S Phillips, John Marsh, Merritt Palmer, Thomas Stinson, Stewart Brown, Amos G. Canby, Mark Hughes, Hugh D Webster, Guerdin T Smith, W^m Cornell of Farmington, Benjamin Renouf, William Green, Edward Eldridge, Charles W Haines & Isaac Baker -

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their respective proportions of money called for by the Yearly Meeting last year raised and paid as directed.

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this meeting to consider of and propose at our next meeting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk.

Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning.

10th of the month and 3^d of the week

About the time adjourned to Friends again assembled

Asa L Schooley on behalf of the Representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for clerk and Jonathan D Noxon for assistant clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services for one year

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Our friend Martha E Travilla paid us an acceptable visit at this time.

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as presented by the answers to the queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. The following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. Most friends appear to have a care to attend all our meetings for worship a[nd] discipline but more particularly those held on first days whilst a remissness is manifested in many especially in the middle of the week and some almost entirely neglect them. The hour pretty well observed by the most not quite clear of sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behavior observed, and some care reported in the deficiencies noted.

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be maintained among us as becomes brethren except three instances. When difference have arisen care has been taken to end them, talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears except in 2 instances. Care reported in the exception noted.

Ans 3^d. Friends appear to be careful to keep themselves and children under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and endeavors are used by example and precept to train up their children in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, through deviations are reported in most of the branches of the query, care appears to have been extended towards those under tuition

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Friends so avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears except three instances of the use of intoxicating liquors to excess and care taken in the instances noted.

Ans 5. Care is taken to advise and assist those who are in circumstance to require it and all children under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business -

Ans 6. Clear of countenancing a hireling ministry except in five instances, one of which by the accomplishment of a marriage by the assistance of a hireling minister, the manner of countenancing by the other four not reported. Care extended in four of the cases -

Ans 7 - Friends are clear of bearing arms, complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof -

Ans 8th Friends appear careful to perform promises and pay just debts and exercise a care not to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession, though one instance of not performing promises and paying just debts and one of not paying a just debt and extending their business beyond their ability to manage are reported -

Ans 9. Care appears to have been taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

Ans 10th We believe they are

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The evidences of deficiencies in living up to our testimonies brought a lively exercise over the meeting and much pertinent counsel was handed forth, tending to encourage to greater faithfulness and dedication of heart.

The report that there was still a continued neglect in the attendance of our religious meetings, called forth much advice. It was shown that were we in a proper condition of mind, we would always enjoy them. And when they were not such seasons of enjoyment, we were exhorted to search out the cause, and when we find it to endeavor to draw near the Divine Fountain, that we may derive therefrom strength to eradicate all that stands in the way of that communion, to be found and known in these seasons for Divine worship.

The young were feelingly appealed to, while cultivating their intellectual powers, and caring for the needs of the physical, not to neglect the means provided for the development of their spiritual life, and they were shown that as they thus kept all their noble powers in that harmony of action designed by our Great Creator, they would witness a growth in Diving things - their highest happiness would be advances, and that for the attainment of this state, those seasons of silent communion when gathered with their friends would strengthen their spiritual growth, and prepare them to rightly regulate and cultivate their intellectual and physical powers.

They were encouraged to be faithful in the attendance of their small meetings, and assured that as they attended them, prayerfully seeking to withdraw the mind from the cares of the earth, and from all roving cogitations they would be blessed, though no human voice was heard in their midst.

We were reminded, that love to God first, and then to our neighbor, were our highest duties, and that when we were truly seeking the attainment of this state of experience we could not neglect the assembling ourselves together, The desire to commune with the Father, and to mingle with kindred spirits engaged in a common labor, would irresistibly draw us together to partake of the rich bounties ever found on the Lord's table.

We were shown that the strength and happiness to be derived from the feeling of united interest when thus bound by the strong bond of love, was early recognized by man, and the language of the Psalmist was brought to our remembrance.

"Behold how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. It is like the precious ointment upon the head that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garment. As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended on Mountains of Zion, where the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for ever more." And we were affectionately exhorted to cherish this bond of union, and when in unguarded moments we had listened to the voice of passion, and allowed anything to interrupt this flow of love, to be willing to do all in our power, even if necessary to acknowledge our error, that all may be kept in this holy bond of unity.

The careful training of the dear children was the subject of a lively exercise. It was shown, that it would be of far more value to them, to guard and protect them from all that could contaminate the mind and interfere with their spiritual growth, and to

gently with the bond of love and tenderness, lead them into the path of right devotion and love to God, than to leave them an inheritance of earthly things. And parents were exhorted to keep them near them, to enter into their feelings, sympathize with their joys and their sorrows provide for their innocent amusements at their own homes, and mingle with them when surrounded by their playmates, being careful not to exact too much from them, seeking ever to retain their confidence, and then as the parents were concerned to do all their duty and closely walk with God, they would be prepared to lead their children into that course of life which would be an honor to themselves and to the Lord. Then in the hour when called to their final account, as the query may be put. "Where are the Lambs committed to thy care in the wilderness." the answer may be, "Here they are Lord" - I have trained, I have nurtured them, and have led them to love Thee.

Our testimony against that great evil which is filling our land with so much sorrow and suffering, to wit; Intemperance, has taken a deep hold of our minds at this time, and although our reports show that we as a people are nearly clear of the use of intoxicating drinks, yet exercised minds feel that our mission does not end here, but as christians and philanthropists - we have a field of labor in which to work among our fellow men who are the sufferers, and the suffering from this evil, and we were exhorted that as this field appears to us to be already white unto harvest, to pray the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth more laborers in the field.

A concern was felt that we might also eradicate from our midst the use of Tobacco. We were shown that while it was rarely if ever of any benefit to the human system, its effects were often injurious to the body and enfeebling to the mind, and our young men were counseled not only to refrain from contracting the habit of its use, but to break the bond in which such a habit binds its victim.

We were feelingly exhorted to remember that in dealing with offenders the alone object was to restore, that where any departed from our principles, that love, which is the bond of our union, would prompt us to seek for the wanderer's return. And even when it became necessary to make a minute of disownment, that it should be done only under the feeling that it was the united judgment of the meeting that the offending one was in error and for the object to arouse a state of reflection in him that he might be induced to return. Hence the great care which should be exercised that all our dealings with such should be in that meekness born of the love to God and love to man, that seeks not its own advancement, but the highest good of the object of its care.

Then adjourned to the fourth hour to-morrow afternoon

Fourth of the Week and Eleventh of the Month.

At the hour adjourned to, Friends assembled in joint session.

The Committee on Indian Affairs presented the following report:

To the Yearly Meeting now in session:

Your Committee wish to state that they have attended to the subject entrusted to them with satisfactory results, believing that our labors have been thankfully received by the Indians under our care.

In accordance with the instructions of the Yearly Meeting, the committee employed Mary T. Freeman to go to the Santee Agency, for the purpose of instructing the Indian Women in domestic employments. She was to receive the \$400 appropriated by the Yearly Meeting, and \$100 which was furnished by Ohio Yearly Meeting, the same to be paid her in quarterly instalments, three of which have been paid, leaving \$100 in the hands of the Treasurer, due her.

We appropriated \$30, for the purchase of cotton batting to enable the Indian Women to provide for themselves suitable bedding.

We also furnished Mary T. Freeman, with \$15 to enable her to employ a female interpreter, in cases where she could not properly avail herself of the services of a male one. Her labors as reported to us, have been highly satisfactory.

Although she has been much inconvenienced by not having at her command a horse to enable her to make frequent visits to the remote families on the reservation, some of which were 15 miles from the agency buildings, yet she has assisted the women of the tribe to prepare and quilt 150 quilts, most of which had to be done at their houses or lodges, no room having been provided where she could invite them to come until within the past two months. Her services have been very laborious and we believe well performed. She writes to us that she was unable to accomplish only a small portion of the work that was necessary, there being employment for a number of women.

The committee was apprised, that a shoemaker was needed at the Santee Agency. The subject was referred to a sub-committee, who reported that after forwarding the case to the proper authorities, they were advised that it would have to be held on file until the seventh month, when an appropriation would be applied for, for that purpose.

The committee have forwarded 5 barrels of dried fruit, which together including cloth for quilts, amounted in value to \$75; paid for transporting the same, \$9.87, which has been furnished by gratuitous contributions.

Government has furnished each person a title to his or her allotment, which had been previously granted to them, restricting the sale of the same to Indians.

We are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to raise \$400, for the use of the committee, believing that it is important to continue a woman to instruct the Indian women in, house-keeping, thinking that it is the most practical way of civilizing them.

They also produced a report from Barclay White, Superintendent of the Northern Superintendency, and one from Joseph Webster, Agent at the Santee Agency, as follows:

SANTEE AGENCY, 5th Mo. 8th, 1873

My Dear Friend:

In reviewing our labor for the past year, the result may not be as satisfactory as we could wish, but I think as much so as we could reasonably expect - retarded, as it has been, by casualties over which we had no control.

The grist mill has been in operation most of the time. It was stopped a little while in mid winter, caused by the severity of the weather. The saw mill has been

running a large portion of time, until the middle of last month, when the building was demolished by a severe storm.

Most of the crops last year promised much better than the year before, the rain being sufficient to keep them growing nicely. This favorable aspect of affairs continued up to the first of eighth month, at which time we were visited by that scourge of this country the "migratory grasshopper." Their ravages, especially on the corn, were very serious. Their course was from north to south, passing through the center of the Agency, leaving the east and west end undisturbed. Large fields of corn far enough matured to insure a bountiful yield - were entirely destroyed.

One large field near the Agency buildings, belonging to individual Indians, planted and cultivated with great care - which we estimated would have yielded over one thousand bushels, was all destroyed, and this comprised only a fraction of their loss. The wheat was mostly gathered. But pumpkins, melons, beans, cabbage and turnips suffered severely.

The wheat did not yield as well as we expected, not much over one thousand bushels; although the straw was well grown and we estimated it at nearly double that amount. Potatoes yielded well. Some of the more enterprising Indians raised from one hundred to two hundred bushels, for which they found a ready market at 50 cents per bushel.

Their stock has been steadily increasing. Most of those who are on their claims, have chickens; a few of them have turkeys, a few have ducks and geese, and many of them have pigs.

On the 13th, 14th and 15th of last month we were visited by a storm unprecedented in its violence and duration, causing a heavy loss both of horses and cattle. One hundred and five ponies are known to have perished, besides some missing that have not been found yet. Forty-five head of cattle were lost from the same cause. It was not on account of the extreme cold, that caused so much suffering and loss of stock, but the great quantities of snow driven by the high wind, burying the cattle under huge drifts. To use the language of a local paper, "the snow seemed to fall in a solid body, torn into fine particles by the fierce wind, rendering the air so dense that it was impossible to see more than a few feet."

The Indians are feeling their loss very much. It is going to cripple our farming operations considerably, as most of these ponies were broke to the use of harness, and some of our best working oxen were among those lost. I am hiring all the available teams, but they are very few, and will nothing like supply the deficiency.

I cannot give a better idea of the feelings of the Indians on this subject, than by quoting some of their expressions in a recent council:

"Our Great Father has dealt merciful with us. We were once prosperous and rich. We listened to the council of bad men and rebelled against the government. We have been severely punished. Our once powerful tribe has melted away to a handful. We are anxious to convince our Great Father that our repentance is sincere by becoming industrious and Christian men. Our Great Father will ask why we have not become self-supporting! We are trying. We are not as smart as white people. They make a living where we would fail. Their small boys know more about farming than our

old men. We are willing to learn-we are learning. We are more easily discouraged by adversity than they. Last season we lost a large portion of our crops by the grasshopper. This spring a great wind came from the north, bringing with it a snow mountain which buried up and destroyed our horses and cattle; this has discouraged us much. Our Agent showed us a letter last fall, which he said came from our Great Father, promising us cattle to work with. We have heard nothing from it since, if we had them we think we could almost make a living."

These cattle they spoke of, are some that were promised by treaty stipulation, to all those who have moved out of their claims and are giving satisfactory evidence that they will make proper use of them.

Government has granted us an appropriation for building a house for a manual labor school. This is a realization of one of my most ardent desires. Hitherto the children have been taught exclusively by the missionaries, and almost entirely in the Dakota language. I do not wish to find fault with the labor of these. It is well as far as it goes. But the ultimate end of all our labor is to raise the Indian to the level of a useful citizen, and enable him to take his place as such among an enlightened community. This he can never do until he is able to speak and write the language of those with whom he is expected to live and transact business.

These were my sentiments when I first came here, and I have not failed to express them on every proper occasion. My experience has only tended to confirm me in the belief, that

*NOTE - The attention of the Commissioner on Indian Affairs has been called to the 9th and 10th Articles of the treaty with Sioux of different tribes, concluded Apr. 19, 1868, and a list of the Santees entitled to cattle under said treaty stipulations, forwarded to him. In reply, the Commissioner informs me "the subject is now under consideration by the department." Twenty-five hundred dollars have been received and forwarded to Agent, Webster for the reconstruction of the saw mill. ???
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this is the proper plan to pursue, to produce the best results. Neither can I entertain a doubt as to the success of the undertaking, believing it will satisfy our most sanguine expectations.

Mary V. Freeman's labor is well appreciated by the Indians. Although she, like the rest of us, may at times feel discouraged, this is but natural, for we all feel at times desirous of witnessing more immediate and rapid results. But when we take a retrospective view of a few years, the advancement is marked and clear. When Friends first took charge of affairs, the Santees were living in a village, ragged, dirty, and very destitute. Now most of them are living on their claims, and many of them have comfortable houses. On the first day of the week, they are neatly dressed, making an

appearance that would do credit to a white community. When we first commenced apprenticing the Indians to trades, they would get tired and leave in two or three weeks; they now work steady and will and are making good progress in the several branches. One blacksmith's apprentice has been at work over two years; two carpenter's apprentices nearly as long. Our chief trouble is, that we have more applicants than we have places for.

Your charitable gifts have been duly received and properly accredited. There are some things, especially dried fruit, that have been and will continue to be very acceptable. As it can only be obtained here at very high rates, and when judiciously used as a sanatory aid, had proved very beneficial in counteracting scorbutic tendencies.

I hope the time is not far distant when they will no longer need outside assistance, although we all know charity is good, blessing alike the giver and receiver, yet I would rather see these people stand alone, even if it were on the verge of suffering, than to become enfeebled by leaning too long on the bounty of others.

In conclusion, I would say, there never was a time since Friends first entered into this field of labor, that needed more vigilance than now.

The opposition to the present humane policy, having gained sudden strength and prominence, by the recent treacherous conduct of the MODOES, they will do everything in their power to convince the public mind that the whole system is a failure.

Hoping and believing that Friends are as much alive and interested now as at the beginning, and that opposition will only tend to awaken an increased interest.

Sincerely thy friend,

JOSEPH WEBSTER,

Agent for Santees.

To John J. Cornell.

Barclay White's Report

Since my last semi-annual report, peace and good conduct have prevailed among the Indians of this Superintendency.

No acts of violence between the Indians under our care and whites have occurred, except one trivial case of assault by one Indian, in defence of his property about being stolen from him by a white man.

"An atrocious murder of three Sioux Chiefs by two white men, and of two half-blood Sioux, by other members of their tribe, have occurred within the bounds of the Superintendency; these Indians were not under our immediate care. The particulars of the first named murder, as narrated by one of the murderers, was early forwarded to the Indian Department, from this office, and the depositions of witnesses to the last one, were recently taken by myself, under instructions from the Secretary of the Interior, and forwarded to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

"Entire harmony prevails between the Indians and the various Government employees among them, and I know of no difficulty existing, or likely to occur, to mar such feeling. Indian apprentices are placed in all the departments of agriculture and

mechanical trades when opportunity occurs; and they are generally making satisfactory progress."

Santee Sioux.

In the Fifth Month last, the Santees received certificates for their allotments of land in severalty:

These certificates give to the allottee, a life interest in forty acres of land, without the privilege of conveying or devising the same to any other person. Although this title is not so permanent as desirable, still, they consider that the Government has by this act, concluded not to remove them from their present home without their consent; and, have, in consequence given increased attention to agricultural pursuits.

Their hay has been secured better than ever before, and where the migratory grasshopper has not alighted, their crops of grain and vegetables have been large; and although many of them lost their entire crop by this insect, in consequence of the supplies furnished by the Government to the Tribe, no suffering is likely to ensue therefrom. The Indians of this tribe generally dress like white persons, and partake of their food at stated periods of time from tables.

A report circulated among them, that they were to be removed to the Indian Territory, caused considerable excitement for a time, but in [sic] has apparently subsided, and they are now directing their attention with increased energy to agricultural pursuits.

A snow storm, with violence unprecedented since the settlement of this State, passed over the western reservations on the 14th, 14th and 15th of Fourth Month; some stock was lost on the Pawnee reserve, the Santee Sioux saw mill was destroyed, and about sixty of their ponies, and forty-five cattle, including some of their best working oxen, perished. A special estimate has been forwarded to the department for funds to rebuild the mill, and its attention called to the fact, that under the treaty between the United States and different tribes of Sioux Indians, concluded April 29th, 1868, many cows and oxen are now due the Santees from the United States, and a list of the individual Indians to whom they are due, has been forwarded.

WINNEBAGOES.

With the exception of their oat crop, which was destroyed by hail, the agricultural efforts of this tribe have been successful, and the yield greater in quantity than heretofore. Besides securing their own crop, about two hundred of this tribe assisted the neighboring white farmers in gathering their grain. They have sown about six hundred acres of land in spring wheat, nearly two-thirds of which is upon allotments, and by Indian labor not paid for.

Title deeds have been received from the department, for an allotment of forty acres of land to each adult Indian desiring one; said deeds secure the land to the Indian and his or her heirs, with privilege of selling only to the United States or members of the tribe. Fifty comfortable dwelling houses, containing five rooms each, the interior and exterior covered with two coats of paint, and costing *six hundred and sixty-eight* dollars each, have been constructed or are now building on allotments of the most deserving

Indians. There is now every prospect that said houses will be completed and occupied by the middle of the Fifth month.

These houses are very popular, and are generally occupied as soon as finished. As each family moves in it is supplied with one cooking stove, one heating stove, one bedstead, four chairs, one cupboard, one farm wagon, and farm harness for two horses. Four acres of prairie sod are broken on each allotment, if the owner thereof requests it.

A contract has been let for the construction of an Industrial Boarding School House of brick, two-and-an-half stories high, for the accommodation of eighty pupils, at a cost of *fifteen thousand three hundred and eighty-eight* 70/100 dollars, this bid being but eight 30/100 dollars less than the next lowest one received.

The building has been well and conveniently planned by a skillful architect, and is to be completed, according to said plans on or before Tenth Month 31st next.

many good farm horses, agricultural implements and seeds have lately been distributed to members of this tribe. All these buildings, &c., have been, or will be, paid out of an appropriation from the invested funds of the tribe, as requested by the Chiefs in council, and granted by act of Congress.

Omahas.

The Omahas have been retarded in their progress by a deficiency of funds applicable for works of improvement. *Fifty thousand* acres of their reservation are now offered for sale, as whole, or in parcels of one hundred and sixty acres each, bids for which will be received by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs until the first of Sixth Month next. Soon after which time, it is hoped, a portion of the proceeds from said sale will be available for their benefit.

The three schools are well conducted, and their benefit appreciated by the tribe.

An arbitration for the settlement of all claims or difficulties between the Winnebagoes and Omahas, was held Seventh Month 1st last, at the council house of the former. By previous arrangement, three Indians, chosen from each tribe, their Agents and myself, were to constitute the Council. A large amount of claims were presented by each tribe, very few of which were supported by evidence. An award was made to individual sufferers in each tribe, to be paid out of the annuity of the other tribe.

This award has been approved by the Chiefs of each tribe in open Council assembled, and having received the assent of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, said award will be paid and settled, at the next annual payment of annuity, in money to said tribes.

Pawnees.

The migratory grasshoppers destroyed a portion of their corn, but there is probably sufficient left for their subsistence. Their mill dam was carried away by the spring freshets. This had repeatedly occurred, and has been the cause of much annoyance and expense.

The Pawnee Manual Labor School has not been as successful as desirable, and

a change of Principal has been made. The Day School, under the charge of Phebe H. Howell, has been well conducted, and is very popular with the *Skides* band, to which most of the scholars belong.

I have received timely notice of two Sioux war parties that had started for the Pawnee village. Both failed to accomplish their purpose.

