

## **West Lake Monthly Meeting Women (Orthodox) 1828 - 1851**

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Missing Minutes

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Months 1833

5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Months 1846

5<sup>th</sup> Month 1850

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 8<sup>th</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1828**

The Clerk of this meeting having Identified herself with those who have seceded from the society by refusing to act in accordance with the advice of the Yearly meeting, She is therefore released from her appointment and Ann Valentine is appointed Clerk in her stead for today.

This meeting adjourned to meet at 10 oclock tomorrow morning.

8<sup>th</sup> mo 22<sup>nd</sup> Friends met this morning according to adjournment.

The representatives from two of the preparative meetings being called three are present no account from the other preparatives

The appointment of a Clerk comeing before this meeting Sohpia White is appointed to that service one year & Hannah Taylor assistant

The epistle from New York Yearly meeting & also the extracts from the minutes have been read at this time to good satisfaction.

Adjourned as Usual.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> Mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1828**

This Meeting adjourned to meet at ten oclock tomorrow morning.

9<sup>th</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> Friends met this morning according to adjournment.

Representatives being called three are absent a reason given for one no accounts from one preparative meeting.

The consideration of the appointment of Overseers comeing before this meeting Phebe Burlingham Sarah Bowerman & Annie Jones are appointed to consider of and propose names to our next meeting to fill that station the ensewing year.

~~The epistle from New York yearly meeting and also the extracts from the minutes have been read at this time to good satisfaction.~~

Men friends inform they have appointed a committee to visit & inquire into the state of Green point preparative meeting whitch we unite with & appoint Sophia White and Lucinda Hubbs to visit said meeting & report in conjunction with them

Adjourned as usual

**West Lake Monthly meeting of women Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1828**

Representatives being called three are abcent & reasons given

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline are

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attended though aslackness in some, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, some unbecoming behaviour amongst those who have seceded from us, care has not been taken on account of two of the Overseers having seceded.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is maintained amongst those that remain with us as becomes Sisters, if differences arise due care is taken speedily to end them and friends mostly careful to avoid tale bearing & detraction.

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe Friends are endeavouring to maintain the several parts of this query except those who have seceded from us.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears.

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken to deal with offenders as far as circumstances would admit in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The friends appointed to propose names to fill the station of overseers have attended thereto and propose Lavina Bowerman and Phebe Burlingham which this meeting unites with and appoints them to that service for one year.

Sarah Garratt is appointed to inform Lavina Bowerman of her appointment as Overseer.

Part of the committee appointed to visit Green Point preparative meeting have attended thereto and report they utterly refuse to acknowledg this Monthly Meeting or in any manner accountable thereunto,

men friends inform they have discontinued said meeting and attach the members to west Lake preparative meeting which we unite with

Men friends forwarded to this meeting a minute from the preparative meeting of Ministers and Elders signifiing they are united in proposing to the monthly meeting that Anna Cronk Elizabeth Noxon and Ruth Christy be released believing their usefulness to be ended in that station, which we unite with having the mens concurrence therein.

We unite with men friends in appointing a committee to assist the select members in this their striped situation & appoint Sarah Garrett Mary White Nancy Bowerman and Dorcus Garrett to join with them and report

Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 11<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1828**

~~This meeting adjourns to meet 11 o'clock to morrow morning 11<sup>th</sup> mo 10<sup>th</sup> Friends met this morning accounting to adjournment~~

Representatives being called are present except 4 a reason for two given.

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The friends appointed to inform Lavina Bowerman of her appointment as overseer report the appointment not answered she is otherways informed

Haldermond preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Elizabeth Clark for neglecting our meetings and attending those set up in conformity with Elias Hicks which this meeting notice and appoints Margaret Terrill Betsy D Haight and Dorcas Garrett to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting forwarded a similar complaint against Deborah Clark which this meeting notices and appoints the before named committee with the addition of Mary White and Phebe Burlingham to visit her on that account and report.

Adjourned as Usual.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 12<sup>th</sup> month 18<sup>th</sup> 1829** [1828 written below later in pencil]

This meeting adjourns to eleven o'clock to morrow morning.

12<sup>th</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> Friends met this morning according to adjournment.

Representatives being called all present except three a reason given for one. One of the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Clark report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Deborah Clark report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Catharine Watters [Walters?] for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and identifying her self with those that are in unity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Levens Dorcas Garrett & Patience Garrett to visit her on that account and report

The same meeting forwarded a similar complaint against Phebe Blount which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Bowerman & Sarah Garrett to visit her on that account & report

Likewise a similar complaint against Fanny Cunningham which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Clark & Nancy Bowerman to visit her on that account and report

Also one in like manner against Dorothy White which this meeting notices and appoints Sophia White & Mary White to visit her on that account and report

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The same meeting also forwarded a similar complaint against Mehitabel Cooper which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth Dorland and Deborah Brown to visit her on that account and report.

And also a similar one against Ruth Christy which this meeting notices and appoints Hannah Ellis & Dorcas Garrett to visit her on that account and report.

Likewise the same meeting forwarded a similar one against Mary Bull which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman & Mary Sutherland to visit her on that account and report.

Men friends inform they have discontinued Green Point preparative first and week day meetings and attach the members thereof to West Lake preparative meeting which we unite with. Adjourned as Usual. L?

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1829**

Representatives being called are present except 3 a reason given for two.

This meeting adjourns to meet at eleven O'clock tomorrow morning.

First mo 16<sup>th</sup> Friends met this morning according to adjournment.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and answered as follows which are directed to the Half Years Meeting Sarah Bowerman Sophia White Sarah Garrett & Mary White are appointed to attend said meeting with the accounts and report.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> All our meeting for worship and Discipline are attended tho a slackness in same; the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior except by the seceders Care taken.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe Love and Unity are mostly maintained amongst us, as becomes Sisters, but we are doubtful of some of differences arise we believe due care is taken speedily to end them, we believe friends endeavour to avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are generally careful to keep themselves in plainness, deviations therefrom are somewhat apparent in the youth, we believe friends do endeavour to train up their children and others under their care consistent with our profession, the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care is extended in these respects

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to those under our care.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in this query as far as appears.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> We know of no poor amongst us requiring our assistance, though some deficient in regard to school learning.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Clear except two instances of attending a marriage of one, that went out in marriage accomplished by a priest

Ans<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are careful to perform their promises and to pay their just debts, and not to launch into business beyond our ability to manage.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree reasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

One of the friends appointed to visit Elisabeth Clark report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Deborah Clark report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service

The friends appointed to visit Phebe Blunt report they visited her, and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of consideration it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the men's concurrence, Nancy Bowerman and Sarah Leavens are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting, prepare a minute of denial against her, and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Fanny Cunningham inform they have made her a visit but are not ready to make a full report.

One of the friends appointed to visit Dorothy White reports she made her a visit, and did not find her in a disposition of mind, to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, it appears to be the judgment of this meeting, that she be disowned, having the mens concurrence, Content Ann Blunt and Anna Holly are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meet

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ing, prepare a minute of denial against her, and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Catharine Walters report they visited her, and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the men's concurrence, Elizabeth Levens and Sarah Clark are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case prepare a minute of denial against her, and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Mahitable Cooper report they visited her and found her in no disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the men's concurrence, Phebe Bowerman and Sophia White are appointed to inform her of the meetings' conclusion in her case prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Ruth Christy report they made her a visit, and found her in no disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of consideration this meeting appears united in disowning her having the mens' concurrence, Sarah Clark and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to inform her of the meetings' conclusion in her case, prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to visit Mary Bull report she made her a visit and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make Friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the concurrence of menfriends; Martha Hubbs and Elizabeth Levins are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the Meeting, prepare a minute of denial and produce it to our next Meeting.