A subsequent Report from Superintendent White, states that the Pawnees have lost one man and about two hundred horses by Sioux raids during the last six month. This loss, principally occurring while on the hunt in the Republican country, caused their return without the usual supply of meat and robes. They have consequently been in a destitute condition. I have just remitted to their agent *three thousand dollars* for the purchase of supplies, which it is hoped will prevent suffering.

There has also been placed in his hands, funds for the construction of dormitory to the Manual Labor School, and two additional day school houses, which will be built as soon as possible. Teachers have been appointed to conduct said day schools, who will collect, clothe and train their scholars while the buildings are in progress.

Depredation upon the timber of the Indian reservations, by white men, has been very extensive. It is difficult to recover damages for such trespass through the courts of law, and as litigation brought but little result, except the ill will of the offender, I asked the consent of the Commissioner on Indian Affairs to endeavor to settle with such persons as had trespassed on the Pawnee timber, without resort to the courts. Such consent was not given, with the instruction that those who did not pay for the timber taken, were to be proceeded against in the usual manner, and where settlements were made, it must be with the understanding that the parties cease from such.

Upon these conditions I settled with *one hundred and forty two* white men, who acknowledged they had taken from said reservation *four hundred and forty-three loads of wood*, and they paid for the same. The names of two others who had taken wood and would not pay for it, were given to the U.S. Marshal for arrest.

The Pawnees and Otoes are not yet prepared to dispense with buffalo hunts without a substitute in beef rations. This, I hope, Congress may grant in a future appropriation bill, but am not very confident of such a result. If a weekly beef ration could be substituted temporarily for the buffalo hunt in the tribes, now semi-annually leaving their reservations for that purpose, there would be full opportunity, with the proceeds from the land about being sold, to concentrate their energies upon the agricultural development of their reserves. The Sioux raids which have so much retarded the progress of the Pawnees, must soon be stopped by the white settlements now rapidly closing around their reservation.

Otoes and Missourais.

"The Otoes have forwarded to the department an official refusal of their consent to the sale of a portion of their reserve. This decision I very much regret, as the tribe appears to be much more settled than it was in the spring, and I am in hopes, with judicious prudence and care, may yet be diverted from the injudicious removal which was contemplated at that time."

"The funds of this tribe are so small that but little can be appropriated therefrom for their advancement in civilization. Their Agent seems to be respected and beloved

by them, and has much influence over them, but his efforts in their behalf have been thwarted by their unwillingness to devote much of their income to purposes of improvement. The Otoe School is doing a good work."

"The sum of nineteen hundred and seventy 70/100 dollars received from a railroad company for right of way across their reservation has been added to the Otoe fund. This disposition of it is not entirely satisfactory to the Indians, who do not well understand the principle of investment, and desire the proceeds in a tangible shape, as flour, bacon and beef.

I have recently held Councils with this tribe, and fully explained to them the provisions of the supplementary bill for the sale of their entire reservation as then *supposed* to have passed Congress. They held several private Councils among themselves, but had come to no conclusion upon these provisions, up to the time when I left the agency, and as far as I have heard, have yet made no decision. I have since then been officially informed that said bill did *not pass* Congress.

The Otoes are restless, but every opportunity will be given them to either improve their condition where they are, or, if they decide to remove, to protect their interests and enable them to procure a suitable home in the Indian Territory.

Great Nemaha.

The Iowas are progressing satisfactorily. The Orphan Home has been supported from the fund for "Civilization of Indians." A national debt due from a former trade, and an accumulation of interest on their trust fund, has been paid to their agent, "to be expended for such purposes as will promote their advancement in civilization." This sum will be of great service to them under the judicious expenditure of their excellent agent.

Agent Lightfoot is not constructing an addition to the Industrial Home Building; an appropriation of *ten hundred and forty dollars* having been made for that purpose, and the money forwarded to him. Their reservation has been surveyed, but as the original bill for its sale did not include that portion lying in the State of Kansas, provision was made for its sale in the supplementary bill spoken of above, providing for the sale of the Otoe reserve. As said bill did not pass Congress the reservation cannot be sold until after another session thereof. *Agent Lightfoot and the Sac and Fox Chiefs [off page]*

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probably now in the Indian Territory selecting a new home for the tribe.

"The Sacs and Foxes have accepted the provisions of the act for the sale of their reservation, and obtained the consent of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for their their Chiefs, Interpreter and Agent, to visit Washington, and confer with the proper authorities in regard to the purchase of land for their home in the Indian Territory, and the investment of a portion of the proceeds from the sale of their reservation, for

schools, and other purposes of civilization. If proper care and provision is made in the investment for such purpose, I think the tribe will be benefited by removal.”

“Upon a review of the progress made by the Indian Tribes under our care, I think we have cause for encouragement and renewed effort. We must not expect to make great changes in their habits and customs in a short period of time; the work will necessarily be a slow one, and require patient and faithful labor. That we are gaining the confidence of the Indians, I am satisfied. This is necessary, and the foundation of successful labor among them. The citizens of the State acknowledge the beneficial effect of our treatment of this people, and their hostile feelings towards them is lessening in consequence.”

“I believe there has been a improvement in their condition, and that the same wise policy and treatment that has lately been pursued, patiently and perseveringly continued, will ultimately accomplish all that their most earnest friends desire.”

Accompanying the interesting reports of Superintendent White, above referred to, is a detailed statement of the condition of the various schools in the Northern Superintendency, from which we glean the following facts, viz.:

Winnebagoes

There have been three schools until quite recently. One of the school houses having been destroyed by fire, some of the scholars from this are attending the other schools, while the house is being rebuilt. The studies pursued are *Reading, Writing, Spelling, Dictation, Arithmetic, Geography*, and object teaching. Whole number of pupils enrolled, one hundred and fifty. There is also a First Day School, at which the attendance varies from forty to one hundred persons, mostly men. The Chiefs take an interest in keeping up the school, and are mostly present.

Omahas.

There are three schools at present in operation. A fourth is about to be established for the benefit of a band of Indians about eight miles south of the Agency. One of the schools is known as the “Mission.” and is held in a large stone or concrete building, about three miles from the Agency. The attendance and conduct of this school is not as good as would be desirable. The schools taught by Theodore T. and Elizabeth H. Gillingham, were established two and a half years ago, of which the Agent thus speaks:

“The excellent order and discipline maintained, and the rapid advance of the children in learning, have been very gratifying and encouraging to us all. One afternoon in each week is assigned by Elizabeth to teaching Indian girls to sew, which they have learned to do very neatly; and, some of the larger girls have become quite expert at cutting out and fitting garments. Quite a number of these wear clothing of their own fitting and making.”

Two First Day Schools have been kept up for the benefit of the Indians and others - one near the Agency, and the other near the Mission building. The exercises embrace Scripture readings, in which, such of the Indian children as are capable of understanding, participate. Religious and moral pieces, adapted to their comprehension, are also read by the teachers. Some of the employees also assist in teaching, and it is hoped the exercises are productive of some good.

Pawnees.

During the past winter there have been forty-seven pupils in the Pawnee Manual Labor School, boys and girls of various ages, from five to seventeen years. Their course of study is *spelling, reading, writing, object lessons, geography, history, mental and practical arithmetic*. The girls are instructed in sewing, knitting, and general house work. The boys assist in the kitchen, laundry, wood-cutting, and out-door work on the school farm, receiving instruction thereat.

The Day School, which has been in operation about eighteen months, numbers thirty-two pupils, but the average number during the winter has been twenty. At present measles prevail and regular attendance is interrupted. The course of study in this school is *spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic and object teaching*. The girls have also been taught to sew and knit. Two school houses are projected, and one of them is in course of erection.

The teachers for these schools are employed in the Indian villages, giving instruction in the lodges, and ministering to their many needs. The progress of most of the pupils in the several schools has been as satisfactory as could be expected from their surroundings, and the facilities offered. While some are careless and indifferent to mental improvement, others are quite apt, showing a disposition to improve, and adopt the habits and customs of civilized life, and provide for their wants, both present and future.

Otoes.

There has been a very successful Day School and First Day School at the Otoe Agency. Said Schools are not now in session, on account of a change of Agent and Teacher, but will be opened again as soon as possible.

Iowas.

The Day School numbers sixty pupils, with an average attendance during the past winter, of thirty-five. Studies pursued, spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic and geography. Those who attend regularly are making good progress, both in their studies and in acquiring the English language.

There is also a First Day School which is quite well attended - seldom less than forty-five, and ranging from that number up to seventy-five in attendance. This school is divided into an adult Bible class, and three classes for children. The results of this school have been very gratifying, and the Agent is much encouraged.

Santee Agency.

There is, strictly speaking, no school under the care of the Agent, but there are two "Mission Schools." The average number of pupils attending the Day Schools is about eighty-seven, while the number attending their First Day Schools is much larger, ranging from one hundred and fifty to two hundred pupils.

The Agent has recently contracted for the erection, at this Agency, of a two-story frame building, forty-two by seventy-three feet, for the accommodation of an "Industrial Boarding School," for forty pupils, for the sum of seventy-seven hundred and ninety-four dollars; to be finished on or before the first of the Eleventh Month next.

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The proceedings of the Committee as well as the reports from the Superintendent were satisfactory to the meeting, and their recommendation to raise \$400 for the use of the Committee, for the purpose of defraying the expense of a woman to instruct the Indian women at the Santee Agency, in domestic employments, was united with, it being understood that the Committee shall use their endeavors to obtain the necessary funds from the government for that purpose, before using the funds appropriated by the meeting.

This information is directed to the observance of our Quarterly Meetings in the usual extracts.

The report of the Committee is directed to be printed.

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour to-morrow morning.

Twelfth of the Month and Fifth of the Week.

Near the time adjourned to, Friends convened.

The minutes of the Representative Committee were introduced and read, and the proceedings of that Committee were satisfactory to this Meeting.

A Memorial of Freeman Clark, concerning his wife, Deborah Clark, received from the Representative Committee was read, approved and directed to be printed with the usual extracts.

The Committee to whom was referred the propositions from Farmington Quarterly Meeting, report as follows:

The greater part of the Committee appointed to consider and report upon the propositions from Farmington Quarterly Meeting, are united in reporting, that they do not see their way clear in recommending the adoption of the change asked for in the 6th query.

And further, their judgment is, that the birth of the child referred to, should be recorded in the Monthly Meeting of which the father is a member.

Signed on behalf of said Committee,

Wm. Cornell,

Louisa Schooley.

After deliberation the Meeting concluded to refer the subject relating to the 6th query to our next Yearly Meeting for further consideration.

The Meeting is united with the report of the Committee, in relation to the record of the birth of children whose parents are members of different Monthly Meetings, and the information is directed to be forwarded to our Monthly Meetings in the usual extracts for their observance.

The Committee to consider of and propose the names of suitable Friends to constitute the Representative Committee, reported the following names which were united with and appointed to that service for three years:

Asa. L. Schooley,

John J. Cornell,

Benjamin Renouf,

Joseph M. Howland,

Seth Armitage,

Isaac Zavitts,

Samuel Haight,

Isaac S. Phillips,

John Stinson,
Charles W. Haines,
Edward Eldredge,
Guerdon T. Smith
Charles W. Searing,
William Cornell,
Daniel Zavitts,
Edwin Ewer,
Rowland Brown,
Cath: E. Bosworth,
Phebe W. Cornell,
Anna R Brown,
Lydia C. Webster,
Elizabeth Stinson,
Elizabeth Hilborn,
Phebe Jane Noxon,
Margaret Harris,
Sarah T. Weeks,
Elizabeth K. Phillips,
Sarah Ann Lossing,
Mary Griffith,

Elisha A. Griffith,
Jesse Weeks,
Jonathan D. Noxon,
James Pound,
Alfred Stevens,
John P. Hilborn,
Wm. Cornell, Pelham
Isaac Baker,
Freeman Clarke.
Phila L. Chase,
Mary T. Frost,
Jane R. Searing,
Susan D. Akely,
Amelia M. Hughes,
Esther Haines,
Judith H. Cornell,
Lillis Brown,
Ann E. Griffith,
Eleanor Bowerman,
Lydia Stinson.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer presented the following report:

We, the Committee appointed to settle with the Treasurer of this Meeting, have met and examined his accounts, and find in his hands \$16,06 due the Meeting, also \$127,31 subject to the call of the Indian Committee, \$100 of which is now due Mary V. Freeman, leaving a balance of \$27,31.

We propose that the Meeting raise \$75 for its use. Also we are united in proposing Jonathan D. Noxon for Treasurer.

On behalf of the Committee.

Benjamin Chase,
Samuel P. Cornell.

The report of the Committee being united with Jonathan D. Noxon is appointed Treasurer for one year. The report is directed to the observance of our Subordinate Meetings.

John D. Phillips, on behalf of the Committee to essay replies to the epistles received, reported most of them had met, and prepared an essay of one to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The essay produced, being read, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to transcribe, sign and forward a copy to each of the Meetings referred to.

The Clerks are directed to have fifteen hundred copies of the usual extracts, together with the Epistles received from the different Yearly Meetings, printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, and call upon the Treasurer for the expense incurred.

We have to acknowledge with thankful hearts our appreciation of the priceless blessing of being preserved in much affection and Christian condescension, during the transaction of the business for which we have convened, and under a feeling sense that we owe our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for this preservation - that the bonds of love have been strengthened, hope renewed, new resolutions formed for more dedication of heart in the future - we feel that it has been good for us thus to have mingled together, and with the hope that the lessons of instruction received, may not be lost amid the cumbering cares of earth, and that the precious seed which has been sown and found a lodgement in our hearts, may grow and bring forth fruit to the glory of the Great Husbandman, we adjourn to meet at Farmington, N.Y., the usual time next year, if so permitted by the Divine will.

JOHN J. CORNELL.
Clerk.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Farmington N.Y. by adjournments from the 15th of the 6th mo to the 18th of the same inclusive 1874

By the reports received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears the the following Friends have been appointed Representatives to this Meeting Viz:

From Farmington

Sunderland P Gardner - Solomon A Howland, Benjamin Chase, Elisha A Griffith, Isaac Baker, Norman B Davis, Geurden T Smith and Burling Hoag

From Scipio

Edward Eldredge, Ebenezer L Wanger, William P Sisson and Charles W Searing

From Canada

Joseph B Wilson, Rowland Brown, Seth Armitage, Jacob S Cronk and Isaac Wilson -

From Pelham

Daniel Zavitts, William Cornell, Samuel Haight, Joseph Priestman, Richard Ward and James Power.

On calling their names all were present except one from Scipio for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Certificates of unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meeting were introduced and read as follows -

One for Geo Truman a minister from the mo mtg of Philadelphia Pa

One for Sarah Hunt a minister from Chester Monthly Mtg - N.J. endorsed by Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting

One for Ann Packer a minister from Green Plain Monthly Meeting Ohio

One for John W Haines an elder and companion of Sarah Hunt from Chester Monthly Meeting N. Jersey

One for Anna J Foulke a minister and companion of Sarah Hunt from Gwynedd [Gwynedd] Monthly Meeting Pa

One for Joseph Schofield and Amanda his wife members and companions of Ann Packer from Fall Creek Monthly Meeting Indiana.

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Epistles have been received and read from our brethren of New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meeting.

These epistolary greetings bringing to us the intelligence of the character and nature of the exercises which have claimed the attention of these our brethren in their annual assemblies manifesting an evidence of a continued effort and care on their part to support our precious principles and present them for the thought and acceptance of our fellow men, to call them from a formal and outward profession to a real and true prominence? of an interest in the fountain from whence all true happiness flows have solemnized our feelings and encouraged us to faithfully strive to do our part in the great work. To essay answers thereto as well as one to Friends of Ohio Yearly Meeting as way may open and report at a future sitting of this meeting the following friends were named Viz. Samuel Haight, Sunderland P Gardner, Benjamin Renouf, William G Barker, John D Phillips, Isaac Wilson, William S Sisson, Asa L Schooley, Isaac Baker, Charles W Haines and Jonathan D Noxon -

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts, report what sum it may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer the following Friends are appointed -

Geurden T Smith, William Green - John C Peckham, William P Sisson, Jacob S Cronk, John Hilborn, William Cornell - and Samuel Haight.

The subject in relation to changing the language of the 6th query to make it correspond with the decision of the Yearly Meeting of 1871 referred to this Meeting from last year now claiming the consideration of the Meeting it was concluded to appoint the following friends to in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friend consider the subject and report at a future sitting of this meeting - Viz

Benjamin Chase, Solomon A Howland, George O Fritts, Elisha A Griffith, Samuel F Dickinson, John L Searning, Charles W Searing, Edward Eldredge, Rowland Brown, Isaac S Phillips, John Stinson, John P Hilborn, Isaac Zavitts, Freeman Clark, David M Bears and Hugh D Webster

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The following minute was forwarded from Pelham Half Yearly Meeting Viz: The proposition from Norwich Monthly Meeting to have the error or omission in printing the memorial of our late esteemed friend Deborah Clark also to have the memorial printed in the original language in which it was written. Now claiming the attention of this Meeting, Friends are united in forwarding it to the next Yearly Meeting we having the

unity of women friends. After a time of deliberation it was concluded to refer the subject to the representative committee for its consideration and judgment.

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the several sittings of the Yearly Meeting the following friends are appointed viz.

Rowland Brown, William Green, Nathan L Aldrich, John P Hilborn and Jacob S Cronk -

On Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their respective quotas of the sum called for by the Yearly Meeting last year raised and paid as directed

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this meeting to consider of and propose at our next sitting the name of a friend for clerk and one for assistant clerk

Then adjourned to the 11th hour tomorrow morning -

16th of the Month and 3d of the week.

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened

Rowland Brown on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for Clerk and Jonathan D Noxon for assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered were united with and they appointed to those services for one year

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The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as presented by the answers to the Queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings the following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st Our first day meetings appear to have been attended by the most of Friends. While those for discipline and those held near the middle of the week continues to be much neglected by many. The hour is pretty well observed. Not all clear of sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behavior reported some care has been taken in the deficiencies noted -

Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to have been maintained as becomes brethren except in two instances on which care has been taken. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, and friends exercise a care to avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction with an exception from two meetings.

Ans 3^d. There is a care with some friends to Keep themselves and children in plainness as queried after and endeavors are used to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, though deviations are apparent with others - We know of no want of care towards others under tuition-

Ans 4th Except three instances of using intoxicating liquors as a beverage and one of frequenting taverns friends appear to be clear as regards this query -

Ans 5 The poor have been cared for and their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business -

Ans 6 - Three instances of accomplishing marriages with the assistance of hiring ministers and three of contributing to their support as such are reported in all of which care has been taken.

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Ans 7 - Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof -

Ans 8. Five instances of failures to perform promises and pay just debts and one of extending their business beyond ability to manage are reported in all of which care is reported.

Ans 9 - Care appears to have been taken to deal with offenders as queried after, though not in all cases as seasonably as would have been best -

Ans 10th We believe they are -
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During the consideration of the several testimonies as represented by the queries, much exercise was felt, and salutary counsel was offered.

We were reminded that the maintenance of our religious meetings was synonymous with the maintenance of the Society, and were incited to more diligence in their attendance. While it was thought that even those who frequently absent themselves from them, still had a desire for the preservation of the Society, that they would be very unwilling to see the organization broken up; yet unless there was more faithfulness on their part, our meetings must eventually go down. A deep feeling was expressed for the younger members, that they might be enabled to experience more of those heavenly influences, which flow into the heart from the performance of this obligation, when entered into with a devotional spirit, and the older members, the fathers, were particularly called on to envince by their faithfulness the benign effects on them, that they may draw the young minds around and to them, and thus strengthen them, that all may work together for the promotion of the great life work, the promotion and growth of the inner and higher life.

Our attention was called to the reflection, that the concern of the older members for the continuation of the organization, was not because they expected to reap so much of the benefit of it, as they must soon pass away, but as they had experienced a preserving influence from their association with it, that it had aided them in fulfilling the duties of their life work, that from it they had found a strength to persevere in their devotion to their God; so they felt desirous that the same hallowed influence should be thrown around the young, that they too might also partake of the benefits in which the old are rejoicing. The young were counseled to be alive to their higher interests, that they might realize the true joys to be found therein, and then they would uphold the hands of their older brethren, and in this united labor all would be brought into a near unity in the bond of Heavenly peace.

We were feelingly exhorted to remember the counsel of Jesus to "love your enemies," and to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness. It was shown us that as we cultivate this spirit and carried it out to the extent he indicated, that of not only forgiving seven times a day, but seventy and seven times, we would find no time to indulge in harness or ill will, because to maintain this condition of mind, would require a constant watchfulness over ourselves, and in this we should be preserved from magnifying our brother's fault, and the bond of unity would be kept unbroken.

It was also shown us that as we were faithfully engaged in our great life work, the salvation of our immortal souls, it would increase our love and confidence in God, and from this would flow out a love for our fellow man, which would incite to seek their higher and best interests irrespective of sect or class, and would irresistibly draw us to mingle with kindred spirits to offer worship and praise to the Great Supreme.

Those living where the meetings were small, were encouraged to be faithful in their attendance of them, for the good Master was there, and as they were concerned to they would find that as Divine love became the ruler of the heart, that where but the two or three are gathered, He would be in their midst.

We were reminded that the great basis on which our religious edifice is to be reared as established by Jesus, was to "Love one another," and our early fathers discarded creeds and forms of this; it was the one cementing bond between them, and was the means through which they wielded so powerful an influence, and experience in this our day, shows that it alone sustains all that is good and pure. And we were counseled to examine and see whether we were building upon that basis, whether we were rearing a structure at once enduring, and of such beautiful proportions as to draw to us. If the fathers show that their lives are built upon such a basis, they will draw their children to them, and the same holy influence will extend over all, and a preservation will be witnessed from every thing like tale-bearing and detraction, and all will become as children of the family of God.

A deep concern was felt for a careful, guarded education of the children, and we were admonished to take more care in this respect, to seek to throw around them in their early years, while the mind is plastic and susceptible of impressions which shall be durable, such influences as shall induce them to love our principles, and make them their rule of action.

We have not been unmindful of our great testimonies against intemperance, war and a hireling or paid ministry, and although but few remarks were made respecting them, still a feeling was evident that there is a deep concern resting with us that they be faithfully maintained, and we are assured that as we [smudged] this Divine love the

basis of our religious structure, and are engaged to closely watch over and against everything which will tend to draw us from this foundation, we shall not only witness a preservation of our own higher life, but will then be qualified to bear and carry out these testimonies before men, to the honor and glory of our Heavenly Father.

Our friends, Sarah Hunt and Ann Packer, made us an acceptable visit at this sitting.

Then adjourned to the 4th hour to-morrow afternoon.

Fourth of the week and 17th of the month.

About the time adjourned to, Friends convened in joint session.

The committee on Indian Affairs made the following report, viz:

*From the Committee on Indian Affairs to Genesee
Yearly Meeting of Friends:*

Your committee attended to the concerns entrusted to them as soon as was practicable, and instructed its sub-committee to arrange, care for, and carry out the necessary details, and the following is a synopsis of its proceedings and the results.

Soon after our last Yearly Meeting we called the attention of the Clerk of the Executive Committee of the six Yearly Meetings, to the necessity of calling a joint convention of delegates from those Yearly Meetings, to consider the propriety of taking some action by which there might be a better understanding in regard to carrying out the pledge given the government, that we would send a committee to visit the agencies at least once a year. For some reason unexplained to us, the original plan agreed upon in joint convention in 1870, to send a committee to visit all the agencies on the same visit had been neglected, and the larger Yearly Meeting had sent their committees to the particular agencies under their care. In accordance with our request, and for the transaction of some other business, a convention was called to meet in Baltimore, in the 10th month, at which this matter was fully discussed, and the conclusions arrived at are appended to this report.

The committee also took prompt action in endeavoring to secure the services of a suitable woman to teach the adult women the necessary art of housekeeping at their own homes, and to bring the subject of compensation of such a person before the proper authorities at Washington. On writing to the Agent of the Santee Agency, and requesting him to bring the matter before the Commissioner on Indian Affairs, he informed us that he had had a personal interview with him, had presented the subject to him, and he frankly admitted the necessity of the employment of such women and thought there was work for two in that direction, and that he would use his influence to have an appropriation made to compensate them; but during the present session of Congress an effort has been made to retrench the expenses of carrying on the government, and we have not been able to get the appropriations made, but would recommend that should the Yearly Meeting see its way clear to appoint another committee, that that committee urge this matter upon Congress through the Central Executive Committee residing near Washington, as we feel confident that we shall ultimately be successful. The subject has claimed the attention of the other Yearly Meetings associated with us; and Baltimore Friends have a woman in that capacity among the Pawnees, and New York Friends are looking for one to go among the Winnebagoes. The success attending the labors of the Friend at the Pawnee as well as of the one sent by us to the Santee Sioux - we think, will convince the Government of the propriety of its compensating such employes as one of the most useful of its efforts in civilizing the Indians.

Before we had secured the services of a competent person for such a position, the small pox broke out among the tribe in its most malignant form, so that out of 150 cases which occurred, there were some 70 deaths, and under these circumstances we did not deem it advisable or prudent to send any one there until a more healthy condition had been restored. We were also advised by the Agent to wait until we had sent a committee there the present spring, before sending any one to fill that position that an arrangement might be perfected which would render the labors more effective, hence we did not forward any one until about the 1st of 5th month, when

Julia Kester was sent on, the committee agreeing to pay her the amount appropriated by the Yearly Meeting last year.

During the early part of winter we were notified by the Agent that the Industrial School building was completed, and that an appropriation had been made for the last quarter of the present fiscal year ending 1st of 7th month next, and requesting us to make arrangements to secure the necessary employees in accordance with a plan previously agreed upon by the Superintendent of the Northern Superintendency; the Agent of the Santees, and Friends of Ohio and Genesee, who were to consist of a matron, a nurse, a seamstress, a cook, a laundress, and a steward.

The committee at once made use of the means within their reach, and secured the services of the matron, seamstress and steward, and we recently learned that Ohio Friends have engaged a cook. The Agent had secured the services of a nurse, who, however, withdrew her application, hence the position of nurse and laundress are as yet unfilled. For the particulars of the opening and the future prospects of the school, we would refer to the accompanying report of the visiting committee.

In accordance with the arrangement made by the joint convention held in Baltimore in the 10th month last, the committee selected Charles W. and Jane R. Searing to go to the Agency; examine the practical workings of affairs; give such advice as might seem to them to be necessary, and report, which report is hereunto appended.

Soon after our last Yearly Meeting, reports came to us reflecting unfavorably upon the conduct and efficiency of the Agent and some of the employees. The committee were called together in special session to consider what action it was best to take, at which meeting it was decided to refer the matter to Superintendent Barclay White, with the charges and specifications, and request him to make a thorough and searching investigation. In compliance with our request the superintendent visited the Agency, examined the employees, and other persons to whom we had been referred, under affirmation and forwarded the testimony taken to the sub committee, refraining from making any comments thereon except to point out such legal bearings as were necessary to explain something complained of. The sub-committee carefully examined the testimony forwarded, and were unani-

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mous in the opinion that the charges and complaints made were in every instance either unsustained by the evidence furnished, or were satisfactorily explained, thus vindicating and sustaining the integrity and efficiency of the Agent.

The Committee have paid from the general fund during the past year, the following sums, viz:

For expense of delegate to Baltimore.....\$22 00

For proportion of expenses incurred by Central Executive Committee.....28 86

Upon the abatement of the small pox the Agent informed us that they had been ordered to destroy the clothing of the infected, and there would be need of some second hand clothing to prevent suffering among them during the winter. The sub-

committee called the attention of Friends to the subject, and articles of clothing were collected and forwarded to the value of \$215 at a low estimate.

In conclusion, we would say, that while our labors for the past year have occupied our attention more closely than during any previous year of our appointment, we feel much encouraged at the prospect opening before us, and would recommend that the Yearly Meeting continue its interest in the subject by the appointment of another committee, believing that we shall soon see more of the fruits of our efforts in behalf of these people.

Should the Yearly Meeting conclude to appoint another committee to continue its care and interest in the concern, we would recommend that the Yearly Meeting raise \$150 and place at the disposal of the committee for incidental expenses.

Benj. Chase, Clerk.

FARMINGTON, 6th mo. 15th, 1874.

APPENDIX No. 1.

At a meeting of the delegates of the Six Yearly meetings of Friends on Indian concerns, having charge of the Northern Superintendency, held 10th, 30th, 1873.

The present arrangement of the Yearly Meetings for the prosecution of Indian concerns; being under consideration, it was concluded that the present organization should be continued with this change; that the Friends of Genesee and Ohio Yearly Meetings shall hereafter have the privilege of selecting their committees for visiting the Agency under their care from Friends of other Yearly Meetings, and that the expense attending these visits, shall be borne *pro rata* by the Six Yearly Meetings; the other Yearly Meetings each bearing their own expenses. The *pro rata* percentage of Ohio and Genesee be hereafter 7 per cent, for Genesee, and 5 per cent, for Ohio. The committees of the Yearly Meetings are requested to send committees to visit the Agencies under their care, at least once in the year, and they shall forward a copy of their report to the Secretary of the Convention of Delegates, whose duty it shall be to furnish copies thereof to the correspondent of the Indian Committees of each Yearly Meeting.

Information of a change of agents shall be furnished in the same manner. Any expenses attending these duties shall be borne *pro rata* by the Six Yearly Meetings.

Extracted from the minutes.

Wm. Dorsey, *Secretary pro tem.*

APPENDIX No. 2,

To the Committee on Indian Affairs of Genesee and Ohio Yearly Meetings:

The undersigned, having been appointed by your sub-committee to visit the Santee Sioux Indian Agency, in Nebraska, "to examine the accounts of the Agent; see that the money placed at his disposal as well as other property has been properly applied and accounted for; to observe his general management of affairs; to inquire after each employe, with a view to finding out his or her fitness for the position they occupy, and the manner in which they have performed the duties confided to them. In a general manner to look after the workings of Friends at the Agency. To make such suggestions and render such advice as in their judgment will be for the benefit of the

Indians, and the maintenance of the high trust confided to Friends in the oversight of a much injured people, report as follows:

In the early part of fifth month last we proceeded to fulfill our appointment, arriving on the reservation the 10th of the month, and leaving the 21st. We went by the way of Omaha, spending nearly two days with Superintendent Barclay White, who received us very kindly, and appeared willing and anxious to give us all the information in his possession. With his assistance we went over some of the accounts of the Santee Agency, to show the manner in which they are kept, and he expressed entire satisfaction with the Agent, saying that at none of the Agencies in his charge were the affairs better or more economically managed.

We have spoken, and shall continue to speak of the place where the Indians are located as their "Reservation," but it seems right, here to say, that it is not in a proper sense, a Reservation at all, not having been secured to them by treaty stipulations. The President withdrew it from entry and sale to white men, removing some who had already settled there, and located the Indians on the land. Should the President at any time withdraw his prohibition, all the land not already allotted to the Indians, could be taken up by white men. The land which has already been allotted to these Indians is secured to them on the records of the Land Office at Washington. There is not perhaps any likelihood that this will be done while the present Executive remains in power, but great efforts are being made by some of the people of Nebraska to bring it about. Should they at any time succeed in inducing the President to withdraw the prohibition, the effect on the Indians would be disastrous.

Even now the Agent, who is active and untiring in his efforts, has not succeeded in stopping entirely the sale of liquor to the Indians, and with unprincipled men settled on the reservation it would be impossible.

We could not ascertain the exact number who have not applied for land but are entitled to it, but both the Agent and Farmer say it is small, and they give as a reason for not applying for it that they think of crossing the river into Dakota and taking up land there. Within the last three or four years about seventy families have done so, and are doing well, having become citizens and many of them voting at the last election. The reservation lies on the south bank of the Missouri river, extending back an average distance of fifteen miles. And is twelve miles wide, making four whole townships and two fractional ones, and containing about 115,200 acres. The accompanying diagram of the reservation, prepared by

George Truman, the farmer, will show the location of the Indians on their lands. The land on the river, suitable for cultivation, known as the "Missouri Bottoms," has all been allotted and is mostly very good, but in some places is rather sandy. Above this bottom land is what is called a bench, which is some twenty or thirty feet higher, and on which the Agency buildings and Mission houses are situated, and which extends back to the foot of the hills and is very fertile. The rest of the land suitable for cultivation is found in the valleys of the creeks which run through the reservation. The Bazille creek is the largest of these, coming from the south and falling into the Missouri river near the west line of the reservation with a branch coming from the east. On this creek is the Grist

Mill, about ten miles from the Agency, and here we found the best land and the best improved farms on the Agency. Much the largest part of the reservation is composed of what is called "Missouri Bluffs," high steep hills, entirely unfit for cultivation, but good for pasturage, though destitute of wood and water. We have thus endeavored to show where and how the Indians are located before describing the situation in which we found them.

On arriving at the Agency, the Agent, Joseph Webster, and all the employes showed us the greatest kindness, and endeavored in every way to forward the object for for which we had come. The Agent having sent the Government Interpreter to Omaha with some Indians, as witnesses to procure the indictment of persons who had been selling liquor on the reservation, to Indians, very kindly detailed Joseph Steer, the blacksmith of the Agency, and who was well acquainted with the Dakota language, and had been longer with the Indians than any other person there, to accompany us in visiting them. Until Friends had the control of the Agency, the Indians were all or nearly all collected in the immediate vicinity of the Agency buildings, depending altogether on the rations issued by the Government, and doing little or nothing on the land for their own support. Now? they are settled over the reservation where there? Was? Wood and water, some of their settlements being as much as fifteen miles from the Agency. This makes the visiting of them a far more laborious but much pleasanter task.

We first visited some of the houses in the immediate vicinity of the Agency, among others, that of Iron Elk, one of their head men and once considered to be a great orator, but now owing to ill health and partial blindness, not taking an active part in their affairs. We endeavored to encourage them in having their children educated in the Government school and in the English language, and he expressed much satisfaction in having one established where they would be instructed in it, as the missionaries have heretofore taught them altogether in the Dakota language.

The substance of what he said and also of what was said by Paul Abraham, a deacon in the Congregational church, whom we likewise visited, was taken down by Joseph Steer and is appended in this report. We visited the settlements up and down the Missouri from the Agency and those on Lost Creek, Cook's Creek, Bazille Creek and East Bazille, some houses on the latter as much as fifteen miles from the Agency.

We found the Indians very generally, both men and women, planting corn, but mostly in small patches, some of them planting several of these.

The small pox last fall prevented them from plowing much then, and was a great discouragement, consequently there was not a great deal of wheat sown this spring; but the Agent and the Farmer both said, and we could see for ourselves, that they were trying to plant all the corn they could.

The Commissioner of Indian Affairs visited the Agency last fall, and directed that the land which had been worked by the Government employes should be allotted among the Indians, which has been done accordingly and they are not cultivating it.

It seems hard work for them to break up their land in the first place, but when once broken they have no difficulty in working it, and it would be a great help to them could they have some more broken for them. The commissioner also told them at the expiration of the present year (30th of 6th month) the Government would stop giving

them any rations, but he promised them oxen, lumberwagons, and harness for their ponies. He accordingly sent them at that time 43 wagons, 50 yoke of oxen, 50 cows, 20 sets of harness, and there has been distributed among them in all, about 100 wagons, 75 yoke of oxen and a number of sets of harness. These have been of great service to them to work their land, draw the materials for their fences, (which before they had been obliged to carry on their backs), and take home their rations.

It was the opinion of the Agent that the entire withdrawal of them rations would have a disastrous effect on the Indians, and might cause many of them to leave the reservation, although he approved of a reduction in the amount. He thought that pork, tobacco, soap, coffee, sugar and salt could be discontinued entirely, and that the rations of flour and meat might be reduced. On making these representations to the Commissioner of Indian affairs, he concluded to allow them something, but the amount was not known when we were there. At a council held with the Indians on the 18th of 5th month, the Agent informed them of this, and they appeared much pleased to hear they were to be allowed something from the Government.

The clothing which will be issued to them this year, will be in the piece instead of ready-made as heretofore. The estimated cost of the clothing asked for is \$5,442,85. Last year the cost of clothing was \$15,521,42. We attended the weekly issue of provisions, and the amount given to each Indian, great and small, was five pounds of beef, three pounds of flour and one-half pound of sugar; and nothing else was issued at that time, although in addition to these, they previously had coffee, tobacco, soap and salt, which had been discontinued.

While at the Agency we endeavored to make ourselves acquainted with the condition of the Indians there, visiting them in different parts of the reservation at their houses. These are built of logs, with a board floor and what is called a dirt roof; this is made by covering the rafters with boards on which they put tarred sheathing paper, and covering the whole with eight or ten inches of dirt. The Indians put up the logs for themselves and the Agent furnishes them with flooring, boards for the roof, and the doors and windows, also a bedstead, a cupboard, and a cooking stove. Some that we visited were neat, clean and comfortable, giving evidence of good house keeping, while others were filthy and in much disorder. The men appeared to have adopted the usual

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kind of citizens dress, while the women adhere to the blanket or shawl as a covering for the head.

Several that we talked with expressed a wish to have their children educated in the Government school and in the English language, but this school has many adverse circumstances to encounter. Just before it was opened, thirteen or fourteen boys of a suitable age to attend it, were taken from the Agency to the Mission school at the Yankton Agency, nearly fifty miles west, and among Indians said to be far less civilized than the Santee Sioux; still, if the Government supports the school, by making the necessary appropriation to carry it on, we have no doubt but it will succeed. I have the support and co-operation of the superintendent and the Agent. The matron in charge seems well fitted for the place, and active in her efforts for the benefit of the school.

The position of laundress and nurse were unfilled and that of cook only temporarily supplied when we were there. It had been recently opened and the employees necessarily lacked experience, but there was a marked improvement in the pupils in the short time we stayed.

The Government has put up a good building for the school at an expense of nearly \$8,000, and it seems unlikely that it will suffer it to fail for the want of the small appropriation necessary to carry it on; but at the last account they had had no notice that any had been made. The school is intended for forty pupils, twenty of each sex. At its opening there were present twelve boys and six girls. When we were there they numbered seven boys and eight girls, some of the boys having been taken out to assist in planting corn. It looks as if one of the greatest difficulties might be the unsteadiness of the attendance. Since our return we have been informed that the number of boys was again twelve, and the Agent thought there would be no difficulty in securing the whole number intended when they were fully prepared to receive them.

Julia Kester, the young woman who went out with us as Village Matron, visited the Indians with us on the reservation, and when we left was ready to commence her duties. She had been provided with a house at the Agency, where the Indian women could come to her for instructions in sewing, and the various branches of housekeeping, and by a letter received since we returned we learn that she has commenced visiting the Indians at their houses. There is a number of families that can be reached without difficulty by walking from the Agency, but there are many that are settled at various distances off, up to fifteen miles. These it would be impossible for her to visit on foot or along, and at the suggestion of Superintendent Barclay White, we requested Agent Webster, in his estimates for the coming year, to include a pony for her use and for the pay of an Indian woman who can speak the English language, and a pony for her to accompany the matron in her more distant visits. He promised to do so, but whether they will be granted he thought somewhat doubtful. If they should not be, her usefulness will be much impaired by the want of them. In visiting the Indians at their houses we say in many of them the benefit they had received from the labors of the former Matron, in the nice patchwork bed quilts and other evidences of good housekeeping.

In the second month last, a petition addressed to Hon. E. P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian affairs, was got up by one of the missionaries on the Agency, who evidently wishes to supplant Friends in its control and signed by eleven Indians, one of whom is a Chief, asking for the removal of Agent Webster and the appointment of someone in his place. The reasons given for this were, that he had failed to eradicate all the old Dakota customs; that there were those who after marriage abandoned each other, there is conjuring, and parties go off to begging dances, that there was wife-stealing, and there was drunkenness among them, all of which they say the Agent is unwilling to put an end to. They also state in their petition that the Agent gives no attention to Government, that he is not helpful, that he is not merciful, that he is not industrious. These grave charges were first brought to our notice by Superintendent Barclay White, who expressed his entire disbelief in the truth of any of them, saying he knew the source from whence they emanated. He gave us a copy of

the petition to show to Agent Webster, who was until then entirely ignorant of its existence, and requested us to say to him that he had the full confidence and support of his office, that the whole thing was illegal and irregular, and that he had not thought it of sufficient importance to notify him of it. We know for ourselves that some of the most important charges made in the petition are false, the Agent having, while we were there, at the cost of a good deal of trouble and expense procured the indictment of persons who had sold liquor to Indians on the Agency. He also tried an Indian during our stay with them who had stolen a plow and taken it over the river and sold it, sentencing him to get the plow back and return it to the owner, and that his rations should be stopped until he had done so, thus showing that he paid some attention to Government.