Westlake preparative Meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Anna Cronk

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Anna Cronk being as follows. "We have to complain of Anna Cronk for having so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to be guilty of unbecoming behaviour in pushing the half years meetings clerk, and afterwards denying it in the face of the monthly meeting, and for neglecting our meetings, and being instrumental in setting up separate meetings in conformity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, which this meeting notices and appoints Mary White and Mary Dunham to visit her on that account and report to our next meeting.

The same meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Eliza Cronk for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and attending those set up in conformity with Elias Hicks, which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Levens and Elisabeth Dorland to visit her on that account and report.

Also a similar complaint against Rebecca Stickney which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Garrett and Betsy D. Haight to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting forwarded a similar complaint against Elisabeth Noxon which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Clark and Dorcus Garrett to visit her on that account and report .

West Lake Preparative meeting forwarded to this, an acknowledgement signed Elenor D. Forster, which this meeting notices and appoints Elisabeth Dorland and Mary Dunham to visit her see into the sincerity thereof and report.



Came to this meeting a request for a certificate signed Sarah Rasin, Lydia Clark and Sophia White are appointed to prepare an assay of one and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to assist the select members

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report they have attended to the appointment.

Lavinia Bowerman is appointed treasurer for one year.

Quarterly collection one shilling and six pence which is directed to be handed to the treasurer

Adjourned as usual

### **West Lake monthly meeting of Women friends held 2nd month 19th 1829**

Representatives being called are present except one

The friends appointed to attend the half years meeting report they attended.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Elisabeth Clark report they visited her, and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the mens concurrence. Continued

Ann Blunt and Charity Terrill are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to our next meeting.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Deborah Clark report they made her a visit and did not find her in a frame of mind to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the men's concurrence. Lavinia Bowerman and Elisabeth Leavens are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to inform Phebe Blunt of the conclusion of the meeting in her case and prepare a minute of denial, report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to visit Fanny Cunningham report they made her a visit and found her in no situation to make friends satisfaction, after a time of de-

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deliberation, it appears to be the judgment of this meeting, that she be disowned, having the men's concurrence Phebe Bowerman and Martha Harris are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Dorothy White of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have attended to the appointment and produced the following testification, "Whereas Dorothy White having so far deviated from the good order of our society, as to neglect our meetings and identify herself with those that are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity our labours of love not appearing to reclaim her, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she shall make satisfaction, which that she

may be favoured to do is our desire" Signed in and by direction of our monthly meeting held 2nd mo. 19th 1829. by Sophia White clk

Lavina Bowerman and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to show her a copy thereof acquaint her with her privilege of appealing, and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Catharine Walters of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her have attended thereto, and produced the following testification; "Whereas Catharine Walters a member of our society, hath so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and attend meetings held by those who have identified themselves with Elias Hicks and others who we believe hold forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity our labours of christian love proving ineffectual, therefore, to clear friends from the reproach brought on them by such conduct, we disown the said Catharine Walters from being any longer a member of our religious society, until she by sincere repentance evince sorrow

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for her outgoings, which we sincerely hope she may be favoured to experience." Signed in and by direction of our monthly meeting held 19th of 2nd mo 1829 by Sophia White clerk

Phebe Burlingham and Hannah Taylor are appointed to show her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Mahitable Cooper of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have attended to the appointment and produced the following testification, "Whereas Mahitable Cooper has so far deviated from the good order of our society, and from our christian testimony, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend separate ones which are held in conformity with Elias Hicks and others who we believe held forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, therefore in order to clear the truth which we profess, from such inconsistent conduct, after our christian endeavours in love to reclaim her without effect, we are compelled to testify against her, and do deny the said Mahitable Cooper to be any longer a member of our religious society, yet our desires for her are that she may be favoured to see her errors and experience sorrow for the same, and be restored to unity with friends." Signed in and by direction of our monthly meeting held 19th of 2nd mo 1829 by Sophia White clk.

Sarah Bowerman and Jane Hubs are appointed to show her a copy thereof acquaint her with her privilege of appealing and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Ruth Christy of the conclusion of the meeting in her case and prepare a minute of denial against her, have attended to the appointment and produced the following testification, "Whereas Ruth Christy has so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and identify herself with those that are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love not

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not having the desired effect this meeting disowns her the said Ruth Christy, from being any longer a member amongst us, until she may be brought to a sense of her error, which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire". Signed in and by direction of our monthly meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1829 by Sophia White clerk



Elisabeth Leavens and Content Ann Blunt are appointed to show her a copy thereof, inform her of her privilege of appealing and report to our next meeting

The friends appointed to inform Mary Bull of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her have attended thereto and produced one as follows "Whereas Mary Bull a member of our society, hath so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect attendance of our meetings and attend meetings held by those who have identified themselves with Elias Hicks and others who we believe holds forth the doctrine of unbelief and infidelity our labours of christian love proving ineffectual therefore to clear friends from the reproach brought on them by such conduct, we disown the said Mary Bull from being any longer a member of our religious society, until she by sincere repentance evince sorrow for her outgoings which we sincerely hope she may be favoured to experience". Signed in and by direction of our monthly meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1829 by Sophia White clk.

Sarah Clark and Mary Dunham are appointed to show her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her privilege of appealing and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Anna Cronk report they made her a visit and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, this meeting appears united in disowning her having the mens concurrence Sarah Leavens and Susan Dorland are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, prepare a minute

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ute of denial against her, and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Elisa Cronk and Rebecca Stickney report they visited them, and did find them in dispositions of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that they be disowned having the men's concurrence, Sarah Levins, Susan Dorland, Content Ann Blunt, and Elisabeth Levins are appointed to inform them of the conclusion of the meeting, prepare minutes of denial against them, and produce them to our next meeting

The friends appointed to visit Elisabeth Noxon report they made her a visit, and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that she be disowned, having the mens' concurrence, Lavinia Bowerman and Sarah Levins are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to our next meeting

Was received and read in this meeting to our satisfaction an epistle from the meeting for sufferings

One of the friends appointed to visit Eleanor D Foster attended to the appointment with another friend and believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgement, said acknowledgment being absent, through mistake it is deferred to another meeting.

One of the friends appointed to prepare an essay of certificate for Sarah Rasin, reports the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

Adjourned as usual

**West Lake monthly meeting of Women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1829**

Representatives being called, are present except two, reasons given for their absence

One of the friends appointed to inform Elisabeth Clark

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Clark of the conclusion of the meeting in her case and the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Deborah Clarks' case are not ready to report, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to inform Phebe Blunt of the meetings conclusion in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed in Fanny Cunninghams' case reports they have attended thereto, and produced the following testification, " Whereas Fanny Cunningham having so far deviated from the good order of our society as to neglect our meetings, and identify herself with those that are in unity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love not appearing to reclaim her, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society, until she shall make satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire". Signed in and by direction of west Lake monthly meeting of friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1829, by Sophia White clerk

Mary Southard and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to show her a copy thereof, or furnish her with it if required, acquaint her with her privilege of appealing and report to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to show Dorothy White a copy of her testification, and inform her of her right to appeal reports the appointment is answered.