The answer of the Agent to the charges contained in the petition, and certified to by the Farmer, the interpreter, the carpenter and the blacksmith of the Agency accompanies this report. We will add that at a council held with the Indians at which we were present, there was no dissatisfaction shown with the Agent, except in regard to the sawmill which they thought should be enclosed, and that they had not been furnished with as much lumber as they wanted. In this, we think they were unreasonable when all things are considered. The saw mill was blown down in 4th month, 1873, and it was not until the 1st of 9th month that the new engine was in, and the saw mill ready to run.

Soon after this, the Government barns and stables were burned, and it took all the lumber they could saw for some time to rebuild them. When we left the Agency the carpenters were busily engaged in enclosing the mill. The minutes of this council, as taken down by C. H. Searing, are forwarded with this. Agent Webster furnished us with every facility for examining the accounts and everything connected with the Agency. We did so, to the best of our ability, and believe they are well and correctly kept. The system of keeping the accounts is such, that it seems to us impossible that there should be anything wrong except there was absolute forgery or collusion with the officers at Washington. Every three months an accurate return has to be made to the officer at Washington, under 561 different heads, of all the property on the Agency belonging to the Government, and at the end of that time every article has to be accounted for, as well as those received during that time. The accounts are made quadruplicate, one is sent to the Superintendent at Omaha, one to the Commissioner of Indian affairs, one to the Second Auditor, and one retained in the office. That these accounts are closely scrutinized

is shown by the fact that in one case they were suspended and an entirely new set had to be made out for the reason that the agent had accidentally omitted to account for one paper of harness needles. We saw no occasion to suggest a different practice from that in use, except in one case. The beef cattle furnished the Agent by the Government contractor, are generally from Texas, and are sometimes very wild. It is often difficult to get them on the scales to weigh them, and the Government allows the weight to be estimated, if the Agent and contractor can agree. We advised the Agent to weigh the cattle in all cases when it could be done, thus avoiding all suspicion of collusion with the contractor. We had no reason to suppose that any wrong had been done in this way,

as Superintendent White informed us that the average weight of the cattle delivered at the Santee Agency was 100 pounds less than at the other Agencies, though they were all supposed to be of the same kind. We think Friends were fortunate in securing the services of so able, efficient and honest an Agent as we believe Joseph Webster to be.

George Truman, the farmer, has an arduous duty to perform, his business bringing him in close contact with the Indians, showing him their ignorance, indolence and unthriftiness. We think that both by example and precept, he and his son, John Truman, the assistant farmer, are endeavoring to better their condition in these respects. The carpenter, Wm. J. Phillips, has been detailed by the Agent as clerk, it being impossible for one person to perform all that is required of the Agent, there being no provision made for a clerk. This being sanctioned both by the Superintendent and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. Charles Hill, the assistant carpenter, has three apprentices who have become quite skillful workmen, capable of doing any common job of carpentry. They were busily at work all the time we were there. Joseph H. Steer, the blacksmith, has been longer there than any other white person. He has two apprentices who are both good workmen and capable of doing anything in that line that they are likely to be called upon to do. John A. Phillips, the miller, has one apprentice, who is competent to run the mill when everything is in order, but could not as yet take the care of it. He is learning to dress the stones, and will probably before long be master of the business. The position of miller is an unpleasant one, the mill being ten miles or more from the other buildings on the Agency, making it very lonesome for him. Of the other employes on the Agency, aside from the school, Dr. Eagle, the physician, and James H. Baskin the interpreter, we can only say their service are acceptable to the Agent. From all that we could see or learn at the Agency, we believe that the Agent and all the employes are working together in harmony for the good of the Indians.

About one year ago the Superintendent received notice that the Northern Superintendency would be abolished, and to close up the business of the office, as the Agents who had reported to that office would be required to report to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, direct. From some cause this order was revoked and the office continued for another year.

When we were at Omaha the Indian appropriation bill was before Congress, and the item for the support of the Omaha superintendency had been stricken out. Whether it has been since restored we do not know. Should this superintendency be abolished it will be a question for the serious consideration of Friends whether they should not withdraw from the Santee Agency. The Santee Sioux are the only tribe of the great Sioux nation among whom, Friends have an agency; there has been for many years two missions established among them, who, although not in harmony between themselves, are not pleased with the position Friends hold on the Agency. The place of Indian Agent, always a vexatious one, would under these circumstances and unsupported by the superintendent be a hard one. With this report we give an extract from the report of Agent Webster to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated 9th, month 9th, 1873; also the monthly report of the same to the same for 4th month, 1874, together with the reports of some of the employes for the same month.

Since our return we have received from the farmer the report of the planting done in 5th month, from which it appears that the Indians have planted 416 acres of corn, 46 of potatoes, and 36 of other vegetables. We were pleased to find that they kept up a Friends' meeting on first days, which we attended with satisfaction, nearly all belonging to the agency being present; it is held in the school room. The health of employes and Indians was good, but the small pox made fearful ravages among them last fall and winter; the number of cases were 151 and the deaths 73. By a census taken since the sickness it appears that the whole number of Indians is 834.

All that are employed on the Agency expressed the belief, that an earlier visit of Friends would have prevented some of the misunderstandings which have arisen as well as have cemented us more closely in feeling.

The total expense incurred by us in the performance of this service is \$220.52.

Charles W. Searing

Jane R. Searing.

SANTEE AGENCY, NEB., 5th mo., 16th, 1874

Chas. and Jane Searing, Indian Committee of Genesee and Ohio Yearly Meetings.

Dear Friends: - In reply to some charges contained in a petition purporting to have been gotten up by certain Indians belonging to this tribe, and interpreted, as well as certified to, by A. L. Riggs - I will make the following statement:

The charges contained therein, so far as they relate to the existence of certain evils among the Indians of this Agency, are mainly correct. But the charges preferred against the Agent wherein the petitioners say "he is unwilling to put a stop to these things," are false in the fullest sense of the word.

For instance, that of "drunkenness," I will show by some records that I have not only been willing to render them assistance in suppressing the evil, but have earnestly endeavored to detect the guilty parties. In proof of which I offer some quotations from my official correspondence.

In my monthly report, dated 2nd month, 4th, 1874, the following occurs: "Some of our Indians on several occasions succeeded in obtaining liquor from persons as yet unknown to me, although I have used every endeavor to find the guilty party. Within the last few days, however, I have received information which may lead to their detection and conviction."

On the 10th of same month the following record occurs: "To U. S. Marshal, Omaha, Nebraska: - Some of our Indians have been obtaining liquor from some parties outside of the Agency. I think i can present clear evidence against two of them - one John Hayse, better known as Jack Hayse, residing a few miles below the

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Agency, in what is known as Burleigh's Timber; the other is a Mr. Bennett, keeping a saloon at Niobrara."

And one the same date to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs: "I herewith enclose a note to the U. S. Marshal. I think I have evidence to intimidate, if not convict

them. It has been worse this winter than ever I knew it before. I have endeavored to find who the guilty were, but have not succeeded until now."

I might quote more of the same import, but this is enough to show that I have been alive to the concern, and vigilant in my endeavors to suppress an evil that seems to break out periodically among the Indians.

One of the other charges contained therein are very weak, and were evidently intended to have effect upon those only who were not familiar with Indian habits and customs. The missionary, who was the projector of this, must have had great confidence in our efforts to civilize the Indians, to be willing to hold up the idea that we should be able to uproot ALL their life-long usages and superstitions, within the space of three or four years, while their mission has been laboring among them for the last FORTY years, without being able, according to their own stating, "to put an end to all the old Dakota customs," I will say a word in way of explanation concerning the charge "wife stealing." It is one of the old "Dakota customs" for parents to fix a certain price upon their daughters, which in said petition is not brought to light. Now in some cases, as is reasonable to suppose, there will be mutual attachments springing up between the young folks, and it often happens in such cases that the young man is unable to pay the exorbitant demands of the parents. In such cases the young folks go off quietly without the paternal consent, which in the parlance of the "old Dakota custom" is termed "wife stealing," and absolves the young man from any further obligation to the parents. It was only a few months ago that just such a case occurred with the daughter of one of the signers of the said petition. Now you will readily perceive that instead of petitioning to break up the "old Dakota custom," it seems rather a plea to perpetuate it. So far from encouraging the abandonment of each other, I have on several occasions compelled them to be lawfully married.

Very sincerely, your friend,
Joseph Webster.

We, the undersigned, employes at Santee Agency, certify to the correctness of Agent Webster's statement.

James H. Baskin, U. S. I.
William J. Phillips.
Joseph H. Steer.
George S. Truman.

My Dear Friends: - I am always glad to see the white people who visit our tribe. I am pleased to have you in my house; it is a poor one as you see, but it is the best I can do now.

Six years ago my eye sight failed me, and I felt very much discouraged, but I prayed to the Great Spirit for assistance and he has granted it. My arms have been strengthened and I have been enabled to provide a moderately comfortable home. The Great Spirit heard my petitions and has been merciful unto me.

I have two children - a son and a daughter - and send them to school; they are doing well. I want them to grow up industrious, good citizens.

I have only a small portion of my farm under cultivation, but will soon have more. I have two horses, a cow and calf and some chickens. I hope I may soon be comfortably fixed.

Paul Abraham.

My Friends: - You have come a great distance to visit my people. I am an afflicted old man, cannot see you, but am glad to know you are here. I have made two visits to see my great father at Washington, and visited your country. I am now an old man and cannot hope for much more in this life, but I want to tell you how I feel in regard to the new school just opened. Many years ago my father went to see our great father, who promised to establish an Industrial school for us, where our children could be taught industry and wisdom.

We waited for the fulfilling of the promise many years but were disappointed.

Missionaries came amongst us and taught us the Bible, but we need what we now have.

When I visited our great father, six years ago, he promised me this school. I have waited long for it, and I am now happy to know that our children have an opportunity to learn wisdom and several industries.

The missionaries can teach them many good things on the Sabbath, and I now earnestly hope they may grow up a moral and wise people.

Iron Elk.

*Council held at Santee Agency, Nebraska, 5th
Month, 18th, 1874.*

Present - The U. S. Indian Agent, Joseph Webster, the U. S. Interpreter, James H. Baskin, Charles W. Searing, Jane R. Searing, Mary K. Brosius, Julia Hester, Dr. Eagle and C. H. Searing - whites. Wabashaw, head Chief of the Santees, Hocke Waste, Moc-pe-a-doo-ta (Red Cloud), Yellow Medicine, Chiefs of bands, and also their head men and thirty or forty other Indians.

The interpreter speaking for the Agent introduced the Friends, who he said had come to see them and note their condition and the progress they had made.

They represented Genesee and Ohio Yearly Meetings and came to give us such advice and encouragement as they see we need. This lady many of you know; she is the matron of the school we have just opened. This lady in the centre they brought with them to visit you in your houses, and have you visit her in hers. She is to take Mary Freeman's place and teach your women to cook, sew, &c. The Superintendent had sent them word that he wanted them to save their ashes to make soap with, and he hoped they would do it.

C. W. Searing. - The Agent has told you of my errand. I am a farmer, and not much used to talking. I have been pleased in going around among you to see how much land you have got broken, and hope you will keep on till each of you gets a nice large field that you can work. You have been waiting a long time for this school to

open, and now that it is opened I hope you will send your young men and women to it to learn the English language, as there are very few book printed in Dakota, and a great many printed in English. We had thought

before we came that your Agent was doing you all the good he could, and now we have been and seen, we know he has.

Wabashaw. - Every once in a while there is a strange man drops in here, and he is so glad to see him and to hear him speak. He has been in council a great many times, has been to Washington and spoken with the President. He likes to see the ladies, and does not suppose we can teach them anything. He has heard for three months that you were coming, and hoped you would bring them great news. He was glad to see anybody from Washington, and to have them speak to these young men. You have spoken in high tones of the school and the Agent, and he was glad if they were situated to suit you. You have seen their houses, fences, &c., and may suppose the white men did this, but you are mistaken; these men yo see did it. You have seen the houses from the outside, and they say they look very well, but if you went inside you would not find them so nice, unless they knew you were coming, as they think some of those you visited did, and fixed up some for it. When you go back I hope you will tell the people just how we are situated, no better, no worse.

Hocke Waste. - You have come and spoken to us of our houses and farms, and I am glad to see you. We all know we have got to make our own living soon, and so we have adopted the white man's dress and gone to work. He too was a farmer, and not used to talking. Doesn't suppose he can learn you anything about farming, but will tell you how he does. They cannot et fence enough. We want good fence and a large lot fenced in. We have worked pretty hard, and I think one or two killed themselves carrying posts, &c., before we had teams. The greatest thing the white man has done for us is the mill. These large lots you see is the work of Major Stone, a former Agent. The saw mill ought to be covered over, as everybody knows the iron will rust if it is not; even the Indians know this. There are a few white men to give advice, but it is not so easy to follow it; the Agent always promises to do everything we want, but fails to do it sometimes, probably on account of some of the employes. But they live so much better than they used to do, that they ought not to complain.

Mac-pe-a-doo-ta (Red Cloud), - You have come to see what the Agent has done for us, and what we have done for ourselves. We do not claim any credit, but give it all to a higher power. First in authority is the Agent, and then down there are a number of employes, and I do not dislike any of them. The Great Father has given us a piece of land and wants us to live on it, and we mean to do our part as well as we can, but have not the means to do it, as you have seen, having been around among us. Have lived here five years, and have lived in stables and holes in the ground, but he does not blame the Agent for that, but the Government. They have made some advancement though; have two blacksmith's apprentices, three carpenter's apprentices and a miller's apprentice. If the Government dropped them they would have to go back.

Yellow Medicine, - I expect I will offend some one, but I shall speak the truth. I am an Indian, but the Great Father wants I should live and dress like a white man. I

can neither read nor write, and am not of much account. There are three old chiefs, the rest were appointed by Agent Janney. Each chief has to look out for their own band, and now is the time to speak. They would like to have a Government committee come out and see them; the Friends do not take interest enough in them. Last summer the Commissioner was here, but he was in too much of a hurry, he only said a few words and was off. The grist mill is all right, but the saw mill is no good. There is not a frame house here built by it. I have got lots of children and mean to do the best I can by them, and want them to learn to speak English.

The Agent, - You remember the Commissioner told you when he was here that he should not give you any more rations after the first of July. I wrote to him, giving him reasons why he should give you something more, and now I will tell you what I have not told you before, that I have heard from him and he is going to give you something yet. We are having the hardest time for money we have had since I have been here, and I have borrowed money to run the saw mill what we have run it.

C. W. Searing. - I have been a farmer long enough to know you cannot farm without tools, and I was glad you had so many plows and good wagons, and hope they will get more. Some of your land is better than where I live, and I believe you could make a living off of it if you once got it broken.

Lumber sawn for the year ending 8, 31, - 71, 165,000 ft.

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“ “ from 7, 1, - 73 to 5, 15, -74, 45,000 “

Saw mill was blown down 5th mo., '73. Fall of same year a new engine was put in and frame for building put up. The carpenters are now at work completing it.

Maj. Stone is accredited with doing the fencing; there is no fence now standing on the Agency put up by Maj. Stone.

W. J. Phillips.

Extract from the report of Agent Webster to E. P. Smith, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated 9th month, 1873

The health of the tribe is improving some, but there are retarding causes which it will require years to overcome, one of which is syphilis in its varied forms, and not unfrequently terminating in scrofulous consumption.

The Indians have received a fresh impetus to engage in farming operations, since the Commissioner's visit here and his officially notifying them that their subsistence would be discontinued after this present fiscal year. So far, with few exceptions, they neither complain nor seem discouraged, but accept it very cheerfully, expressing their determination to show by their efforts that they intend to make a living.

I have grave doubts, however, about the propriety of discontinuing altogether their subsistence. I would suggest that the flour ration be continued one year longer, for this reason: Many of them will not have ground enough broken to commence raising wheat the first year. It need not be issued regularly, but might be left discretionary with the Agent to be given to the able bodied ones for actual labor performed, in lieu of

money; and the old, infirm and sick to be cared for as they are now. Unless something of this kind is done, I am satisfied that there will be actual suffering, especially amongst the latter class.

The past season, like the one previous, has been re-

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markably good, plenty of rain to keep the crops growing nicely, although it was too wet early in the spring, retarding planting to some extent on the bottom lands, and during the "June rise" of the Missouri, some of these lands so badly overflowed, that in a few places the crops were entirely destroyed.

The migratory grasshopper threatened the crops at two different times; they came over in the 6th month and again in the 8th month, but did not alight in sufficient numbers to do any practical harm, although large clouds of them passed over at each time.

The grist mill has been running pretty constantly except a brief time in mid-winter and a short time in the spring, when the dam was impaired by heavy spring freshets.

The saw mill was operated up to about the middle of 4th month, when the great snow storm came and demolished the building; it was also ascertained by inspection that the boiler could no longer be run with safety. It has been replaced with a new one and is now in running order.

There have been thirty additional houses put up this summer, mostly by Indian labor. The carpenter and his apprentices are kept busy making door and window frames, cupboards, benches, tables and chests, repairing machinery, etc.; the object is to furnish each house with a cupboard, table and chest. There are about half of them thus furnished.

The blacksmith and apprentices find plenty to do shoeing in the winter, and repairing machinery in the summer.

The physician complains of lack of hospital accommodations; a few hundred dollars would supply the necessity

*Copy of Monthly Report from Santee Indian
Agency, for 4th month, 1874.*

Santee Agency, 5th month, 1874.

Respected Friend: - The several requisitions contained in official letter, 14th ult., will be complied with. I herewith inclose reports from the heads of the several departments of the Agency.

A large portion of my time during the past month has been devoted to office work, as it is the time of making up my quarterly accounts for the first quarter, 1874.

I have taken time, however, to visit the school and other departments of labor at

least three times a week. Besides this, I have visited in company with the Interpreter, nearly every part of the Agency for the purpose of counselling as well as stimulating the Indians to increased industry, as it is the season of the year that requires an effort on our part to awaken an interest in their agricultural pursuits.

The Manual Labor School bids fair to become a success, providing funds shall be allowed for its continuance. The opening of this school is something that I have looked forward to with an earnest belief that the result it would produce (for the means expended) would be far greater and more satisfactory than anything we have yet accomplished. I do not wish in any way to disparage the well intended efforts of our missionary helpers, but it is very evident to my mind that an elementary training in the Dakota language will be at best but a poor qualification to enable them (the Indians) to transact business with their white neighbors. I sincerely hope you may see the importance of this enterprise and lend your influence toward sustaining it.

Very Respectfully, thy Friend,
Joseph Webster,
U. S. Indian Agent.

Hon. E. P. Smith,
Commissioner Indian Affairs,
Washington, D. C.

Santee Agency, 5th month, 1874.

Joseph Webster,

U. S. Indian Agent: - During the month past, a number of our Indians have sown portions of the plowed ground on their farms to grain, amounting in the aggregate to 100 acres of wheat and 10 acres of oats. A greater breadth would have doubtless been sown had the ground been properly prepared in the fall, but the then prevailing epidemic and the incredulity of the Indians as to the termination of their supplies by Government, prevented this; however, we shall endeavor to urge them to expend their energies in planting a greater amount of corn than heretofore.

I have issued to the Indians during the past month, 170 bushels of wheat, 20 bushels oats, 15 bushels onion sets, 15 bushels beans, 750 papers cabbage seed, and 175 bushels Early Rose potatoes. I have also issued to those entitled to them, and who have not been heretofore supplied, 6 cooking stoves, 15 plows, 20 harrows and 4 yokes of oxen.

Respectfully submitted,
Geo. S. Truman, Farmer.

Santee Agency, 6th month, 2874.

Respected Friend: - In reporting the operations of the flour mill for the 4th month, I have to say that I have ground 1000 bushels wheat gristing, for settlers outside the reservation, and four hundred bushels for general issue, for the Indians. During the fore part of the month the water was so low that it was rather difficult grinding, but this has been remedied by raising the dam, and now the mill is in good working order.

I remain, with respect, thy Friend,

John A. Phillips, Miller.

Joseph Webster,

U. S. Indian Agent.

There were also reports in detail of the work accomplished by the blacksmith, carpenter and sawyer and respective apprentices.

To Joseph Webster,

U. S. Indian Agent for Santees:

I have the honor to report as per instructions received April 23, 1874, that the following cases have been treated:

No.		Remarks
1 case	Erysipelas of the face	Cured.
1 “	Pneumonia,	Infant, died.
1 “	Aphonia,	Relieved.
2 “	Neuralgia,	Cured.
5 “	Conjunctivitis,	Under Treatment.
1 “	Ulceration of cornea,	“ “
4 “	Catarrh,	Relieved.
10 “	Indigestion,	Cured.
1 “	Sprain,	Cured.
1 “	Opacity of the cornea,	Under treatment.
1 “	Remittent fever,	Cured.

28 Total.

I will here state that there has been a great many applications for treatment which I have been unable to prescribe for in consequence of the supply of medicine having run out. I would therefore recommend that a supply be procured as soon as practicable; warm weather is now upon us, and unless medicine can be furnished, a great many deserving cases must suffer in consequence thereof. I have not been in charge of this department a sufficient length of time to report on the dirt and general hygienic condition of the Indians, they having just passed through an aggravated epidemic of variola, would of necessity be in something of a discouraged condition, but

through the untiring energy of the Agent and his assistants, the Indians are getting comfortable houses, etc., which will add materially to the health of the tribe.

Respectfully submitted,

Thos. B. Eagle, M. D.

Santee Agency, Nebraska, April 30, 1874.

Santee Agency, 5th mo., 4th, 1874.

Respected Friend: - Santee Manual Labor School opened 4th mo., 22d, with eighteen scholars - twelve boys and six girls, the Agent and Interpreter being present. The Matron then, through the Interpreter, explained to the children for what reason they were here. We think they have tried very hard to do right, and they certainly are improving. Only three of the employees are at the school, consequently we cannot give them as much time as we could wish, there being so much outside work to attend to.

Respectfully,

Mary K. Brosius, *Matron*.

To Joseph Webster, *U. S. Indian Agent*.

The report on being read, was satisfactory to the meeting, and the recommendations to continue our care of these much injured people by the appointment of another committee, and the appropriation of \$150 for the use of such committee, to defray incidental expenses, were united with, and our subordinate meetings are directed to raise their respective proportions of that sum, pay it to this Meeting's treasurer, and report.

The report was directed to be printed with the usual extracts, and a committee was appointed to consider of and propose at our next sitting the names of Friends to constitute a Committee on Indian Concerns for the next three years.

The minutes of the Representatives were now introduced and read and their proceedings were united with, and the clerk of this Meeting is directed to have a sufficient number of copies of the proposed clause of discipline printed and forwarded to our subordinate Meetings for insertion in their books of discipline, and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

The Meeting concluded to reconsider the action of the Representative Committee in regard to the Memorial of Deborah Clark, and the clerk is directed to have 1,000 copies of the Memorial reprinted in pamphlet form, with the clauses or paragraphs, which were accidentally omitted by the printer last year, inserted, distribute the same among our subordinate Meetings, and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

The adjourned, to the eleventh hour, to-morrow morning.

Eighteenth of the Month and 5th of the Week.

A memorial, concerning our friend Elizabeth Baker, deceased, endorsed by Scipio Monthly Meeting, by Scipio Quarterly Meeting, and the Representative Committee, was read, approved, and directed to be printed with the usual extracts, Woman's Meeting concurring.

Also a memorial, of Rochester Monthly Meeting, concerning our friend Joseph Thorne, deceased, endorsed by Farmington Quarterly Meeting, and the Representative Committee, was read, and approved, and directed to be printed with the usual extracts, Woman's Meeting concurring.

The committee to consider the propriety of altering the language of the 6th query so as to conform to the decision of the Yearly Meeting in 1871, reports as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the subject of changing the language of the 6th query so as to conform to the decision of the Yearly Meeting, report: They have given attention to the subject and way does not open to make any change at this time.

On behalf of the Committee,

John L. Searing,

Eleanor Bowerman,

Farmington, 6th mo., 16th, 1874.

After a time of consideration, the Meeting decided not to concur with the report, and concluded to alter the language of the 6th query so as to read, Do any accomplish their marriages by the assistance of a hireling minister, or contribute to support of a hireling minister, because he is such? Women's Meeting concurring. The clerk is directed to have 500 slips of the decision of the Yearly Meeting in 1871 in relation to countenancing a hireling ministry, printed, and distributed among our subordinate meetings, for insertion in their books of discipline, and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer, report as follows, viz:

The committee to settle with the Treasurer report, they have attended to the duty assigned them. They find in his hands \$14.45 for incidental expenses of the Yearly Meeting. They find further a balance of \$40 due the Treasurer, on account of the Indian Concern, and would recommend the raising of \$150 for incidental expenses. On considering the subject of filling the position of Treasurer, they are united in proposing the name of Jonathan D. Noxon for that service.

Signed in behalf of the Committee,

Wm. P. Sisson.

The report being satisfactory to the Meeting, Jonathan D. Noxon is appointed Treasurer for one year, and our subordinate meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sums named in addition to the sum appropriated for the use of the Committee on Indian Affairs, pay it to the Treasurer of this Meeting and report.

The Friends appointed to nominate a committee on Indian Affairs, report as follows:

The nominating Committee on Indian Affairs nearly all met, and were united in proposing the names of the following Friends for a committee to have charge of Indian Concerns for three years, viz:

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From Farmington Quarterly Meeting.

Seth W. Bosworth,
Sunderland P. Gardner,
John J. Cornell,
Benjamin Chase,
Jonathan D. Noxon,
Guerdon T. Smith,
Norman B. Davis,
Tristram Russell,

Phebe W. Cornell,
Judith H. Cornell,
Catharine E. Bosworth,
Abigail D. Thorn,
Philer L. Chase,
Sarah K. Sheldon,
Phebe Jane Noxon,
Sarah Jane Russell.

From Scipio Quarterly Meeting.

John Searing
Charles W. Searing,
William P. Sisson,
Charles W. Haines,
Samuel F. Dickinson,

Sarah D. Searing,
Esther Haines,
Jane R. Searing,
Mary S. Peckham,
John L. Searing.

From Canada Half Yearly Meeting.

Ellis Hughes,
John D. Phillips,
Reuben Noxon,
Isaac Wilson,

Eleanor Bowerman,
Almira Armitage,
Lillis Brown,
Amelia Hughes,

Rowland Brown.

From Pelham Half Yearly Meeting.

Samuel Haight,
Asa L. Schooley,
Daniel Zavitts,
Joseph Priestman

Phebe Haight,
Lovisa Schooley,
Serena Minard,
Clarissa W. Clark.

The names proposed being satisfactory to the meeting, they are appointed to that service for three years.

Samuel Haight, on behalf of the Committee to essay answers to the epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, reported that the greater part of their number had met, and conferred together, and were united in presenting an essay, to be forwarded to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, The essay being read, was approved, and the clerk is directed to transcribe, sign, and forward a copy to each of the meetings referred to.

Benjamin Chase, Jonathan D. Noxon, Benjamin Renouf, and Sunderland P. Gardner, are appointed, to have 1,000 copies of the usual extracts, together with the epistles receive from other Yearly Meetings, printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, and call on the Treasurer for the expense.

Having concluded the transaction of the business for which we have assembled, and under a feeling of anxious solicitude for the preservation of each member of the Society in that bond of love that protects from all that can harm, we adjourn to meeting a Pickering, Ontario, the usual time next year, if permitted by the Divine will.

JOHN J. CORNELL,
Clerk.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Pickering Ontario, by adjournments from the 14th of the 6th month to the 17th of the same inclusive 1875

By the reports received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following friends have been appointed representatives to this meeting viz

From Farmington

Oliver P. Hull, Solomon H. Howland, Sunderland P. Gardner, Seth W Bosworth, John M Davis, Benjamin Chase, Samuel H Russell and Abram L Griffen

From Scipio

Charles W Searing, Allen Hoxie, Edward Eldredge and George C Powell.

From Canada

Isaac Wilson, Oliver S Phillips, Stewart Brown, Aaron S Tool and John P Hilborn -

From Pelham

Samuel P Zavitts, John W Scott?, John Minard, Elijah Zavitts, Robert Wilson, Daniel Zavitts, William Cornell -

On calling their names all were present except one from Farmington, two from Scipio and three from Pelham

Certificates of unity for friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were read as follows

One for Stimsonson Powell a Minister from Westbury Monthly Meeting N. Y.

And one for John W Pierce an elder and companion of Stimsonsen Powell from Chappaqua Monthly Meeting N. Y.

Acceptable Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. On reading them we find occasion for thankfulness in the evidence furnished by their contents that

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our brethren are so faithfully engaged in the Lords work. And we have been comforted and incited to greater diligence in the performance of our own duties.

To essay replies thereto as way may open the following friends are appointed viz:

Benjamin Renouf, Sunderland P Gardner, John Searing, Asa L Schooley, Samuel H Russell, John P Hilborn, Isaac Wilson, John D Phillips, Samuel Haight and Jacob S. Cronk -

And as we are informed by the epistles from Baltimore and Indiana Yearly Meetings that a new Yearly Meeting is about to be opened in Illinois the committee are requested if way open to prepare an epistle to that Meeting.

Farmington Quarterly Meeting informs that they are united and have the concurrence of Woman Friends in holding the fall Meeting of that Quarter at Farmington instead of Mendon as heretofore and forwards the subject to this Meeting for its approval

on Consideration the Meeting unites with the proposition and directs the information to be forwarded to ??? Meeting in the usual extracts womens meeting concurring.

The Same Meeting also forwarded the following minute viz;

Our Women Friends inform that in consequence of a want of uniformity in our meetings in time of prayer, that after weightily considering the subject they are united in remaining seated during said time of prayer, also in forwarding the subject to the Yearly Meeting for its consideration. After a free expression of views thereon the meeting unites with women Friends in forwarding the subject to the Yearly Meeting.

The following Friends are appointed in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends to take the subject into consideration and report their judgment thereon at a future sitting of this meeting viz

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Sunderland P Gardner, John M Davis, William G Barker, Solomon ??? Howland, Allen Hoxie, Edward Eldredge, John C Peckham, John Searing, John D Phillips, Isaac Wilson, Jacob S Cronk, Alfred Stevens, Isaac Zavitts, John Minard, David M Bears and Freeman Clark.

Scipio Quarterly Meeting inform they are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to ??? the Quotas on the Several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings which is referred to the following committee to consider of and report at a future sitting of this meeting viz: Guerdon T. Smith, Benjamin Chase, Seth W Bosworth, Edward Eldredge, Allen Hoxie, John C Peckham, Levi Dennis, Eli Hilborn, Reuben Powell, Samuel Haight, Daniel Zavitts and Asa L Schooley -

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts propose what sum to be raised the present year if any is needed, also the name of a Friend for Treasurer and report at a future session of this meeting. The following friends are named - viz:

John M. Davis, William G Barker, Edward Eldredge, John C Peckham, Stewart Brown, Oliver S Phillips, Isaac Chase and Samuel P Zavitts -

To preserve order in and around the Meeting house during the several sittings of this meeting the following committee is appointed viz

Samuel Haight, Hiram Brown, John D Phillips and Isaac Zavitts.

Our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their several quotas of the sum called for last year raised and paid as directed

The committee appointed to have the extracts printed last year reports their appointment answered and the expense incurred to have? been? 1175?

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The clerk also informs that he had the memorial of Deborah Clark and the ??? of ??? alterations of Discipline printed and distributed as directed at an expense of \$25 -

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this session to consider of and propose a ??? ??? names of suitable friends for clerk and assistant clerk.

Then adjourned to the 11th hour to morrow morning

3^d of the week and 13th of the month

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened

Benjamin Chase on behalf of the Representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing John J Cornell for clerk and Oliver ??? Phillips for assistant clerk which being satisfactory to the Meeting they are appointed to those services for one year

The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the State of Society as presented by the answers to the queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meeting, the following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state.

Ans 1st. Most Friends appear to be careful to attend meetings on first days and those for discipline. Other Midweek Meetings neglected by many and a few seldom attend any of them. The hour pretty well observed by the most. Not all clear of sleeping clear of all other unbecoming behavior except one instance of using unbecoming expression in a Meeting for discipline and care extended.

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Ans 2nd Love and unity appear to be generally maintained as becomes brethren, though one meeting states there are some exceptions from one of its branches and another notes except with those individuals in which some care has been extended. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them. talebearing and detraction appear to be mostly avoided and discouraged -

Ans 3^d. Most Friends are careful to keep themselves and their children in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, and endeavor by precept and example to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession. We know of no want of care towards others under tuition.

Ans 4th Friends do avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage except in two instances, and they are clear of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion except in one instance of a friend allowing music and dancing at his house on the occasion of the meeting of a sewing society and several members have attended such places in all of which care has been extended -

Ans 5. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded. Their children and all others under our care in in a way to get school learning to fit them for business -

Ans 6th. Six instances of contributing to the support of a hireling ministry are reported, five of which were by the accomplishment of their marriages in ??? of which care has been extended

Ans 7th. Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof -

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Ans 8th Friends appear to be clear in relation to the requisitions of this query except that two instances of not performing promises and paying just debts and one of not paying them seasonably are reported in 2 of which care has been extended

Ans 9 - Care is taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

Ans 10th. They are -

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While our attention was called to our condition as a body, and to the manner in which our individual duties as members had been performed, we were baptized into a feeling of travail for the true spiritual welfare of each other, and earnest counsels were given to incite us to faithfulness to our respective obligations.

We were reminded that the existence of any association depended upon the interest its members took in the attendance of its Meetings, and that the same truth was applicable to us as a religious body; that it was important for our existence, that each member should feel his obligations to attend all our Meetings; but, in order that each should derive a benefit from such an attendance, we must go with a purpose to seek Divine aid and instruction, and endeavor to have our minds brought under the sweet influence of Divine love; and when this condition was experienced, our meetings would be seasons of blessings to us; and then, whatever may be the sacrifice which we may have to make in temporal affairs, there will really be no loss. The gain in spiritual strength, the growth of the soul in its higher life, would amply compensate for the apparent sacrifice. It was feelingly shown, that as we sought to obey the injunction of the blessed Jesus, "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you;" - that as the Great Shepherd had a watchful care over all, our efforts would be so directed that our temporal duties would be properly performed; and, as the attendance of our religious meetings was one of the means through which we are strengthened in this search, and in the performance of the obligations thus required, we should be careful not to let anything of minor importance prevent us from thus assembling with our brethren, for public Divine Worship. Those who are situated where their meetings are small and usually silent, were encouraged not to give way to depression or discouragement, but remember that the promise was that "where two or three are gathered in my name there will I be in their midst." They were exhorted to continued faithfulness, even though but little apparent progress had been made, and we shown that these opportunities were, if attended with true desire to be instructed and benefited, like feasts at which the spiritual powers were nourished and strengthened to meet the trials and temptations which assail us along the journey of life. Our attention was called to the truth that the only bond which held us together as an organization, was love; and that as each mind is concerned to do the will of the Father, which is the only true nourishment of the soul life, as declared by the prophet,

“Obey, and thy soul shall live,” we are brought under the influence of this love, and are enabled to carry out those two great commandments on which Jesus declared hung all the law and the prophets; “For God is love; and he that dwelleth in love, dwelleth in God, and God in him.” And from this state of experience we are irresistibly drawn together; and was each mind among us actuated by such an experience, we should seldom be found absent from our religious meetings, when health would permit our attendance.

A lively exercise found expression for those who have around them a family of children, that they fully realize the great responsibility resting on them, that, in their training, such influences shall be exerted over them as shall induce them to endeavor to lead a life as shall be well pleasing in the Divine sight. Their attention was called to remember that such influences as were exerted over these immortal natures, placed under their charge in their young years, would bear fruit to after life; and hence such parents should ever seek to dwell under the baptizing and hallowing influence of Divine love, that the impression they may make, may spring from that Source and bear fruit to the glory and honor of the All loving Father.

We were admonished too, that in this day when access is so easy to the great amount of reading matter which is pernicious in its tendency, great care was needed to not only prevent such publications from falling into the hands of these tender minds, but that the cravings of their intellectual nature should be supplied with such food, as, while they may be entertained they shall also be instructed and thus their spiritual growth nurtured and sustained.

Although our important testimonies against the use of Alcoholic Stimulants, War, and a Hireling Ministry, as well as those in favor of uprightness and promptness in our business engagements did not call forth much expression, yet an earnest feeling prevails in the minds of Friends that no lukewarmness should be allowed to gain a place with us in bearing these important testimonies, but that they might be borne with firmness, coupled with love to those who are under their influences, or whose want of care or ambition to possess the treasures of earth may have led them into embarrassments - that our influence over all these may ever tend to lead them to a higher plane of thought and action, and thus restore them to a life of usefulness to man, and of hope and peace to themselves.

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Then adjourned to meet in joint session to morrow afternoon at 4 oclock -

4th of the week and 16th of the month

About the hour adjourned to the meeting convened in joint session

The committee on Indian affairs made the following report viz:

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Report of Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting On
Indian Concerns.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Your Committee on Indian Concerns, report as follows:

We have given the subjects which have claimed our attention careful consideration, and the following is a synopsis of our action:

We early called attention of the Central Executive Committee to the subject presented by the Committee which visited the Agency last year, in relation to securing the whole Reservation now occupied by the Santee Sioux - so that the whites might not encroach upon it - as referred to by said Committee, in the following language: "We have spoken, and shall continue to speak, of the place where the Indians are located, as their reservation; but it seems right here to say that it is not, in a proper sense, a Reservation at all, not having been secured to them by treaty stipulations. The President withdrew it from entry and sale to white men, removing some who had already settled there and located the Indians on the land. Should the President at any time withdraw his prohibition, all the land not already allotted to the Indians, could be taken up by white men. The land which has already been allotted to these Indians, is secured to them on the records of the Land Office at Washington. There is not any likelihood that this will be done while the present Executive remains in power, but great efforts are being made by some of the people of Nebraska to bring it about. Should they at any time succeed in inducing the President to withdraw the prohibition, the effect on the Indians would be disastrous. Even now, the Agent, who is active and untiring in his efforts, has not succeeded in stopping the sale of liquor to the Indians; and, with unprincipled men settled on the Reservation, it would be impossible."

The Secretary of the Central Executive Committee informed us that in their judgment, nothing could be done to make the prohibition permanent. There were powerful influences being brought to bear to remove all the Indians, in the Northern Superintendency to the Indian Territory; and the authorities at Washington were also similarly inclined; and that the only hope for these Indians being able to retain their positions, lie in their civilization and preparation for the duties of citizenship; and that Friends ought to concentrate their efforts in that direction - mentioning, in a particular manner, the benefits to be derived in assisting the women to become good housekeepers.

The Sub-Committee also conferred with the Central Executive Committee, soliciting them to urge upon Congress the propriety of appropriating a sufficient sum to pay for the service of a Village Matron - the term applied to the woman whom we have employed the past year to instruct the women in house-keeping the expiration of the year for which we had employed her and the beginning of the Government fiscal year, at the same rate we had theretofore agreed to pay her - even though it should exceed the amount appropriated last year for incidental expenses, placed at the disposal of the Committee.

The Committee have, in accordance with our understanding with the other Yearly Meetings associated with us, selected John C. Peckham and Mary S. his wife, of Scipio Quarterly Meeting, as a Committee to visit the Santee Agency this year, having previously consulted with the Committee of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and finding they had no one to suggest for that duty.

We were informed that the Central Executive Committee had succeeded in inducing the Committee of Congress on Indian Affairs, to insert an item of \$800, for the salary of a Village Matron, at the Santee Agency; and we subsequently learned that near the close of the session the appropriation bill including this item, had passed, and had received the President's approval.

From all the accounts which have reached us, and these have come from various sources, Julia E. Kester, the young woman whom we have employed in that capacity, has faithfully, and, in a large measure, successfully, performed the service required of her; and we are informed that she has applied for and received the appointment, under the appropriation from the Government, for another year; but, inasmuch as all Government appropriations passed during a session of Congress, are not available until the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year, which commences on the first of seventh month, your Committee thought they would not be exceeding their powers, and felt warranted in agreeing to pay Julia for the time between the expiration of the year for which we had employed her and the beginning of the Government fiscal year, at the same rate we had heretofore agreed to pay her - even though it should exceed the amount appropriated last year for incidental expenses, placed at the disposal of the Committee.

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Expenses Incurred by the ??? Visit to Santee

Currency	142.85
In Gold	60.00
Premium	<u>4.20</u>
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J D Phillips

If I remember right the amount of corn issued by the farmer in charge to the Indians for seed is placed at 20 Bushels I find in reference to my notes that Subject should be 30. Bushels J. D. P.