One of the friends appointed to show Catharine Walters a copy of her testification and inform her of her of her of appealing, reports the appointment is answered.

No report from the friends appointed in Mahitable Coopers case, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to show Ruth Christy a copy of her testification and acquaint her with her privilege of

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appealing, report they have answered the appointment.

The friends appointed to show Mary Bull a copy of her testification and acquaint her with her privilege of appealing report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to inform Elisabeth Noxon of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have attended thereto, and produced the following testification, "Whereas Elisabeth Noxon has so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to neglect our meetings, and attend separate meetings, set up in conformity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love having been extended, and not appearing to reclaim her, we therefore do testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she shall make satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire". Signed in and by direction of west lake monthly meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1829 by Sophia White Clk.

Martha Rorke, Phebe Bowerman and Patience Garratt are appointed to show her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her privilege of appealing, and report to our next meeting

The friends appointed to inform Elisa Cronk and Rebecca Stickney of the conclusion of the meeting, and prepare minutes of denial have attended thereto, and produced the following testification, "Whereas Rebecca Stickney has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect our meetings and attend separate meetings set up in conformity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love being extended and not producing the desired effect we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of this meeting, until she may be brought to a sense of the error of such conduct, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire". Sign'd in and by direction of West Lake monthly meeting held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1829 by Sophia White clerk.

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Whereas Elisa Cronk has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect our meetings, and attend separate ones, set up in conformity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love for her restoration, having proved ineffectual, we do hereby disown her the said Elisa Cronk to be any longer a member of our religious society, until she evince a true sense of her errors, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire"; Signed in and by direction of our monthly meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1829. by Sophia White clerk. Phebe Bowerman and Martha Rorke are appointed to show them copies thereof, or furnish them with them if required, acquaint them with their privilege of appealing, and report.

The friends appointed to inform Anna Cronk of the meetings conclusion in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have attended thereto and produced the following testification, "Whereas Anna Cronk has so far deviated from the good order of our society, as to be guilty of unbecoming behavior in pushing the half years' meetings clerk and after wards denying it in the face of the monthly meeting, and neglecting our meetings and being instrumental in setting up separate meetings, in conformity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds for the doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love being extended, and not producing the desired effect, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of this meeting, until she may be brought to a sense of her error, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire"; Signed in and by direction of the monthly meeting, held 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 1829. by Sphia White, clk. Lucinda Hubbs and Elizabeth Leavens are appointed to show her a copy thereof, furnish her with it if required, acquaint her with her privilege of appealing, and report to our next meeting.

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The case of Eleanor D. Forster, coming again before this meeting, it appears to be united in receiving her a member having the mens concurrence, Elizabeth Leavens and Sophia White are appointed to inform her of her reception and report.

One of the friends appointed to prepare a certificate for Sarah Rasin, reports the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

Haldimand preparative meeting forwarded to this a proposal of marriage, signed Esli Terril and Hannah Brock, Elizabeth Clapp and Lavina Bowerman are appointed to

enquire into her clearness of other like engagements, and report to our next meeting, where said friends are desired to attend for an answer.

Cold Creek preparative meeting forwarded to this a proposal of marriage signed Joseph Haight and Elizabeth Tirrill; Dorothy Richmond and Elizabeth Clapp are appointed to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting, where said friends are desired to attend for an answer.

Ameliasburgh preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Sarah Kinny, for neglecting the attendance of our meetings, and attending those set up by the separatists, which this meeting notices and appoints Mary White and Sarah Garrett to visit her on that account and report.

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Martha Striker, for so far deviating from the good order of our society, as to neglect our meetings, and attend meetings set up by those that are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, which this meeting notices and appoints Hannah Ellis and Sarah Leavens to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting forwarded a similar complaint against Nancy Batski; Martha Rorke, Patience Garrett and

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and Phebe Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account, and report.

Likewise a similar complaint against Catharine White, which this meeting notices, and appoints Mary Dunham and Betsy D. Haight, to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting also forwarded a similar complaint against Amy Bowerman, Elizabeth Clapp and Lucinda Hubbs are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting forwarded one in like manner against Lydia Somes; Betsy D. Haight, Sophia White and Hannah Taylor, are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Adjourned as usual.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1829.**

The representatives being called are present except three, a reason given for the absence of one.

This meeting adjourns to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

17<sup>th</sup>. Friends meet this morning agreeable to adjournment.

The representatives being called, are present as yesterday.

The queries have all been read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended, although a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained as becomes sisters, no differences amongst us, tale bearing and detraction are discouraged, and mostly avoided.

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves in plainness, tho. Some are not as careful to keep their children plain, as is desired we believe friends are

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Careful to observe the remaining parts of the query.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as we know.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Friends are in a good degree careful to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness, and agreeable to our discipline.

The friends appointed in Elisabeth Clarks case have attended to the appointment, and produced the following testification

Whereas Elizabeth Clark having so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to neglect our meetings and attend sepperate ones held in conformity with Elias Hicks and others our labours of love for her restoration having proved ineffectual we do hereby disown her the said Elizabeth Clark to be any longer a member of our meeting until She evince a true sense of her error which that she may be proved to do so our sincere desire Signed in and by direction of West Lake monthly Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1829.

By Sophia White, Clk

Which has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it, on behalf of the meeting. Margaret Terrill and Hannah Brock are appointed to show her a copy thereof, or furnish her with it if required, acquaint her with her privilege of appealing and report.

The friends appointed in Deborah Clarks case are not ready to report, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Phebe Blunts case, reports they have attended thereto, and produced the following testification Whereas Phebe Blunt a member of our Society having so far deviated from the order of friends as to neglect the attendance of our neetings and identify herself with those that are in unity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth the Doctrines of unbelief and Infidelity our labours of love having been extended, does not appear to reclaim her, we therefore do testify against her being any longer a member until she shal make satisfaction to friends which she may be favoured to do is our desire signed in and by direction of West Lake Monthly Meeting of friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1829 by Sophia White Clerk.

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which has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting. Elizabeth Leavens and Sarah Clark are appointed to shew her a copy thereof, or furnish her with it if required, and acquaint her with her privilege of appealing and report.

One of the friends appointed in Fanny Cunninghams' case, reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed in Mahitable Coopers' case are not ready to report, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Noxons' case, reports they have attended to the appointment

No report from the friends appointed in Eliza Cronks and Rebecca Stickneys cases, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Anna Cronks case report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed in Eleanor D Forsters' case report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to prepare a certificate for Sarah Rasin have attended to the appointment, and produced one, which has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to forward it to Yonge street monthly meeting.

Esli Terrill and Hannah Brock, appeared in this meeting and signified they continued their intentions of marriage with each other, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage, at some suitable time, before our next monthly meeting. Margarat Terrill and Lavinia Bowerman are appointed to attend said marriage, see if it be orderly conducted and report.

Joseph Haight and Elizabeth Terrill appeared in this meeting, and signified they continued their intentions of marriage with each other, and nothing ap-

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pearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next monthly meeting. Phebe Burlingham and Sophia White are appointed to attend said marriage, see if it be orderly conducted and report.