Please have it so printed

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We app??? [unreadable] believing such to be [unreadable] with our principles
[signed] JD Noxon

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During the past year, the Sub-Committee inform, they have had contributed for the Santee Indians:

One barrel dried apples, and some calico, valued at	\$14 00
And Benj. Chase reports contributions in money, which has been expended for calico, cotton batting and freight of goods; also one barrel dried apples, a cheese and some canned fruit, amounting in all to	37 11

A box was also forwarded from Scipio Quarterly Meeting, valued at

The Committee have expended from the fund placed at their disposal, the following sums, viz:

C W. & J. R. Searing, Visiting Committee	\$15 43
Julia E. Kester, for Indian Interpreter,	10 00
For Postage and collecting Draft,	55
Draft to Wm. H. Macy, expenses of C. Ex. Co.,	7 00
“ Dillwyn Parrish, “ “ “ “	11 80
Cash to B. Chase, balance due on freight,	<u>2 30</u>
_____ Total amount paid out,	\$47 08

The following amounts are to be paid according to arrangements heretofore make:

Deficiency in Indian Fund, last year	21 98
Julia E. Kester's salary, to 7th month, 1875, for 45 days over the year	<u>50 00</u>
	\$119 06

Leaving a balance in Treasurer's hands, subject to the

Disposal of our Committee	#30 94
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We are united in asking the Yearly Meeting to raise one hundred dollars for contingent expenses the coming year.

From all the information which the Committee have been able to collect, we feel satisfied that a satisfactory progress has been made in the important concern under our care, though circumstances have arisen, and may continue to arise, which have a depressing and discouraging tendency; yet, the end to be attained - the rescuing of these Indians from total extinction, and their elevation to a condition of mental and moral improvement, so as to qualify them to sustain themselves without aid from the Government; to supplant their rude and uncultivated modes of thought and action, with higher and more noble and pure aspirations - are strong inducemets [sic] to the the true Christian and philanthropic mind, to encourage us to press one, that we may surmount

all difficulties and at least seek the reward of feeling that we had done all we could to attain so worthy an object.

Signed, on behalf of the Committee,

JOHN J. CORNELL, Clerk

Pickering, 6th Mo. 13th, 1875.

To The Committee Of Genesee And Ohio Yearly Meetings On Indian Affairs.

The undersigned, having been appointed by you to visit the Santee Sioux Indian Agency, in Nebraska - to examine the accounts of the Agent; to inquire after the condition of each branch of business allotted to separate individuals, their present condition, and relative progress or standing, as compared with last year; to inquire and look as far as time will permit after each employe, with a view of ascertaining the manner in which they discharge the several duties entrusted to their care; to examine into each branch, and to render a detailed account of the same to you, prior to your next Yearly Meeting - report, as follows:

On the 22d of 5th Month last, we proceeded to fulfill our appointment, arriving at the Agency on the 28th inst. We went by way of Omaha and found Superintendent Barclay White absent, and likely to be from home several days. On being assured by his son, who acts as Clerk in his office, that the accounts between that office and the Santee Agency were of the most satisfactory character, and after leaving directions with the Clerk that should there be anything connected with the management of affairs at the Santee Agency, to which the Superintendent wished to call our attention, that he would on his return, immediately communicate it to us by letter, we proceeded with as much dispatch as practicable, to the discharge of our duties at the Agency and Reservation.

From a somewhat critical examination of the books and accounts of Agent Joseph Webster, the manner in which they are kept, the promptness and precision with which all the transactions pertaining to his office are arranged, and placed on file, and from his more than willingness to aid your Committee in obtaining all the information they desired, leave no room in their minds to doubt that his duties are ably and conscientiously discharged.

The financial affairs of this Agency your Committee feel warranted in saying, are honestly and judiciously administered; that all funds received have been carefully noted and justly and economically disbursed, both for the best interest of the Government and the Indians.

By a somewhat minute examination of the accounts between the Agent and the Indian Department for the present fiscal year, we find there has been received from the Government, for various purposes - including the support of schools, payment of Agent and employes, purchasing materials for building and repairing, farm implements, supplies of cattle, horses, cows, &c., with incidental expenses pertaining to the business of the Agency - the sum of Thirty-one Thousand, Six Hundred and Ten Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents. Of this there has been disbursed during the three first three quarters of the present fiscal year, Fifteen Thousand and Thirty-Eight Dollars and Eighty-five Cents, ending the 1st of 4th Month, 1875.

The disbursements for the present and last quarter of this year, we are informed by Agent Webster, will necessarily be heavier than the preceding, as he soon expects their supply of beef cattle from Texas, as per contract, which, with other necessary expenditures, will probably nearly exhaust the funds of the Agency now on hand.

Through the prompt exertions of the Agent, in the strict enforcement of the law, the sale of intoxicating liquors to the Indians for the past year has been nearly discontinued, thus relieving them of what has heretofore been a source of much trouble and vexation.

Though the experience of your Committee in the workings of the Indian Department is limited, yet from the opportunities afforded they discover means by which a dishonest agent might defraud both the Government and the Indians, and are more than ever impressed with the necessity of Friends exercising the greatest care and deliberation in the selection of men of unquestioned integrity to fill these responsible stations.

It is the opinion of your Committee, bases upon the best of evidence, that the present incumbent possesses all the qualifications in an eminent degree to fill this important position with credit to Friends; and they regret to learn that he contemplates withdrawing from the service at the end of the next quarter - thus imposing upon Friends the responsibility of naming to the Indian Department a suitable person for his successor.

The destruction of the crops on the Reservation by drought and grasshoppers, last season, greatly discouraged the Indians from making extensive attempts at agriculture, with some exceptions. In addition to this, on the day previous to our arrival, (the 27th of last month), there occurred an almost unprecedented heavy rain, which flooded nearly all their farms and gardens on the bottom lands, and washed out the planted crops to a considerable extent on the more elevated portions of the Reservation, as well as greatly damaging the roads or wagon trails, rendering them in some places quite impassable; but as their recent hunt had proved almost an entire failure, they went to work with renewed activity to plant more and replant that which had been destroyed.

For the practical workings of this all-important branch of industry, we refer to the two last monthly reports of the Farmer, George S. Truman, who is untiring in his efforts to impress on the minds of the Indians, the advantages of breaking and cultivating larger fields on their claims, instead of small patches here and there, as it is their almost uniform custom to do. From these reports hereto appended, Friends will arrive at a better understanding than we could otherwise give them, of the results of their efforts in this direction.

Information obtained from the monthly reports of the Carpenter, Charles Hill, as well as from personal interviews with him, show that there have been built, and rebuilt, during the past year, the following buildings, to wit: The saw-mill, which was unfinished at the date of your last Committee's report, has been thoroughly fitted up, with a building 30 by 32 feet, with 8 feet posts, and an extension of 18 by 36 feet, cotton-wood frame and siding, and pine shingled roof, and furnished with a steam engine of 25 horse

power, capable of doing all the business that may be required of it, and in perfect running order.

There have also been built two frame houses, one of four rooms, balloon frame, 12 by 22 feet, with 12 feet posts, and a kitchen, 10 by 12 feet, with 8 feet posts, with pine floor and siding and shingled roof. The other 12 by 24 feet, 12 feet posts, with roof of pine shingles, and sided with cotton-wood.

In addition to the above, there have been built within the past year, 16 new log houses by the Indians themselves, with some assistance from the carpenter, and 15 moved and rebuilt, the doors and window frames being furnished and put in by the carpenter and his apprentices. Beside these there is already purchased material sufficient to repair some 20 houses, by selecting the best log ones, which now have dirt roofs and ground floors, and replacing them with shingled roofs and pine floors.

There is also in process of erection, a frame building for a blacksmith shop, 18 by 28 feet, situated convenient to the carpenter shop, as the old log one had become very poor, and was too far from the latter, their work being necessarily more or less connected.

The Carpenter, Charles Hill, we think well fitted for his position. He informs us that he has now three Indian apprentices, who manifest an ingenuity and skill in the use of tools, fully equal to the average white man.

Perhaps it would be well to remark here, to avoid extending this report to an undue length, that the Agent has expressed to us his entire satisfaction with the services of all the employes, including the Government Interpreter, connected with this Agency, with one exception which we will hereafter notice. Their conduct in the discharge of their several duties, so far as he is aware, has been unexceptionable.

The Carpenter, in addition to his other duties, has charge of the saw-mill, and he informs us that there has been cut and sawed at the mill, as taken monthly from actual figures, only a small portion being estimated, during the year past, or since the mill was put in order, 99,000 feet of lumber.

The Blacksmith, Joseph H. Steer, informs us that he has now two apprentices, one of whom has been in the shop four years or more, and who has become very efficient workman, capable of carrying on the business in his absence to the entire satisfaction of all. The other has been with him one year and a half, but has not as yet manifested as much mechanical skill as is desirable, though there is some improvement. Both are Indians. We will here note that the Blacksmith, having been long with the Indians, has become quite well versed in the Dakota language and has been a great help to us in visiting and conversing with the Indians at their houses and cabins, a brief account of which will more properly come under another head of this report.

In company with the Assistant Farmer, John Truman, who also has charge of the grist mill, and with Julia E. Kester, the Village Matron, we visited that place on 3d day, 6th mo. 1st, and some Indian families on our way and return, taking different routes each way. We found the mill in perfect order, and the dam, which has been carried away several times by heavy freshets which sometimes occur, repaired and

strengthened so that it is thought it will resist a much great pressure than at any previous period.

The unavoidable absence of the Steward, Charles H. Searing, occasioned by the sorrowful and unlooked for death of his father, added to the near and tender relationship that existed between the deceased and your Committee, the sad intelligence of which reached us by telegraph on our way here, almost overwhelmed and unfitted us for the proper discharge of the duties your confidence has assigned to us. With reference to this department of the Agency we feel that from the united testimony of the Agent and all the employes, truth requires us to say that the double duties of Steward and Teacher of the Manual Labor Department of the School, are well and faithfully discharged by him.

The School, which is under the immediate supervision of Mary K. Brosius, the Matron, is well conducted. We visited it on 2d day, 5th mo. 31st, and spent the forenoon there, much to our satisfaction. There were present 10 boys and 4 girls; one boy absent from sickness, and one without excuse, and one girl sick, and one at work. The average attendance being equal to our common district schools. The children all seemed to manifest a commendable interest in their studies. We also, by invitation of A. L. Riggs, the Congressional Missionary, visited his school, situated about one-half mile westerly and in sight of ours. On 6th day 6th mo. 4th, visited the Episcopal school, about 4 miles east of the Agency office. In all of these we found unmistakable evidence, that the Indian is not only susceptible of civilization, but is capable in an eminent degree of culture and refinement. Agent Webster informs us that he has experienced some difficulty in the regular attendance of the pupils at the different schools; they would sometimes attend one and sometimes another, so that

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he was induced to issue an order, extending to them the privilege of deciding which school they would attend, and then requiring them to remain at that one steadily, which we think will greatly accelerate the success of the schools and avoid in future, difficulties which have heretofore arisen therefrom.

The description of the situation of the Indians on their several allotments here, the topography of the Reservation, the character and formation of the soil, were briefly and we think correctly given in the report of your former Committee, to which we would refer Friends who wish information on these points, and devote our limited time to matters of more immediate interest.

It will be recollected, that your former Committee requested Agent Webster to recommend the purchase of a pony for the sole use of the Village Matron, Julia E. Kester, to enable her to visit the Indian families in the more remote parts of the Reservation. This was accordingly done. The Government promptly responded to the proposition and furnished one at the expense of the Indian Department.

In company with her, and sometimes with John Truman or his father, George S. Truman, and several times with Joseph H. Steer, as interpreter, we have visited all the most interesting portions of the Reservation, traveling some days over a circuit of

twenty or twenty-five miles and holding conversation through the interpreter, with several of the chiefs, and head men, as well as with the heads of a large number of families, as time would permit; the summary of which is that they are generally well contented with their present condition, as compared with former times, but express a desire for improvement in agriculture and education, though some of them seem somewhat discouraged with their ill success last year, through the ravages of the grasshoppers and the effects of the drought. Not having a reporter with us we can give only the substance of the conversations.

We invariably endeavored to impress them with the necessity of industry and perseverance in agricultural pursuits, and told them the white people sometimes met with losses and disappointments in their most laudable efforts in all branches of business, and that these were mere incidents in the great journey of life, and encouraged them to plant and cultivate all the land they could. They seemed much pleased with the interest Friends are taking in them, to send us so far to look after and encourage them, and wanted to assure us that they were doing all they could for self-support, which, undoubtedly, from their stand point, they think is true; but we think there is room for great improvement in that direction. We found some of their houses and cabins really neat, giving evidences of good taste and judgment in housekeeping, while others were tolerably comfortable and a few were filthy and uninviting.

To the untiring efforts of the Village Matron, we think is due, in a great degree, the marked improvement in the personal appearance and housekeeping of most of the Indians on the Reservation. She has succeeded in teaching many of them to cut and make their own dresses, and some of them to cut and make clothes for the men. She has also prevailed on many of the women to wear the sun-bonnet in warm weather, instead of their heavy blankets, and has issued quite a number to them ready-made, while to the more enterprising ones, she has given the material to make them for themselves.

Some time in 9th month last, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs sent an improved hand-loom with a woman to introduce it, and instruct the Indian women in the art of weaving. But about the time of the arrival of the material, the woman was ordered to another Agency, leaving the entire charge of the experiment in the hands of the Village Matron, who has succeeded in teaching some of them to weave quite well. They have woven in all some 350 yards of coarse cotton cloth, but we cannot see any practical advantage to the Indians or the Government, even though they acquire a thorough knowledge of the business, except for rag-carpet weaving, as the cost of the material is more than the value of the cloth after it is woven; and as all such manufactures are carried on by improved machinery, propelled by both steam and water-power, there will never be any extensive demand for such labor.

The position of Cook is now filled by Mary Hoops, whose health does not seem hardly adequate for the successful discharge of her duties, and she expressed a wish to be relieved at the end of the next quarter, which closes the first of 10th month next.

The time for which the Government stipulated to issue rations to the Santee Sioux, except clothing, expired at the end of the last fiscal year; but in consideration of their total loss of crops by the drought and grasshoppers, Congress made an

appropriation to relieve them for the time being from the suffering that must otherwise have followed.

“By an Act of Congress, for the current and contingent expenses of the Indian Department, and for fulfilling treaty stipulations with various Indian tribes for the year ending June 30, 1876, and for other purposes, the Agent is prohibited from issuing any supplies to any able bodied male Indian, between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, except they shall perform service upon the Reservation for the benefit of themselves or of the tribe, at a rate to be fixed by the Agent in charge, and to an amount equal in value to the supplies to be delivered.”

The object of this restriction, as set forth in the Act, is “for the purpose of inducing Indians to labor and become self-supporting.”

The abstract merits of this provision we do not propose to discuss here, only to remark, that while we regard it as unobjectionable in itself and perhaps ultimately for the best interest of all, yet we fail to see how the Government can enforce it and still keep its stipulated faith with the Indians, if we rightly understand the situation of affairs.

By a treaty that was made and concluded at Fort Laramie, in the territory of Dakota, now in the territory of Wyoming, on the 29th day of April, {we quote the language of the treaty), in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, by and between Nathaniel G. Taylor, Wm. T. Sherman and other authorized Commissioners, on the part of the United States and the chiefs and head men of the several tribes of Sioux Indians, there represented (all of whose names it is unnecessary to copy, except the following, who represent the Santee Sioux), viz:

Wa-pah-shaw,
Wah-koo-tay,
Hoo-sha-sha,
Wan-mace-tan-ka,
Cho-tan-ka-e-na-pe,
Ta-shun-kr-mo-ya,

This treaty was duly ratified on the part of our Government, and proclaimed by Andrew Johnson, President of the

United States, on 24th of 2d mo., 1860 - a copy of which treaty we have now before us; and having carefully read it among other things, we find that,

Article 10th, provided that, “In lieu of all sums of money or other annuities, to be paid to the Indians herein named, under any treaty or treaties, heretofore made, the United States agrees to deliver at the Agency house herein names, on or before the first day of August of each year, for thirty years, the following articles, to with:

“For each male person, over fourteen years of age, a suit of good substantial woolen clothing, consisting of coat, pantaloons, flannel shirt, hat, and a pair of home-made socks.

“For each female, over twelve years of age, a flannel skirt, or the goods necessary to make it, a pair of woolen hose, twelve yards of calico and twelve yards of cotton domestics.

“For the boys and girls, under the ages names, such flannel and other goods as may be needed to make each a suit as aforesaid, together with a pair of woolen hose for each.”

These pledges, as defined by Article 11th of the same treaty, are given in consideration of a relinquishment by the different tribes of Sioux Indians of all right to occupy permanently the territory outside of their Reservation, as therein defined, &c.

The Indians having complied with the conditions of the treaty, it seems to us that however desirable it may be that all able bodied men should labor and be self-supporting, the Government is precluded by the terms of this treaty, from imposing any further conditions upon them, in order to receive the supplies stipulated. It appears to the minds of your Committee, that it is all important, for the peace and welfare of both whites and Indians, that the Government should strictly observe its treaty stipulations with the latter, that Congress should be extremely careful how it enacts any law, the enforcement of which will bring its Indian Superintendents and Agents in conflict with its own solemn compacts with this rude and jealous people.

We were present at the issuing of the weekly rations, on 7th day the 29th of last month, and were much pleased with the order and system that prevailed during that interesting occasion. There were 704 rations issued in the following quantities, viz: To each Indian, except able-bodied males, between the ages of 18 and 45 years - of beef, 4 ½ lbs.; flour, 3 ½ lbs.; pork, 2 ½ oz.; sugar, 3 oz.; coffee, 3 oz.; tobacco, 4 13/16 oz.; soap, 8 13/16 oz.

We would here suggest for the consideration of Friends, the propriety of making an effort to induce the Indian Department, if lawful, to withhold the supply of tobacco, and issue in its stead the same value in soap, as the Indians are very much in need of the later. About a year ago the Commissioner of Indian Affairs required the Agent here to have the Indian women instructed in soap making, that they might supply their own wants and necessities in this respect; but the Village Matron, who has charge of the business, informs us that they could not get grease enough to make it an object, as the Indians consume all they can get in any form, which perhaps is the cause why the scrofula prevails among them to such an extent. We learn, however, with the exception of a few cases of measles, of recent date, that the health of this tribe is as good as usual. Agent Webster thinks from the last census they now number about 790.

We mentioned, in speaking of the employees, that there was one exception to the general satisfaction they had given, and this is the Physician. We believe that one filling his position as a salaried officer, should devote his time as far as is reasonable, to improving the sanitary condition of the Indians; that when he is notified that one is in need of medical aid, he should visit that patient as soon as is practicable, and ascertain by his personal attention his or her true condition and necessities, instead of carelessly dealing out medicine to them upon the representation of the Indians themselves, as we are informed he is in the practice of doing. We suggest whether it would not be well for Friends to secure the services of some one who would take more interest in the health of the tribe to fill this position, at the end of the next quarter.

Some of the chiefs and head men of the tribe having expressed a desire to have a talk with us, Agent Webster called them together in council at his office, on 7th day

the 5th inst., this being the day on which they assembled to receive their weekly rations. The agent explained to them the object of our visit. There were present, the Government Interpreter James Baskin, with several of the chiefs and head men of the tribe, and some forty or fifty Indians.

We addressed them in a few words, endeavoring to impress upon their minds the necessity of adapting themselves to the habits and customs of civilized life, reminding them that their hunting grounds were becoming smaller each succeeding year, and that they must soon seek other means of subsistence. Hence the growing necessity of their learning to work on their lands, of being industrious, and of educating their children that they may become self-supporting when the Government aid shall be withdrawn. After a few moments' deliberation, Hakee-Wastee, one of their chiefs, advanced to us, and shaking hands in a friendly way, proceeded to address us at some length through the interpreter. He thanked us for our visit, and expressed great satisfaction for the interest Friends were showing in their welfare. He said he wanted his people to dress and be like white people, and that they were trying to learn to be self-supporting. He expressed perfect satisfaction with the Agent, who he said was a good man, and dealt justly with them.

He made some complaints against the Farmer which we think were more imaginary than real. He also complained that the amount of clothing they received from the Government, was not as much as they were entitled to; that some of the people were obliged to sell their ponies to obtain comfortable clothing for the past winter; and after some further remarks, mostly expressive of their gratitude and respect, he again shook hands and the council soon after closed.