The friends appointed in Sarah Kennys' case, report they made her a visit, and did not find her in a disposition of mind of make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the mens' concurrence, Lavinia Bowerman and Patience Garrett are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, prepare a minute of denial against her, and produce it to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in Martha Strikers' case, not ready to report they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Nancy Batskis' case, not ready to report, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Catharine White report they have attended thereto, and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the conclusion of this meeting that she be disowned, having the mens' concurrence, Nancy Bowerman and Sarah Garrett are appointed to inform her of the meetings' conclusion in her case, prepare a minute of denial against her, and produce it to our next meeting.

No report from the friends appointed in Amy Bowermans' case, they are continued to that service, with the addition of Dorcas Garrett.

The friends appointed in Lydia Somes' case, not ready to report, they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative meeting of ministers and elders propose to this meeting the consideration of appointing Mary White, Sarah Bowerman, and Sarah Garrett to to the station of elders which we unite with, having the unity of men friends, therein, and appoint Lavinia

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Bowerman, Sarah Leavens, Sarah Clark, and Elizabeth Leavens to join with a committee of men friends in hearing and answering objections, if any arise and report.



Ameliaburg preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Lucinda Bull, for neglecting our meetings, and attending those set up by the separatists, Mary Dunham and Dorcas Garret are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Came to this meeting from West lake preparative a complaint against Mary Jennins, for neglecting the attendance of our meetings, and attending meetings set up in conformity with Elias Hicks, Nancy Bowerman, Elizabeth Leavens, and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting forwarded a similar complaint against Mahitable Christy, Sarah Clark, and Sarah Leavens, are appointed to visit her on that account and report

The same meeting forwarded one in like manner against Matura Aldridge, Sophia White and Dorcas Garrett are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Likewise a similar one against Abigail Hill, Sarah Clark, and Elizabeth Leavens, are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Was forwarded to this meeting, a similar complaint against Martha Hazard, Mary White, Sophia White, and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

One also against Matura Stinson, Mary Dunham, Sarah Garrett, and Sarah Leavens, are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

One in like manner against Sarah Hill, Sarah Clark, Elizabeth Leavens, and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

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The same preparative forwarded a similar complaint against Martha Bull, Sarah Garrett and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Likewise one against Mary Barker, Content Ann Blunt, Lavinia Bowerman, and Patience Garrett are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Halidmond preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Mary E Clark, for neglecting to use the plain language, and for leaving our society and joining herself with another, Margaret Terrill and Sophia White are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Ann Waring and Sophia White are appointed to apply to Eliza Cronk, for our monthly meeting books and report.

Quarterly collection three shillings and seven pence halfpenny, which is directed to be handed to the treasurer.

Adjourn'd as usual.

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1829.**

The Clerk being absent, Martha W. Rorke is appointed for the day.

Representatives being called, were present except three a reason given for the absence of one.

No report from the friends appointed in Elizabeth Clarks case, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Deborah Clarks case, report they have attended to the appointment, and produced the following testimony of denial

Whereas Deborah Clark has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect our meetings & attend others set up in conformity with Elias Hicks and others, and

we having extended our labours of love which does not appear to reclaim we do therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our Society until she by amendment of life makes satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and on behalf of West Lake Monthly Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup>

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1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1829 by Martha W Rorke Clerk for the day

which has been read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting. Lydia Clark and Charity Terril are appointed to show her a copy thereof, or furnish her with one if required, inform her of her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in the case of Phebe Blunts have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Mahitable Coopers' case report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed in Eliza Cronks' and Rebecca Stickneys' cases, report the appointments answered.

No report from the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Esli Terril and Hannah Brock, they are desired to report next month.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Joseph Haight and Elisabeth Terril, report they attended, and did not see, but that it was orderly conducted.

The friends appointed in Sarah Kennys' case have visited her and produced the following testimony of denial against her.

Whereas Sarah Kinny a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order used amongst us as to neglect the attendance of our religious meetings and attending those set up by the sepperates our labours of love being extended and not appearing to reclaim we must testify against her being any longer a member of our Religious meeting until she evince a sense of her error and make satisfaction that she may be favoured to do is our desire

Signed on behalf of West Lake Monthly Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1829 by Martha W Rork Clerk for the day.

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which has been read and approved in this meeting, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof. Mary Dunham and Lydia Clark are appointed to furnish her with a copy if required inform her of her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in Martha Strikers' case, are continued to the appointment another month with the addition of Mary White and Lavinia Bowerman.

The friends appointed to visit Nancy Batski report they have visited her, but did not find her in a disposition to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence Mary Southard and Phebe Bowerman, are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a testimony of denial against her, to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in Catharine Whites' case, report the appointment is not answered.

The friends appointed in Amy Bowermans' case have not attended to the appointment, they are continued to that service, with the addition of Phebe Bowerman.

The friends appointed to visit Lidia Somes, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to hear and consider objections if any arise, against the appointment of Sarah Bowerman, Mary White, and Sarah Garratt, to the station of elders, report they find none, this meeting is united in their appointment.

The friends appointed in the case of Lucinda Bull report they have visited her, and she not being fully determined in her mind, requested three months longer to consider, with which this meeting unites, leaving it under the care of the same committee.

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The friends appointed in Mary Jennings case, have visited her and did not find her in any disposition to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence. Content Ann Blunt and Elizabeth Leavens are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a minute of denial against her, to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Martha Bull report they did not find her in a disposition of mind, to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the concurrence of men friends. Elizabeth Dorland and Elizabeth Leavens are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Mahitable Christy report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Matura Aldridge have attended to it and did not find her in a disposition of mind, to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence, Patience Garrat and Content Ann Blunt are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Abigail Hill have made her a visit, but are not ready to report, they are continued another month.

The friends appointed to visit Martha Hazard have not attended thereto they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Matura Stinson

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report they found her in no disposition of mind to make satisfaction, the case if left another month on account of the complaint not being present.

The friends appointed to visit Sarah Hill report they did not find her in a disposition to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation this meeting unites in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence, Nancy Bowerman and Deborah Brown are appointed to inform her of this meetings' conclusion in her case, and produce a minute of denial against her to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Mary Barker have visited her, and found her in no disposition to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation, this meeting is united in disowning her having the mens' concurrence. Nancy Bowerman and Sarah Garrat are

appointed to inform her of this meetings' conclusion in her case, and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Mary E. Clark report they did not find her in a disposition to make friends satisfaction, but seemed established in her present way of worship, after a time of deliberation, this meeting is united in disowning, her having the mens' concurrence, Charity Terrel and Mary White are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

No report from the friends appointed to apply for the monthly meeting books, they are continued to that service.

Came to this meeting from West Lake preparative a complaint against Charlotte Valentine for having a child in an unmarried state Dorcas Garrat Elizabeth Leavens Phebe Bowerman and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account

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and report.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1829.**

The representatives from the different preparative meetings being called, four were absent, reasons given for the absense of two.

The friends appointed in Elizabeth Clarks' case report they have answered the appointment

No report from the friends appointed in Deborah Clarks' case they are continued to the appointment another month.

No report from the friends appointed in Phebe Blunts' case, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Esli Terrel and Hannah Brock, reports she attended, and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted.

One of the friends appointed in Sarah Kinnys' case reports the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Martha Striker report they have paid some attention thereto the case is left under their care another month.

One of the friends appointed in Nancy Batskis' case, has attended to the appointment and produced the following minute of denial against her.

[Transcribers note: the handwriting of the denial which follows is not the same as that on the rest of the page]

Whereas Nancy Batsky has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect our meetings and attend separate ones in conformity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth Doctrins of unbelief and infidelity our labours of love for her restoration having proved ineffectual we do hereby disown her the said Nancy Batsky from being any longer a member of our religious society until she evince a true sense of her

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errors which that she may be favoured to do is our Sincere desire Signed in and by direction of our Monthly meeting Held 18<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1829

by Hannah Taylor Clerk for the day which has been read and approved in this meeting. the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Deborah Brown and Mary White are appointed to shew her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her right to appeal, and report to our next meeting

One of the friends in Catharine Whites' case, reports, she has attended to the appointment, and produced the following testimony of denial against her

Whereas Catharine White has so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to neglect our meetings and attend meetings set up by those that are in unity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth the doctrins of unbelief and Infidelity, our labours of love to convince and reclaim her proving ineffectual we therefore do testify against her being any longer a member of our Society until by repentance and amendment of life She may be convinced of her error and make satisfaction to friends which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Sign,d in and by direction of the Monthly meeting of friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1829 which has been read and approved, and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting, Lavinia Bowerman and Phebe Bowerman are directed to furnish her with a copy thereof if required, acquaint her with her right to appeal and report to next meeting.

One of the committee appointed in Amy Bowermans' case, reports she made her a visit, but did not find her in any disposition to make friends satisfaction, but rather wished to be disowned, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence, Sarah Leavens and Nancy Gunter are appointed to inform her of this meetings conclusion in

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her case, and produce a minute of denial against her to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Somes' case, reports the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Mary Jennings' case reports the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in the case of Martha Bull, reports they have not attended to the appointment, they are continued another month with Phebe Burlingham added.

One of the friends appointed to visit Mahitable Christy report they made her a visit, and it appeared to be her desire to be disowned, the case is left another month, on account of the complaint not being present.

One of the friends appointed in Matura Aldridge's case reports the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Abigail Hills' case has attended thereto, and found that she had no desire to be continued a member amongst us, it is left another month on account of the absence of her complaint.

One of the friends appointed to visit Martha Hazard, reports they have not attended to the appointment, they are continued another month.

The friends appointed in the case of Matura Stinson, report they have, made her a visit, and did not find that she had any desire to be a member amongst us, after a time of deliberation thereon, this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the concurrence

of men friends, Dorcas Garratt and Margaret Garratt are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the

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meeting in her case, and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in Sarah Hills' case have attended to the appointment, and produced the following testimony of denial against her.

Whereas Sarah Hill having so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to neglect our meetings & attend meetings set up in conformity with Elias Hicks and others, our labours of Love to convince and reclaim her proving ineffectual, we therefore do testify against her being any longer a member of our Society until by repentance & amendment of life she may be convinced of her error and make satisfaction to friends, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of the Monthly Meeting of friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1829 by Hannah Taylor Clerk for the day. which has been read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting, Nancy Bowerman and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to shew her a copy thereof or furnish her with one if required inform her of her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Mary Barker, have produced the following,

Whereas Mary Barker has so far deviated from the good order of our society, as to neglect our meetings, and attend other meetings, set up in conformity with Elias Hicks and others, who we believe hold forth principles repugnant to the principles of Friends our labours of love to reclaim proving ineffectual we hereby testify against her being any longer a member of our Society until she may be convinced of her error, and make suitable satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Mary Southard and Martha Hubbs, are appointed to furnish her with a copy thereof if

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required, acquaint her with her right to appeal and report.

One of the friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Mary E. Clark reports they have not answered the appointment, being prevented by sickness they are continued to that service another month.

One of the friends appointed to apply to Elisa Cronk for the monthly meeting books reports she did apply for them, but they were refused her.

Two of the committee appointed to visit Charlotte Valentine on account of her outgoings report they made her a visit and she seemed to express sorrow for what she had done, but in order to clear the society from the reproach of such conduct, after deliberating thereon it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the mens' concurrence, Sarah Bowerman and Ann Waring are appointed to inform her of the meetings' conclusion in her case, and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

Adjourned to the usual time in next month.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1821**



Representatives from the different preparatives being called are present except one and a reason given for her absence.

The queries have all been read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows which are directed to the Half Years Meeting.

Phebe Burlingham Hannah Taylor Elizabeth Clapp & ~~Phebe Burlingham~~ Patience Garrett are appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting with the accounts and report.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and Discipline are attended altho a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour appears

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters, no differences

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amongst us, tale bearing and detraction appears to be discouraged, and mostly avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, & friends are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our profession, we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care is taken towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the sevral parts of this query as far as appears.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness, and agreeable to discipline.

The friends appointed in Deborah Clarks case report the appointment answered

Nor report from the friends appointed in Phebe Blounts case they are continued to that service report when accomplished.

The friends in Sarah Kinneys case report the appointment answered.

One of the friends in Martha Strikers case report she made her a visit and She did not wish to remain a member of our Society after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the mens concurrence Ann Waring & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion and produce a testimony of denial against her to our next meeting.

One of the friends in Nancy Batskys case report the appointment answered

The friends appointed in Katherine Whites case report the appointment answered

One of the friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Amy Bowerman have produced the following which has been read and approved and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting Whereas Amy Bowerman a member of our religious society has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect our meetings and attend meetings set up by those that are in unity with Elias Hicks who we believe holds forth the doctrines of unbelief and Infidelity our labours of love for her restoration not appearing to reclaim we do hereby disown the said Amy Bowerman to be any longer a member of our religious Society until she evince a true sence of her error, which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire Signed in and by direction of West Lake Monthly Meeting of friends 16<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 1829 by Sophia White Clk

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Phebe Bowerman & Content Ann Blount are appointed to show her a copy there fore furnish her with it if required and acquaint her with her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to visit Lydia Soams attended to the appointment with another friend and she appears to have no desire to be a member of our Society after a time of consideration it appears to be the judgment of meeting that she be disowned having the mens concurrence Dorcus Garrett and Sarah Parmer and Ann Wareing are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion in her case and produce atestimony of denial against her to our next meeting

The friends appointed to prepare a testamony of denial against Mary Jennings have produced the following Whereas Mary Jennings has so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to neglect our meetings and attend sepperate meetings set up in conformity with Elias Hicks and others our labours of love for her restoration, having proved ineffectual we do hereby disown her the said Mary Jennings to be any longer a member of our religious Society until She evince a true sence of here errors, which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire Signed in and by the direction of West Lake monthly Meeting of Friends held the 16<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1829 by Sophia White Clerk which has been read and approved and the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting Hannah Taylor and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to furnish her with a copy thereof if required acquaint her with her right to appeal and report to our next meeting

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Martha Bull have produced one as follows

Whereas Martha Bull has sofar deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and attend other meetings set up in conformity with Elias Hicks and others and we having extended our labours of love which does not appear to reclaim we do therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she by amendment of life makes satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and by direction of West Lake monthly Meeting of friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1829 by Sophia White clerk

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#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except three, two of whom sent reasons for their absence.

The friends appointed in Martha Strikers' case, have attended to the appointment, and produced the following testimony of denial against her.