As our time here is drawing to a close, and having visited the greater part of the more important points on the Reservation, including all the schools, and having observed as closely as our limited time would permit, the general condition and prospect of affairs connected with this Agency, in its moral and social, as well as its physical, aspects, we feel that truth will warrant us in saying, that from the united testimony of all, there has been a marked improvement during the last year.

And now, after a sojourn of ten days with those Friends, we regard it as but just that we should publicly acknowledge our heart-felt obligations to all connected with the Agency, for the promptness with which they have responded to all our wants in the discharge of our duties, and for their uniform kindness and courtesy during our stay among them; and we commend them all to the loving care and protection of our Heavenly Father.

The expenses incurred in the performance of this service is \$207,93.

John C. Peckham,
Mary S. Peckham.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF THE FARMER.

Santee Agency, 5th Mo. 1st, 1875.

To Jos. Webster, U. S. Indian Agent:

During the past month some of our Indians have prepared their ground and sown wheat thereon, amounting in the aggregate to 50 acres, besides preparing other of their land for corn. For the first, I have issued seed from our stock of wheat on hand, but from the continuation of the causes referred to in my last, I have been unable to issue any other seeds to them at present. Various causes are at work to discourage them from making the proper effort for self-support; and among these I regret to be compelled to report the great freshet of the 23d ult., by which most of our Indian farms on the Missouri bottom have been overflowed to the depth of from two to four feet, and several of their houses have been carried off by the current. These lands, if at all fit for cultivation this season, will probably be too late for spring crops. The Agency teams have been employed during their spare time in preparing ground for corn for their own feed, and the Assistant Farmer has been engaged during the month in the oversight of the Mill and collecting of stone for the purpose of raising and strengthening the dam from injuries by the breaking up of the ice, &c., in the creek.

Geo. S. Truman, Farmer.

SECOND MONTHLY REPORT OF THE FARMER

Santee Agency, 6th Mo. 1st, 1875.

To Jos. Webster, U. S. Indian Agent:

Owing, in great measure, to the extreme lateness of the season, the past month has been one of unusual activity with our Indians, and had it not been for the unusual overflow of our Missouri bottoms, a larger amount of land than usual would have been planted to corn. As it is, nearly every available portion of ground will be occupied, and if the grasshoppers should fail to put in an appearance, we have every reason to believe from present indications that we shall have a favorable season. To those whose ground was prepared to receive it, I have issued during the past month 150 bushels of potatoes, 125 bushels of corn, 30 bushels of beans, and cabbage and turnip seed for every family. Owing to their great scarcity this season and the consequently extraordinary price of onion sets, we were unable to furnish them any at this time, which I regretted, as they prize onions above any other vegetable. The growing wheat, (though not of as large an area as I had hoped for), looks very well at this time; and the same may be said of the early planted corn, except that the recent hail storm of the 30th ult., cut the leaves and battered the plants very much. Of this last, there has been planted, thus far, upwards of 350 acres.

On the whole, I think the present outlook to be very favorable. The Assistant Farmer has nearly completed the repairs of the mill dam and race, and they are now in better condition than at any previous time.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. S. Truman,
Farmer.

REPORT OF VILLAGE MATRON.

Santee Agency, Nebraska, 4th Mo. 26th, 1875.

Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting.

Respected Friends

By your request, I will state as briefly as possible the state and condition of things during my year's experience among the Santee Indian women; also, to a certain extent, the amount of labor performed by them. During the first four or five months, my time was occupied in visiting their homes, becoming acquainted with their manners and customs, picking up common phrases, &c., which has enabled me to converse with them to a limited extent. I found but little to do with.

The first instructions given were suggestions to cleanliness, and persuading them to make good wholesome bread from the best yeast we could obtain from flour, water, sugar and salt, until Fall.. Hops grow in abundance, and all were gathered and dried by them, preparatory for future use. From their natural indolence, much patience has been required to instill into them the necessity of making but little, and that often; more so before the use of hops than since.

With the aid of \$40,00, kindly given by Friends, and liberal assistance from the Agent, I have purchases many small articles, sick rations, &c., for their use. Also in the Fall and Winter, furnished them with linings and batting to 260 quilts and comfortables, which were made in my house, fitted up for their use and comfort; giving instructions at the same time in different branches of domestic utility, - cutting, fitting, &c. The annuity clothing, heretofore furnished ready made to the men and larger boys, was last season given them in the piece for the first time.

As yet, not very successful in introducing knitting; attribute it somewhat to the want of time to devote to them. Weaving has also been one branch of industry to which I have devoted some time, this Spring, with a few of the women; some of whom show from their perseverance and progress, a determination of doing something for themselves. Over 250 yards of cloth has been woven; and one has several pounds of rags for carpet, all ready.

The Indian Department has cut off the supply of soap for the Indians, and suggested the propriety of teaching them to make their own soap. This was attempted last season, but from close economy of the tribe, (being great lovers of fat and grease), I find difficulty in making soap; hence have suspended the idea for the present. They are constantly wishing for it and would be grateful no doubt to have it in abundance.

Am making good progress thus far this Spring in showing them the necessity of house-cleaning; so much so, that all, as far as I have been able to visit, have turned their houses inside out for the space of a day, and been quite thorough, by using hot water freely.

I find example much greater than precept. They are good imitators, but poor calculators. From "patient continuance" and earnest workers among them with the younger class in particular, they will be a more independent and happy race.

Very respectfully,

Julia E. Kester.

The report of the Committee, with the accompanying documents, on being read, was satisfactory to the Meet-

Ing, and the recommendation to raise One Hundred Dollars, for the contingent expenses of the Committee, was united with, and the report directed to be printed with the usual extracts.

Then adjourned to the eleventh hour to-morrow morning.

Seventeenth of the Month and Fifth of the Week.

About the time adjourned to Friends assembled.

The minutes of the Representative Committee were introduced and read, and their proceedings approved, and their request to change the holding of their Fall Meeting from Mendon to Farmington, and their recommendation to add Seth W. Bosworth, Sunderland P. Gardner, Benjamin Chase, Solomon A. Howland, Margaret B. Howland, and Charlotte W. Cocks, to the Committee, were united with, and the Friends named were appointed to that service for one year - Women's Meeting concurring.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the revision of the Quotas of our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting's stock, report as follows:

The Committee appointed to revise the quotas, make the following report, viz: When one hundred dollars are to be raised, Farmington pay Thirty-three, Pelham, Twenty-Six; Canada, Twenty-Five; and Scipio, Sixteen.

On behalf of the Committee,

G. T. Smith.

The report being united with, is directed to the observance of our Subordinate Meetings.

The Committee who were to consider the subject forwarded from Farmington Quarterly Meeting, regarding keeping the seat in time of prayer, report as follows:

The Committee on the subject of deportment, in time of prayer, as forwarded from Farmington Quarterly Meeting, have been together, and after a free and friendly interchange of views upon the subject, are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting that it makes this decision: leaves each individual to exercise their own preference, to rise or remain seated, during the time of supplication, with the understanding that it shall not be considered disrespectful to the individual supplicating.

Signed on the part of the Committee,

Eleanor Bowerman

William G. Barker.

On consideration, the Meeting unites with the report and directs it to be forwarded to our Subordinate Meetings, in the usual extracts - Women's Meeting concurring.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, propose what sum may be necessary to raise the present year, and report the name of a Friend for Treasurer, made the following report, viz:

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, met, and examined his accounts, and find a balance in his hands, due the Yearly Meeting, of \$72,16; and for the Committee on Indian Affairs, \$37,35. We think it advisable to raise \$100,00 for incidental expenses of the Yearly Meeting. We also recommend Jonathan D. Noxon for Treasurer the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee,

William G. Barker.

The Meeting uniting with the report, Jonathan D. Noxon is accordingly appointed Treasurer for one year; and our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sum named, as well as of the \$100 for the use of the Committee on Indian Concerns, and pay them to the Treasurer of this Meeting, and report.

The Committee on Epistles reported they had attended to their appointment, and had concluded to adopt the minute of exercises, with a few additional paragraphs, as an epistle to the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Ohio and Indiana, and a paragraph to be added to the same minute for the new Yearly Meeting of Illinois, and to request the Clerk to add a short paragraph to each, in relation to the Indian Concerns.

The essay produced, and their recommendations being satisfactory, the Clerk is directed to transcribe, sign and forward a copy to each of the Meetings referred to.

Jonathan D. Noxon, John M. Davis, and Seth W. Bosworth, are appointed to have one thousand copies of the usual extracts, together with the report of the Committee on Indian Concerns, printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, call on the Treasurer for the expense, and report.

Having been enabled to transact the business for which we convened, in much brotherly love and Christian condescension, we feel grateful that the Master of all rightly gathered religious assemblies, has thus qualified us to mingle together, to strengthen the bonds of paternal affection, to encourage each other to a faithful obedience to our individual duties, and "to press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," and under this solemnizing influence, we adjourn, to meet at Yarmouth, Ontario, the usual time next year, if so permitted.

JOHN J. CORNELL, Clerk.

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At Genesee Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Yarmouth, Ontario by adjournment from the 12th of the 6th mo. to the 16th of the same inclusive 1876

By the report received from our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings it appears that the following Friends have been named as representatives to this meeting viz

From Farmington

Seth W. Bosworth Isaac Baker, Sunderland P Gardner, Guerdon T Smith Isaac G Ewer, Jonathan D Noxen, & Asa Hampton

From Scipio

John Searing, Edward Eldredge, Allen Hoxie, William P Sisson, & Christopher Brown
From Canada

Isaac Wilson, Isaac P Armitage, Rowland Brown, and Thomas Stinson
From Pelham

John Minard Robert Willson Joseph Priestman, Daniel Zavitz, Pemberton Pages &
Isaac Zavitz

On calling their names all were present except one from Farmington, three from
Scipio, and one from Pelham. A satisfactory reason was assigned for the absence of
the one from Farmington

Certificates of Unity for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were
now introduced and read as follows

One for Esther Haviland a Minister from Chappaqua Monthly Meeting NY

One for Hannah C Carpenter an Elder & companion of Esther Haviland from the
same Monthly Meeting

One for John W Prince an Elder and companion of Esther Haviland from the
same Monthly Meeting

One for Aaron C Macy a Minister from Hudson Monthly Meeting NY and
endorsed by Stamford Quarterly Meeting

One for Daniel Griffin a Minister from Amawalk Monthly Meeting NY

One for Amy W Griffin an Elder and companion of Daniel Griffin from the same
Monthly Meeting

One for David Hallock and Jane his wife Elders from Amawalk Monthly Meeting
NY.

Their company is acceptable to us -

Epistles have been received and read from our brethren of New York,
Philadelphia, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, & Illinois

Their reading has extended a solemnizing influence over us and tended to
strengthen the bond of paternal affection with these of our distant Friends - who are
engaged in the same great work as ourselves

To essay replies thereto as way may open, the following Friends are named
William Cornell of Pelham, Isaac Wilson, Merritt Palmer, John Searing, John D Phillips,
Isaac Baker, Isaac Zavitz, John P Hilborn, Sam^l P Gardner, Sam^l P Zavitz, Edward G
Schooly, Edward Eldredge, and John L Searing

The following proposition was received from Scipio Quarterly Meeting viz -
Scipio Quarterly Meeting forwards to this meeting a proposition directed to the Yearly
Meeting - with which this meeting unites that the two clauses

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of the advices, the one recommending that our members take no part in elections, also
the one relating to dealing in and consuming the produce of the labor of slaves be
stricken from the Discipline

After considering the subject the meeting refers it to the following Friends who
are to take it into consideration with a committee of Women Friends and report their

judgement thereon at a future sitting of this Meeting, viz Seth W Bosworth, Isaac Baker, Jonathan D Noxon, Edward Eldredge, John L Searning, Lewis Bogardus, Alfred Stevens, Roland Brown, Thomas Stinson, Samuel Haight, James Zavitz and Asa L Schooley

As the time for which the Representative Committee was appointed will expire this year - the following Friends are appointed to in conjunction with a like committee of Women Friends - consider of and report at a future sitting of this meeting the names of suitable Friends to constitute that Committee Viz Benjamin Chase, Isaac G Ewer, Seth W Bosworth, Edward Eldredge, Lewis Bogardus, John L Searning, Reuben Powell, Isaac Armitage, Abram P Toole, Samuel Haight, Daniel Zavitz and Robert Willson

To examine and settle the Treasurers accounts report what sum may be necessary to raise the present year and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer the following named Friends were appointed - Guerden T Smith, Isaac Baker, Lewis Bogardus, John Searning, Isaac Wilson, Reuben Noxon, Samuel P Cornell, and Edward Schooley.

To preserve order in and around the meeting house during the several sittings of this meeting the following Committee was named Henry Schooley, John L Searning, Asa L Zavitz and John P Hilborn

Our several Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings report their quotas of the sum requested to be raised last year, raised and paid as directed

The Committee to whom was referred the printing of the extracts from the minutes last year report as follows - They have attended to the dutie of their appointment, and that the expense was \$41. Which was satisfactory to the meeting

The representatives are requested to stop at the rise of this sitting to consider of suitable names to propose at our next sitting for Clerk and assistant Clerk.

Then adjourned to meet at the 11th hour tomorrow morning

3rd of the week and 13th of the month

About the time adjourned to the meeting convened

Roland Brown on behalf of the representatives reported they had conferred together and were united in proposing Jonathan D Noxon for Clerk and Oliver ??? Phillips for assistant Clerk - The friends proposed being satisfactory to the meeting they are appointed to those services for one year.

To take down the exercises of the meeting and report at a future sitting the following named friends were appointed Viz John ??? Cornell, John D Phillips, Benjamin Chase and Isaac Baker

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The meeting then proceeded to the consideration of the state of society as exhibited by the answers to the queries as they came from our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings. The following summaries of which were adopted and directed to be recorded as descriptive of our present state

Ans 1st. Our meetings held on firstdays appear to be well attended by the most of Friends while a neglect is still apparent in the attendance of those held near the middle of the week - The hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping in meetings, no other unbecoming behaviour noticed. Some care is reported to have been taken in the deficiencies noted

Ans 2nd Love and Unity appears to be maintained as becomes brethren except one instance which is under care. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, talebearing and detraction appear to be avoided and discouraged

Ans 3rd There appears to be a care with Friends to keep themselves, their own and other children under their care in plainness as queried after and endeavors are used to train up the children in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, although deficiencies are apparent No neglect of those under tuition is reported

Ans 4th Friends do avoid the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as we know.

Ans 5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded. Their children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6th Four instances of accomplishing marriages by the assistance of Hireling Ministers, and one of contributing to the support of a hireling Ministry are reported in all of which care has been taken

Ans 7th Friends are clear of bearing arms or of complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof

Ans 8th Two instances of not performing promises and paying just debts and one of not paying just debts are reported, and one meeting states that some friends are not as punctual in these particulars as is desirable - in all of which some care has been taken. None known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

Ans 9th Care is endeavored to be taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

Ans 10th We believe they are

The proceedings of the Representative Committee for the past year now being introduced and read were approved by the meeting, also the suggestion that their successors in office memorialize the legislatures of the State of New York and the Dominion of Canada to abolish capital punishment

Tomorrow being the day usually set apart for Public Divine worship the meeting now adjourns to meet at 10 O clock on fifth day morning in joint session.

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Fifth of the Week and Fifteenth of the Month.

About the hour adjourned to, the meeting convened in joint session.

The Committee on Indian Concerns, made the following report:

Report Of The Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting On Indian Affairs.

In making this our annual report, while we believe our efforts on behalf of the Indians have been as successful, under all the circumstances, as could have been expected, yet we find ourselves at present surrounded by adverse circumstances, such as to darken or cloud our hopes and produce a feeling of sadness, although we have still some faith that the present dark hour will be succeeded by those of greater light and hope. Soon after our last report we were officially notified by Agent Webster that he had tendered his resignation to the Department at Washington, to take effect on the 1st of 10th month, and he proposed to us to nominate Charles H. Searing, who was filling the position of Steward at the Industrial School. We immediately opened a correspondence with the Central Executive Committee, and with Barclay White, the Superintendent of the Northern Superintendency, inquiring of them if they knew of any one for the position, or if they were in possession of any information which would render it improper to present Charles' name for that appointment - and giving them all the information in our possession, as to his circumstances and fitness for the position. To these inquiries and statements we received satisfactory answers, approving our course, and advising us to forward his name for the position as Agent, which we did, and he received his commission of appointment from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in time to take the office on the 1st of 10th month last, subject to being approved by the President and confirmed by the Senate. When Congress met the President promptly forwarded his name, with others, for confirmation.

In the 3d month we were informed, through our Representative on the Central Executive Committee, that the Senate had refused to confirm the nomination, the Senators from the State of Nebraska being strongly opposed to it, but assigning no other reason for their opposition than that he was young and unmarried, and unfit for the position, but did not state why he was unfit. We immediately responded to the information, answering the positions taken, and we have subsequently been informed that the Central Executive Committee did not think best to again urge his nomination; but that the Nebraska Senators had proposed the name of an individual they would approve, said to be a Friend and a member of Indiana Yearly Meeting; and the matter is being investigated by the Committee of that Yearly Meeting.

In the 3d month we also received information that a bill was pending in Congress to transfer the Indian Bureau to the War Department, and we were invited to attend a Meeting of members of the Committees of the different Yearly Meetings, to be held in Baltimore, but it not being consistent for us to attend, we forwarded the accompanying document, as expressive of our views in relation thereto. The convention met, and we present herewith the minutes of their meeting, as part of this report:

The bill referred to, after a long debate, passed the house, but the Senate has not, to our knowledge, taken any action thereon. The resignation of Joseph Webster, and the nomination and appointment of Charles H. Searing, to fill his place, rendered a

change necessary in the employees, which vacancies your Committee have labored to the best of their judgment to co-operate with the Agent to fill, although the Government, contrary to its former practice, has been very dilatory in confirming our appointments, thereby subjecting some of the employees forwarded by us to much pecuniary privation by reason of withholding their quarterly salary.

During the latter part of the year 1875, a change was made in the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the new appointee makes a different interpretation of the law in reference to the appropriation made for salaries of employees at the different Agencies. The sum appropriated by Government for the Santee Agency being \$10,000, it has heretofore been construed to refer to those called regular employees, or those who had a certain sum per year, and the irregular employees had been paid from the contingent fund, but near the close of the last quarter, the Agent was notified that he must not exceed the \$10,000, for all classes of employees; and requiring him to report to the Department a statement of all moneys paid and due employees, and if there was not money enough left, to discharge those who could be best spared or all of them, if necessary. The agent found that by the end of the 3d quarter, or on 4th month 1st, 1876, the appropriation would be nearly exhausted, but as he had a small sum under his control, he proposed to the principal employees to stay an [sic] a largely reduced salary, which, rather than see all abandoned, and discouragement thrown around the Indians, they have consented to do.

The Committee have expended during the year, the following amounts from the contingent fund placed at our disposal:

Expenses of Visiting Committee,	\$14 55
Julia E. Kester, discretionary purposes,	46 00
Dillwyn Parrish, expenses Central Executive Com.	41 81
Postage on Reports Indian Affairs	<u>95</u>
Total,	\$103 31

Balance on hand, subject to the order of the Committee \$55 04

The reports from the labors of Julia E. Kester, as Village Matron, are very encouraging, and the improvements made and being made, give reasonable ground for much expectation in the future, if the present policy of the Government be not abandoned.

Your Committee made the usual arrangements to send out a Visiting Committee this Spring, and had decided upon one which they deemed suitable, but owing to the unsettled condition of things, and the probability of a change in the Agent, the uncertainty whether our services will much longer be needed, the sub-committee to whom the subject was referred, concluded it would not be expedient for them to go this year.

The Committee would recommend that fifty dollars be raised by the Yearly Meeting for the contingent expenses of the Committee this year.

In conclusion, we would say, that while we are at present laboring under adverse circumstances, amid much that is calculated to discourage, we are not without hope that a brighter day will dawn, and that the efforts of those who would thwart the present policy of civilization of the Indians, by placing them under the control of the War

Department, which would inaugurate a policy of extermination, will not be successful; and hence we still would encourage a persevering effort in their behalf, at least until we can no longer find any ground for hope.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee, by
John J. Cornell, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

Mendon Centre, 3d mo. 17th, 1876.

Samuel Townsend,

Esteemed Friend: - Thine of the 14th inst., is received, and as it will not be convenient for us to send a delegate, we will endeavor to give thee our views, as far as we can from the limited data at our command.