Whereas Martha Striker a member of our religious society, having so far deviated from the good order thereof, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend meetings, set up by those, who are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love having been bestowed, do not appear to have the desired effect, we do therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she by repentance and amendment of life, shall make satisfaction to friends, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire." which has

been read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting, Sarah Clark and Hannah Taylor are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her right to appeal, and report to our next meeting

One of the friends appointed to furnish Amy Bowerman with a copy of her testification reports the appointment is answered.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Somes' case, reports the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Mary Jennings' case, report the appointment is answered.

Was received from the mens' meeting a certificate of unity and concurrence on behalf of our esteemed

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ed friend Benjamin Tabor, from Starkesborough monthly meeting held at Lincoln, Vermont 4<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1828. Also one from the same monthly meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 1828. for our esteemed friend Nathan Page accompanying him, whose company and gospel labours at this time have been strengthening and satisfactory to friends.

The friends appointed to furnish Martha Bull with a copy of her testification reports the appointment is answered.

The case of Mahitable Christy, coming again before this meeting, and it appearing to be her desire not to be continued a member, after a time of deliberation thereon, this meeting is united in disowning her, having the concurrence of men friends. Elizabeth Haight and Mary Dunham are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion in her case and produce a minute of denial against her to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed in Matura Oldridges' case, reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Abigail Hill, have produced the following.

“Whereas Abigail Hill a member of our religious society, has so far deviated from the good order thereof, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend meetings, set up by those who are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love having been extended do not appear to reclaim her, we do therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society, until she may be convinced of her error, and make suitable satisfaction for her outgoings which that she may be favoured to do, is our desire.” which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof,

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Conent Ann Blunt and Martha Hubs are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her right to appeal and report to our next meeting

One of the friends appointed to inform Martha Hazard of the meetings' conclusion in her case and prepare a minute of denial against her report they have not attended thereto they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to inform Mary E. Clark of the conclusion of the meeting in her case and prepare a minute of denial against her have not attended to the appointment, they are continued to that service, with Ann Valentine added.

The friends appointed in Charlotte Valentines' case have attended to the appointment, and produced the following minute of denial against her, "Whereas Charlotte Valentine a member of this meeting has so far deviated in conduct, from the good order used amongst us, as to be guilty of having a child in an unmarried state and thereby bringing great reproach on the society, our labours of love having been extended to her but without producing the desired effect; wherefore for the clearing of truth from such disorderly conduct we do hereby disown her the said Charlotte Valentine to be any longer a member of our society, until by her future life she shall satisfy her friends that she has witnessed sincere repentance for her outgoings which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Margaret Garratt and Phebe Bowerman are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her right to appeal and report.

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Adjourn'd to the usual time in next month.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 17<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except one, a reason sent for her absence

One of the friends appointed in Martha Strikers' case, reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to inform Mahitable Christy of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have attended thereto, and produced the following.

"Whereas Mahitable Christy a member of our Society has so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to neglect our meetings, and attend separate meetings, set up in conformity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love having been extended, and not appearing to reclaim, we testify against her being any longer a member of our religious meeting, until she shall evince to us a true sense of her outgoings, and make friends satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire." which has been read and approved in this meeting. the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Patience Garratt and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her right to appeal, and report to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to offer Abigail Hill a copy of the testimony against her, report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to inform Martha Hazard of the meetings' conclusion in her

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case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have produced the following, "Whereas Martha Hazard a member of this meeting, has so far deviated from the good order of our society, as to neglect our meetings, and attend meetings set up by those that are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity, our labours of love having been extended to endeavour to reclaim her, but without the desired effect, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society, until she shall satisfy friends that she has witnessed sincere repentance for her outgoings, which that

she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire". Which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Sarah Palmer and Phebe Bowerman are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal and report.

One of the committee appointed in Mary E Clarks' case, reports they have not attended to the appointment, they are continued to that service with Hannah Terrill added.

One of the friends appointed to offer Charlotte Valentine a copy of the testimony against her, reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to inform Lydia Somes of the meetings conclusion in her case and prepare a minute of denial against her, have produced the following: "Whereas Lydia Somes a member of this meeting, has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to neglect our meetings and attend meetings set up by those that are in unity with Elias Hicks, who we believe holds forth doctrines of unbelief and infidelity; our labours of love having

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been extended to endeavour to reclaim her, but without the desired effect, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society, until she shall satisfy friends that she has witnessed sincere repentance for her outgoings, which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire."

Which has been read, and approved, the clerk is directed to sign it, on behalf of the meeting, Sarah Clark and Mary Southard are appointed to furnish her with a copy thereof if required inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed in Matura Stinsons' case, have produced the following testimony against her "Whereas Matura Stinson a member of our society, has so far deviated from the good order of friends, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend other meetings set up in conformity with Elias Hicks and others, our labour of love having been extended, and not appearing to reclaim, we testify against the said Matura Stinson, as being any longer a member of our religious meeting, until she shall evince to us a true sence of her outgoings, and make friends satisfaction, which that she maybe favoured to do, is our desire." Which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Sarah Clark and Mary White are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal and report.

Was handed in from the mens meeting a certificate of unity and concurrence from the monthly meeting of Burlington, New Jersey held 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 1829. and endorsed by Burlington quarterly meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1829 on behalf of our esteemed friend Stephen Gralette, whose company and service at the time has been ac-

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acceptable and satisfactory to friends. Also a minute from Chester monthly meeting New Jersey held 4<sup>th</sup> mo. 14<sup>th</sup> 1829. for our esteemed friend Henry Warrington jun. accompanying him whose company has been acceptable to friends.

West lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a request signed Elizabeth Secord wishing to become a member amongst friends, Betsy D. Haight and Sarah Garrett are appointed to visit her on that account make enquiry into her life and conversation and report to next meeting.

Was received and read in this meeting as testimony of disunity from the monthly meeting of Westbury and Jerico, against Elias Hicks and his doctrines.

Was also read at this time an epistle from the New York yearly meeting of women friends also extracts from the minutes of the Yearly meeting to good satisfaction.

[Transcriber Note: The following paragraph is “X”d out]

~~“Bestsy D. Haight and Patience Garratt are appointed to prepare a certificate of removal to Rochester monthly meeting on behalf of Jane Howe and daughters and produce it to next meeting.”~~

Adjourned to the usual time in next month.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of Women Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829**

Representatives from the different preparatives meetings being called were present except two, a reason given for the absence of one.

The queries have been read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although there is a slackness in some friends, the hour nearly

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observed by most, mostly clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior appears.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes sisters, if differences arise due care is taken speedily to end them, and we endeavour to avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction.

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe friends are mostly careful to keep themselves in plainness, though some deficiencies amongst the youth, and friends do endeavour by example and precept, to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our religious profession, the scriptures are frequently read in friends families, and a care is extended to other under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We know of no friends making unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns, or attending places of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken in good degree to deal with offenders, in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline.

The friends appointed in Mahitabal Christy’s case report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed in Abigail Hills case report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to furnish Martha Hazard with a copy of the testimony against her, report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Mary E. Clark’s case, has attended thereto, and produced the following minute of denial against her, “Whereas Mary E. Clark who made profession amongst friends, hath so far deviated from our principles, as to join in fellowship with those of a different religious persuasion, and submitted to be publicly dipped in water, which they call baptizing, and having been laboured with, without the desired effect, now in order to clear the truth, which we profess, from such deviation and departure in principal, we

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do hereby disown her the said Mary E. Clark to be any longer a member of our society, until by a more consistent life she may be favoured to make satisfaction and be restored to unity with friends, which is our sincere desire.” which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof. Ann Valentine and Elizabeth Clapp, are directed to furnish her with a copy thereof, inform her of her privilege of appealing and report.