If the Government decide to abolish the office of Superintendent, and still keep the Indian Bureau under the Interior Department, and have the Agents report directly to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, while it may increase their responsibilities, it may do no harm to the cause. But, should that Bureau be transferred to the War Department, and thus render our Agents liable in any way to compromise our testimonies; or should they be placed under a Superintendent of another religious body, it would seem best for us to retire from the concern, leaving those who are now acting as Agents, to accept or refuse those responsibilities, as they might choose, but with out our co-operation as a religious body.

We would recommend, before coming to these conclusions, that the Convention prepare a memorial to the President and Congress, reciting the origin and progress of the concern, an appealing to them, for the sake of humanity, and to maintain the present noble policy of the President, to continue the conducting of affairs in Nebraska as before.

These, of course, are only general hints, and thou must act for us, when the Convention meets, as may seem best at the time, and under the circumstances as they may be unfolded when you meet = we having the fullest confidence that thou will do nothing that will compromise us.

On behalf of the sub-Committee of Genesee Yearly Meeting on Indian Affairs,
John J. Cornell
Clerk.

Santee Agency, Neb., 5th mo. 18th, 1876.

Dear Cousin:

The employees at present on duty are, the Interpreter, and Matron, Steward and Cook at the School. Joseph Steer and Charles Hill went to Platte Valley one week ago to-day. I expect the latter back in a few days, when he will go to work by the day, shingling and flooring Indian houses, as that is the only line of work I can do the rest of this quarter. The Industrial School is doing a good work; there were 25 scholars during

the winter, and 21 now. There has been great improvement in the children, notably in the girls. If I am called on to close the school, I shall surely place the children in one of the Mission Schools, as both are excellent and a credit to the societies sustaining them. There is very little trouble at any of them about the children running away, while at first this was a source of much trouble. There has certainly been good advancement made towards educating the children, in the last two years.

The number of allotments issued has been 299. Of these, 60 have been cancelled, and there are perhaps 25 now to be cancelled, and about as many have gone on to claims, but have not had Certificates yet. Several very worthy Indians are settling on the main branch of the Bazille Creek, which is the best part of the Reservation; but being from 15 to 20 miles from the Agency, they have never gone there before. According to the census of last 10th mo., there were 748 Indians, 426 horses and 176 cattle on the Agency. I think there are rather more than that many cattle. They have about 80 wagons, and nearly all the families have a plow, harrow, scythes, hoes, &c.

The Indians themselves, have sown 158 acres of wheat, by actual measurement, which is more than three times as much as they ever had in before. I hope to get them a thresher and some cradles before I leave. The corn and potatoes are mostly planted now. I have no very definite knowledge of the amounts planted, but am quite sure there is a considerable increase. I know of considerable new breaking.

The Indians are improving their houses very much, by shingling them and laying good floors. I expect to buy enough material for 25 houses before leaving.

It is very gratifying to me to be able to report the entire absence, so far as I have known, of intoxication, during the past four or five months. I have not so much as *heard an intimation* of a case in that time.

I remain thy cousin,
Chas. H. Searing,,

Jonathan D. Noxon,
Mendon Center, N. Y.

At a Meeting of the Delegates of the several Yearly Meetings of Friends having charge of the Indians in Northern Superintendency, held at Lombard street Meeting House in the city of Baltimore, 3d Moth 24th, 1876, at 7 o'clock P. M.:

The Secretary of the Delegates informed that he had received a communication from B. Rush Roberts, Secretary of the Executive Committee, representing Baltimore Yearly Meeting, requesting him to issue a call for a meeting of Delegates who stand appointed in the Several Yearly Meetings. Notice was accordingly given, and the following Friends are now in attendance:

Philadelphia. - John Saunders, Deborah F. Wharton, Daniel Foulke, Chalkley Albertson and Dillwyn Parrish.

Baltimore. - Richard T. Bentley, B. Rush Roberts, Levi K. Brown, and Gerard H. Reese.

New York. - Thomas Foulke and Daniel Underhill.

Indiana. - William Parry.

Ohio and Genesee. - Samuel Townsend of Baltimore.

Illinois. - Cyrus Blackburn of Baltimore.

Letters were read from Samuel M. Janney of Baltimore Yearly Meeting; from Stephen R. Hicks of New York Yearly Meeting; from John J. Cornell of Genesee Yearly Meeting; from Samuel J. Tomlinson of Ohio Yearly Meeting, and from Joseph A. Dugdale of Illinois Yearly Meeting, expressive of their interest in the cause and their desire that none of the testimonies of the Society of Friends may be compromised by our action in relation to the Indians, with other suggestions for the consideration of the Delegates.

B. Rush Roberts gave such information as the Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting were possessed of; informing that the Senate had not yet confirmed the nomination of our Superintendent Barclay White, and also of two Friends who had been nominated and rejected as Agents for the Omahas and Santee Sioux, and also of the probability that the Indian Bureau would be transferred to the War Department of the Government.

The Delegates were brought into much feeling at the present position of the Indian Question as regards our Religious Society, and many views were presented on the several subjects introduced for consideration.

It was proposed that a remonstrance should be prepared and submitted to Congress in relation to the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department of the Government, during the consideration of which the Delegates adjourned, to meet tomorrow morning at this place, at half past eight o'clock.

Seventh day morning, 3d Month 25th.

The Delegates met at about the time appointed.

The consideration of the questions which occupied our attention last evening was again resumed, and after a free and general expression, it was unanimously concluded to appoint a Committee to proceed to Washington to seek an interview with the President, members of Congress, and other officials, and if in the wisdom of truth, it should seem best, to prepare a memorial. Earnestly remonstrating against the transfer of the Indian Bureau to the War Department.

The following Friends were appointed to meet at the Metropolitan Hotel in Washington, on 4th day morning, the 29th inst., at 9 o'clock:

Philadelphia. - John Saunders, Dillwyn Parrish, Chalkley Albertson, Daniel Foulke, Deborah F. Wharton, Margaretta Walton, Amos J. Peasely, Mary S. Lippincott and Sarah Hoopes.

New York. - William H. Macy, Samuel Willits, Thomas Foulke, Daniel Underhill and Hannah Haydock.

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Baltimore. - B. Rush Roberts, Richard T. Bently, Gerard H. Reese, Levi K. Brown, Samuel M. Janney, Mary C. Cutler, Mary Roberts and Edith T. Bently.

Indiana. - William Parry.

Ohio and Genesee. - Samuel Townsend of Baltimore.

Illinois. - Cyrus Blackburn of Baltimore.

The Delegates were encouraged to seek for right direction in this important concern, and to invite other members of the Executive Committee in their several localities to meet with us.

Then adjourned, to meet at the Metropolitan Hotel, in Washington, on 4th day morning, 29th inst., at 9 o'clock.

At a meeting of the Delegates, held at the Metropolitan Hotel, Washington city, by adjournment 3d month 29th, 1876, there were present as Representatives of the several Yearly Meetings:

Philadelphia. - Deborah F. Wharton, Mary S. Lippincott, Margaretta Walton, John

Saunders, Chalkley Albertson and Dillwyn Parrish.

Baltimore, - Richard T. Bently and B. Rush Roberts.

New York. - Stephen R. Hicks.

Indiana. - William Parry.

Ohio and Genesee. - Samuel Townsend of Baltimore.

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The first subject which engaged the attention of the Delegates was an address to the President of the United States, which, after a free expression of sentiment was agreed upon, and a Committee was appointed to inquire at what time the President would receive the Delegation. On the return of the Committee, it was announced that owing to the indisposition of the President, he would not be able to receive a visit to-day.

The address agreed upon was as follows:

To Ulysses S. Grant,

President of the United States:

We represent seven Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends, composed of citizens of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Iowa, to whom has been delegated the privilege of nominating the Superintendent and Agents for the Northern Superintendency of Indians.

When invited by thee into the service, we accepted it with sincere desires to benefit that greatly wronged people, and we have endeavored to faithfully fulfil the great trust imposed upon us, by nominating none but good and efficient men for the several positions, and we feel satisfied that the nominations have generally proved judicious - satisfactory to the Government and beneficial to the Indians.

We now find ourselves in much difficulty; the re-nomination of the Superintendent who has filled the position with fidelity and ability, has not received the favorable action of the Senate; and Agents nominated to fill positions made vacant by the resignation of two Agents, have been rejected by that body. The reasons for the rejections are not fully known to us.

Under these circumstances, we appear before thee to make known our position, and ascertain thy wishes in relation to our continuance in the Indian work, and if so, to know what course thou wilt recommend us to pursue.

As it was important to see the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and the Secretary of the Interior, the Delegates took a recess, and met again in the afternoon, at which time Levi K. Brown and Mary C. Cutler, Delegates of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, were in attendance.

Several Friends reported that they had called on the Secretary and Commissioner, and had interviews with Senators and members of Congress. It was recommended by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that the Delegates should re-nominate Jacob Vore for the Omaha Agency, if approved by the President. Some of our members learned that the Senate had rejected the name of Charles H. Searing, because from information received by the Senators of Nebraska, he was considered too young and not suitable for the position of Agent, and that if he was again nominated, it was believed he would again be rejected.

Under these circumstances, Samuel Townsend, the Representative of Ohio and Genesee Yearly Meetings, is requested to give this information to Friends of those Yearly Meetings and urge an immediate answer.

A letter from William H. Macy, Secretary of the Executive Committee of New York Yearly Meeting was read, in which the desire is expressed that a memorial may be prepared and laid before Congress, expressive of our views in relation to the proposed change in the Indian policy.

The subject had claimed some consideration at our first meeting. It was now again revived, and after carefully considering the present condition of the question, and learning from various sources the strong probability that the care of the Indians would be transferred to the War Department, it was concluded to read a memorial which had been prepared, but it was thought best to defer the adoption of it until after an interview with the President.

Then adjourned until half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Fifth day morning, 3d month 30th.

The Delegates again met. The Committee appointed to call upon the President, represented that on application to his private Secretary, they were informed he was still confined to bed and much indisposed.

The memorial was again read and seriously considered.

After some alteration, it was adopted and directed to be forwarded to both houses of Congress. B. Rush Roberts and Richard T. Bentley were appointed to have five hundred copies of the memorial printed, and after its presentation to both houses of Congress, to have it placed upon the desk of every member, and report at our next Meeting.

The written copy, to be presented to the President, was placed in the hands of B. Rush Roberts and R. T. Bentley, to be delivered at a proper time. Report was made that Senator Morton of Indiana and Representative Townsend of Pennsylvania, had agreed to present a copy to the Senate and House of Representatives.

The memorial is as follows:

*To the President, Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States:*

The memorial of a Convention of Delegates representing the seven Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends, composed of citizens of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, respectfully sheweth:

That they have been actively engaged for several years in endeavoring to civilize the Indian Tribes of the Northern Superintendency, with marked success.

Believing that the proposed transfer of the care of the Indians to the War Department will be a serious injury to them and of no ultimate gain to the Government, we earnestly remonstrate against such change, and wish you seriously to consider whether true wisdom will not cause you to continue the present humane policy.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Delegates of the seven Yearly Meetings.

Dillwyn Parrish,
Secretary.

Washington, Third month 30th, 1876.

The Committee to whom was referred a communication from Superintendent Barclay White, requesting that an investigation might be ordered by the Interior Department, in relation to certain charges made by the Investigating Committee that was sent to the Red Cloud Agency, report,

That on bringing the matter before the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs, they were informed that there were no charges against Superintendent White, that were not disproved by documentary evidence on file in the Department; that his official integrity was unimpeached, and that his name had been sent forward for confirmation by the Senate for re-appointment to the office he now holds.

It was not therefore deemed necessary to take any action in the case, which was concurred in by the Committee.

(Signed)

Samuel M. Janney,
B. Rush Roberts,
Richard T. Bently.

John Saunders offered the following, which was unanimously adopted and directed to be placed on our minutes:

We are informed by Secretary Chandler that the name of Barclay White has been withdrawn from the Senate as it was concluded that the officer of Superintendent is not necessary.

It is with great sorrow that we find that we shall be deprived of the services of Barclay White in that capacity, feeling that he has performed his arduous duties with great ability, and with scrupulous integrity.

The Clerk was directed to transmit, with the proceedings of the Delegates, a request that in the altered condition of Indian Affairs, the Committee of the several Yearly Meetings should seriously consider the subject in all its bearings, and be represented at the next meeting of Delegates, to be held at Race st. Meeting House, on Third day evening, 5th mo. 15th, the week of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, at half past 7 o'clock.

The delegates then adjourned, to meet at the time and place appointed.

Dillwyn Parrish,
Secretary.

The report of the Committee being read, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and their recommendation to raise \$50 for contingent expenses of the Committee, united with, and the report directed to be printed with the usual extracts.

The Committee appointed to collect the exercises of the Meeting, presented the following, which is directed to be printed in the usual extracts:

The importance of attending our Religious Meetings was feelingly alluded to, and the language of encouragement uttered, that as we were concerned to be taught of and by the Divine Father who teaches His people Himself, we should be often drawn to meet together, and the example of our early Friends was cited, showing that as their minds became convinced of the truth which George Fox found opened to his mind while in the field, that God did not dwell in temples made with hands, and that going to Oxford or Cambridge could not qualify a man to be a Minister of the gospel of Christ, they felt impelled to gather with each other to hold communion with the Divine Spirit, and were thus strengthened to hear persecution, and carry forward this noble testimony of the immediate revelation of the will of God to man. Those who are situated where their meetings are small, were encouraged to a faithful attendance of them, as then when the heart was endeavored to be centered in the desire to be instructed, the Lord would be found to feed and to bless.

The young were tenderly exhorted to remember that while they were engaged in obtaining the needful support of the physical life, that the spiritual also needed to be fed and nourished, and that inasmuch as the spiritual life was of more importance to preserve than the physical, more effort should be made for that object, and that, as one of the means to effect it is in communing with the Divine Spirit, and through this communion, learning what the will of the Father concerning us is, they were encouraged to meet with their elder brethren in the middle of the week as well as on firstdays, and they were assured that they would find the blessing of God would rest upon them, as well as their elder brethren.

As all were willing to do the will of the Father in all of His requirings, it was shown that our love for Him would increase, and we would become enabled to carry out the two great commandments - "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all they mind, they might and thy strength, and thy neighbor as thyself;" and we were cautioned against allowing any feeling of coolness or suspicion to find a place with us, and were counseled if any misunderstanding arise, or we have reason to believe a brother has

ought against us, to go to him in a feeling of tenderness and love, to seek a knowledge of where the difficulty lies, and then it would be seldom but that it might be removed and the brother gained.

It was held up to our view how easily we might form erroneous impressions concerning a brother, which a more intimate acquaintance would show to us to be incorrect, and it was frequently from this source that estrangements grew - hence, as we were concerned to fulfil the first commandment alluded to, we might then fulfil the second, because we should be kept from indulging any other feeling, even towards our enemies.

Our testimony against the use of intoxicating drinks claimed our serious consideration. As the reports from our subordinate meetings show us to be clear from participating in them, we were reminded that, as it is considered as a needed preparation to advance any reform or correct any error, that we first have our own hands clear, we were now prepared to consistently advance our testimony among others, and we were invited to consider whether we have not a duty to do as members of the common brotherhood of men, to alleviate the sufferings which are so largely abounding among them.

We were counseled to remember with gratitude the blessings we enjoy at the present time in the immunity from military services, and from the consequent sufferings entailed in former days by a refusal to comply with such demands, and that as this was a legacy we were enjoying, as the result of the faithful bearing of our testimony against war by our forefathers, we must not sit idly down to enjoy the fruit of their labor, but there was still a work for us to do, that as we came under the government of the Prince of Peace in ourselves, we being kept from strife and contention, could set before the world an example of settling all difficulties either by ourselves or arbitration, and could then consistently strive to induce others, as individuals or nations, to follow that example.

A concern was felt and expressed, that more care be used by our members in conducting of their business relations, to punctually fulfil their promises, and pay their just debts, and we were shown that as our minds were kept under the supervision and direction of the Great Supreme, we should be preserved from improperly extending our business, and from making promises we could not perform.

The Committee appointed to consider the subject referred from Scipio Quarterly Meeting, that the two clauses of the advices in relation to Elections and Slavery, be stricken from our Book of Discipline, made the following report, viz:

The Committee to take under consideration the propo-

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sition from Scipio Quarterly Meeting, in regard to the two clauses contained in the advices in the Discipline, having met and deliberated thereon, report: That in regard to the clause pertaining to Elections, the Committee are not united in proposing any

change at this time. But the clause respecting the use of the produce of the labor of slaves, they recommend to be expunged.

On behalf of the Committee, Isaac Baker,
Eleanor Bowerman.

After a free interchange of views, the Meeting unites in erasing the clause relative to Slavery, and to refer the clause pertaining to elections another year, for further consideration, Women Friends concurring.

The Committee appointed to consider of, and propose suitable Friends to constitute the Representative Committee, report the following which were united with, and thy appointed to that service for three years, viz:

Farmington Quarter.

Sunderland P. Gardner,
Seth W. Bosworth,
Isaac Baker,
Benjamin Chase
Jonathan D. Noxon,
John J. Cornell,
Isaac G. Ewer,
Joseph M. Howland,
Asa Hampton,
Solomon A. Howland,
William Greene,

William G. Baker,
Susan D. Akeley,
Judith H. Cornell,
Phebe W. Cornell,
Phebe Jane Noxon,
Mary T. Frost,
Phila L. Chase,
Mary T. Freeman,
Jane Estes,
Catharine E. Bosworth
Charlotte W. Cocks.

Scipio Quarterly Meeting.

John Searing,
Edward Eldredge,
John L. Searing,
William P. Sisson,
Zebulon Hoxie,
John C. Peckham,
Samuel Searing,

Jane R. Searing,
Mary S. Peckham.
Sarah D. Searing,
Eliza S. Hoxie,
Phebe Hoxie,
Catharine Eldredge,
Hannah Marshall,

Samuel F. Dickinson.

Canada Half Yearly Meeting.

Rowland Brown,
John P. Hilborn,
John D. Phillips
Isaac P. Armitage,
Isaac Wilson,
Thomas Stinson,
Reuben Powell,
Alfred Stevens,
James Armitage,
Oliver S. Phillips,

Hiram Brown,
Reuben Noxon,
Richard Widdifield,
Lydia Stinson,
Jane Taylor,
Mary E. Stevens,
Almira Armitage,
Elizabeth Hilborn,
Clarissa W. Clark,
Catharine Brown,

Lillis Brown.

Pelham Half Yearly Meeting.

Robert Wilson,
Richard D. Wilson,
William Cornell,
Asa L. Schooley,
Samuel Haight,
John Minard,
Isaac Zavitts,

Daniel Zavitts,
Ephraim Haight,
Louisa Schooley,
Phebe Haight,
Serena Minard,
Elizabeth Haight,
Sarah Zavitts.

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, report as follows, viz:

The Committee to settle with the Treasurer, report: they find a balance in his hands due the Yearly Meeting of \$123,18; also, for the Committee on Indian Concerns, \$55,05. We recommend the raising of \$50 for the Yearling Meeting's use, and propose Isaac Baker for Treasurer the ensuing year.

On behalf of the Committee, Isaac Wilson.

The Meeting uniting with the report of the Committee, Isaac Baker is accordingly appointed Treasurer for one year, and our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings are requested to raise their respective proportions of the sum, named; also, \$50,00 for the use of the Committee on Indian Concerns, pay to the Treasurer of this meeting, and report.

The Committee on Epistles report they have attended to their appointment, and presented an essay, a copy of which to be directed to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. The essay produced, being read, was approved, and the Clerk is directed to transcribe, sign and forward a copy to each of the Yearly Meetings referred to.

Jonathan D Noxon and John J. Cornell, are appointed to have 1,000 copies of the usual extracts of the Yearly Meeting, together with the reports of the Committee on Indian Concerns, printed and distributed among our Quarterly and Half Yearly Meetings, call on the Treasurer for the expense, and report.

Having been enabled to transact the business for which we have assembled, in love and brotherly condescension, we feel to ascribe praise unto Him whose presence has been so livingly with us, cementing our hearts into one bond of holy union, whereby our souls have been gladdened, and the holy oil felt to flow as from vessel to vessel - and while dwelling under this blessed influence, we feel to bid each other an affectionate farewell in the Lord - and adjourn to meet at Farmington, N. Y., at the usual time next year, if so permitted by the Divine will.

JONATHAN D. NOXON,
Clerk.

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