One of the friends appointed to furnish Lydia Somes with a copy of the testimony against her, reports they have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to offer Matura Stinson a copy of the testimony against her, report they have not attended to the appointment, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Secord on account of her request, report they have had an opportunity with her, and is their opinion, that it would be well to let the case lay two months longer, with which this meeting unites, leaving it under the care of the same committee.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed, this meeting appoints, Elizabeth Cronk, Ann Waring, Sarah Clark, Sarah Garratt, Betsy D. Haight, Hannah Brock, and Nancy Bowerman, to consider of and propose names to fill that station for the ensuing year.

The epistles addressed to the New York yearly meeting of women friends, have been read at this time to good satisfaction.

The time being expired for which the clerks were appointed, Hannah Taylor is appointed to the office of clerk for one year, and Content Ann Blunt assistant.

Quarterly collection one shilling and three pence, which is directed to be handed to the treasurer.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

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### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month 1829.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called six were absent, reasons given for the absence of two.

One of the friends appointed to furnish Martha Hazard with a copy of the testimony against her reports they have not attended to the appointment, they are continued to that service.

No report from the friends appointed to offer Mary E. Clark a copy of the testimony against her, they are continued to that service, and desired to report.

One of the friends appointed to furnish Lydia Somes with a copy of the testimony against her, reports it has not been attended to, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Matura Stinsons' case, reports the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to consider of and propose names to fill the station of overseers for the ensuing year, have attended to the appointment and produced the following names for Cold creek Elizabeth Clapp and Ann Valentine, for Haldimond Lydia Clark and Hannah Brock, for Ameliasburg Mary White and Mary Dunham, for West Lake Phebe Burlingham Lavinia Bowerman and Nancy Bowerman, who are accordingly appointed.

A request came to this meeting from Ameliasburg preparative a request signed Sarah Hutchinson, expressing a desire to be joined in membership with friends, Nancy Bowerman and Patience Garratt are appointed to visit her on that account, make enquiry into her life and conversation and report to next meeting.

The committee appointed in the case of Lucinda

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Bull, not being ready to report, they are continued to that service, with Elizabeth Dorland added.

Adjourn'd to the usual time in next month.

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 17<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except four, two of whom sent reasons for their absence.

One of the friends appointed to furnish Martha Hazard with a copy of the testimony against her, reports the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

A friend informs on behalf of the committee in Mary E. Clarks' case, that the appointment is answered.

One of the friends appointed to offer Lydia Somes a copy of the testimony against her reports they have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

One of the committee appointed in the case of Matura Stinson reports the appointment is not yet answered, they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Sarah Hutchinson, reports they have made her a visit to good satisfaction, and believe her to be sincere in her request, after deliberating thereon, this meeting appears united in receiving her a member, having the mens' concurrence, Sarah Garrat and Mary White are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

One of the friends appointed in the case of Lucinda Bull, reports they have not

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attended to the appointment, they are continued to that service.

The case of Elizabeth Secord coming again before this meeting, after a time of deliberation it appears united in receiving her a member having the concurrence of men friends Sarah Leavens and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Was forwarded to this meeting from Ameliasburg preparative a request sign'd George and Maria Fieldhouse, for their three daughters, Eliza, Maria and Caroline M. Fieldhouse, to be received into membership with friends, after a time of consideration thereon, this meeting appears united in admitting them as members, having the concurrence of men friends.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

#### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except four, reasons given for the absence of two.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting, and the answers to them are in substance as follows, which are directed to the Half years meeting Mary Dunham,

Elizabeth Cronk, Nancy Bowerman and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to attend therewith and report.

Ansr. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, (with the exception of one of our smaller meetings, which was neglected to be held one day) a slackness appears in some friends, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other

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unbecoming behaviour appears, some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity we believe is maintained amongst us, as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences amongst us tale bearing and detreaction we hope are discouraged and mostly avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness, of speech, behaviour, and apparel, although a slackness appears in some with regard to their children, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and some care extended in these respects towards others, under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion.

5<sup>th</sup> We know of no poor amongst us requiring assistance, most children under our care are in some way to get school learning, to fit them for business.

6<sup>th</sup> We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, one instance of keeping company with and marrying a person not of our society, and one of having a marriage accomplished by a priest, and one instance of a riend attending such a marriage, care taken.

7<sup>th</sup> We believe they are.

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises, or in paying their just debts, or that launch into business beyond their ability to manage.

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9<sup>th</sup> We hope a good degree of care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness, and measurably agreeable to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> They are.

The committee appointed in Martha Hazards' case, have not attended thereto; they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Somes' case, reports the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed in Matura Stinsons' case, report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to inform Sarah Hutchinson of conclusion of the meeting in her case report they appointment is answered.

The committee appointed to visit Lucinda Bull, have not attended thereto Elizabeth Dorland is released from the service and Ann Valentine appointed in her stead.

The friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Secord of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, reports the appointment is answered.

Was forwarded to this meeting from West Lake Preparative a request to be continued in membership with friends signed Sarah Southard, on account of her absence it is left to another month.

Was also forwarded from West Lake preparative a complaint against Elizabeth Mitchel for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and attending meetings with the Hicksites, Sarah Clark, Sarah Leavens and Mary Dunham are appointed to visit her on that account and report

Was forwarded from the same preparative

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a similar complaint against Abigail Jones Sarah Garratt, Elizabeth Leavens, and Mary White are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

In consequence of one of the Friends who fills the office of overseer of the poor having seceded from us this meeting appoints Sarah Leavens to supply her place

Quarterly Collection 8/6 ½ which is directed to be handed to the Treasurer

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except three, a reason given for the absence of one.

Three of these friends appointed to attend the Half years' meeting report they attended; no report from the other.

One of the committee appointed in Martha Hazards' case reports the appointment is answered.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Somes' case reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to visit Lucinda Bull report they have made her a visit to pretty good satisfaction, and she appeared desirous of retaining her membership amongst friends, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in continuing her a member Lydia Clark, Sarah Bowerman, and Betsy D Haight, are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The case of Sarah Southard coming again before this meeting, and she not being present in order to hear her acknowledgment read, this meeting appoints Lavinia Bowerman and Sarah Bowerman, to visit her on that account and report.

The friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Mitch

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el, report they have attended thereto, but did not find her in a situation of mind to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the men' concurrence. Phebe Bowerman Nancy Bowerman and Ann Valentine are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a minute of denial against her to our next meeting.

Two of the committee appointed to visit Abigail Jones report the appointment has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

This meeting appoints Content Ann Blunt to receive the treasurers receipts for money handed from the monthly meeting.

Phebe Burlingham, Sarah Leavens, and Hannah Taylor are appointed to prepare a certificate of removal, addressed to Yonge Street monthly meeting; on behalf of Hannah Boone, make the necessary enquiries thereabout, and produce it to the next meeting.

Adjourn'd to the usual time in next month.

**West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, only two were present, no reasons given for their absence.

One of the friends appointed to inform Lucinda Bull of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, reports they have answered the appointment.

The friends appointed to visit Sarah Southard, report they made her a visit, and found her desirous of making friends satisfaction, but it appears to be the desire of the meeting that her case should lay another month.

Two friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Mitchel of the conclusion of the meeting in her case,

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and prepare a testimony of denial against her, have attended thereto, and produced the following Whereas Elizabeth Mitchel has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and attend the meetings of the Hiksites, our labours of love to restore her proving in effectual we do hereby disown the said Elizabeth Mitchel from being any longer a member of our society until she shall make friends satisfaction for these her outgoings, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire. Signed in and on behalf of West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1830 Hannah Taylor Clerk

which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof, Elizabeth Leavens and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, acquaint her with her privilege of appealing and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed in Abigail Jones's case report they made her a visit, and that she had no desire to be continued in membership with friends, after a time of deliberation, this meeting is united in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence, Sarah Bowerman and Sarah Clark are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a minute of denial against her to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare a certificate of removal on behalf of Hannah Boone, have produced on to this meeting, which has been read and approved, and is handed to the men to be recorded and forwarded.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives from the different preparative meetings being called were present except four no reasons given for their absence.

The Queries have been read in this meeting, and the answers to five of them are in substance as follows:

Ans<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended, although a slackness in some friends, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, one instance excepted which is under dare, no other deficiencies amongst us, care is taken to avoid tale-bearing and detraction

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech and apparel, tho some friends are not so plain as is desired, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our care.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are careful in the several parts of this query.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our discipline.

The case of Sarah Southard coming again before this meeting, and she not being present to hear her acknowledgement read, Sarah Garrat, and May White are appointed to visit her, and report to next meeting.

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The friends appointed in Elizabeth Mitchel's case, report they have paid some attention thereto, they are continued to that service, and desired to report to next meeting.

The friends appointed to inform Abigail Jones of the meetings conclusion ~~of the meeting~~ in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative meeting of ministers and elders laid before this meeting the consideration of appointing Phebe Burlingham to the station of an elder, they having the concurrence of the half years meeting of Ministers and Elders therein, Lavinia Bowerman, Elizabeth Leavens, Ann Waring and Elizabeth Cronk are appointed to join with a committee of men friends to hear and consider objections if any appear and report.

Quarterly collection 5<sup>s</sup>..4<sup>d</sup> which is directed to be handed to the treasurer, who is desired to produce her receipt to next meeting.

Adjourned to the usual time in next month.

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called were present except two, a reason given for the absence of one, no account from one preparative meeting.

The committee appointed in Sarah Southards' case, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Mitchels' case, reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed in Abigail Jones' case

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have produced the following minute of denial against her "Whereas Abigail Jones has so far departed from the good order of friends, as to neglect our meetings, and attend meetings with the Hicksites, our labours of love not having the desired effect, this meeting testifies against her being any longer a member until she may see her error, and make



friends satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire.” Which has been read and approved in this meeting, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof Elizabeth Leavens and Eleanor Foster are appointed to offer her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal and report.

Two of the committee appointed to consider of appointing Phebe Burlingham to the station of an elder, report it to be their judgment that it should lay another month.

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Elizabeth Stinson for neglecting the attendance of our meetings, and attending meetings set up by the Hicksites, Jane Hubbs and Nancy Gunter are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

The same preparative forwarded to this a similar complaint against Mary Baker, which this meeting notices and appoints Sophia White and Mary White to visit her on that account and report.

Was also forwarded to this meeting from the same preparative a similar one against Sarah Bull which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth Leavens and Jane Hubbs to visit her on that account and report.

Also a similar one against Delinda Leavens, which this meeting notices and appoints Lucinda

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Hubbs and Mary White are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Men friends inform this meeting that they have come to a conclusion to acknowledge Joseph Leavens as a minister, with which this meeting unites.

They also inform this meeting that they have appointed John D Haight to the station of an elder with which this meeting also unites.

Adjourn'd to the usual time in next month.

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 17<sup>th</sup>. of 6<sup>th</sup> mo. 1830.**

The representatives from the different preparative meetings being called, were present except one, no reason given for her absence.

One of the committee appointed in Sarah Southards' case, report they have not yet attended thereto, they are continued to that service, with Sarah Bowerman and Mary Dunham added.

One of the friends appointed to offer Abigail Jones a copy of the testimony of denial against her, reports the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to consider objections if any should appear, against appointing Phebe Burlingham to the station of an elder, ~~report they~~ have paid some attention thereto, but are not ready to make a full report, they are continued to the appointment, with the addition of Sarah Leavens and Mary Dunham.

No report from the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Stinson they are continued to that service.

One of the committee appointed to visit Mary Baker, report they have made her a visit, and found she had no desire to be continued in

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membership with friends, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in disowning her, having the mens' concurrence, therein, Ann Waring and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a minute of denial against her to next meeting.

The committee appointed to visit Sarah Bull, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service, with Lavinia Bowerman added.

One of the friends appointed to visit Delinda Leavens, reports she made her a visit, and that she has no desire to remain in membership with friends, after a time of deliberation, it appears to be the judgment of this meeting, that she be disowned, having the concurrence of men friends.

Nancy Bowerman and Lavinia Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a minute of denial against her to our next meeting

Adjourn'd to the usual time in next month.

### **Westlake monthly meeting of Women Friends held the 15<sup>th</sup> of 7 mo 1830.**

The Representatives from the preparative meetings being called were present except one, no reason given for her absence.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to five of them receiv'd from the different preparative meetings, a summary whereof is as follows, which is directed to the half years meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> Answer. All our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline are attended although a slackness with some friends, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Answer Love and unity is maintained in a good Degree, as becomes Sisters, two instances excepted, in which Care has been taken; we believe Friends do endeavour to avoid and discourage Talebearing and detraction.

3<sup>rd</sup> Answer We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves

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= selves, their own and other friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech, behaviour and apparel, although some deviations amongst the Youth, most friends endeavour to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession, we we the Scriptures of truth are frequently read, in friends families, and care is extended in those respects towards others under out tuition – Care is taken in the above deficiency

4<sup>th</sup> Answer Clear respecting the several parts of this Query as far as appears.

9<sup>th</sup> Answer A good degree of Care is taken, seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust, in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline. –

Sarah Bowerman, Elizabeth Cronk, Sarah Garratt and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to attend therewith and report.

Two of the Committee appointed in Sarah Suthards case, report that they visited her to pretty good Satisfaction and that she appeared desirous of retaining her membership with Friends: after a time of deliberation, this meeting appears united in continuing her a member, having the concurrence of men friends therein; Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

One of the Friends appointed in Abigail Jones's case, reports the appointment is answered.

The committee appointed to consider of appointing Phebe Burlingham to the Station of an Elder, ~~report~~ have paid some further attention thereto, but are not ready to report.

One of the Friends appointed in Elizabeth Stinson's case report that she has been visited, but that she expressed no desire to be continued in membership with Friends: after a time of deliberation thereon, this meeting is united in disowning her, having the concurrence of Men Friends: Sarah Levins and Sophia White are appointed to inform her thereof and produce a minute of denial against her, to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Mary

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Mary Baker have produced the following.

Whereas Mary Baker a member of our society, having so far deviated from the good order of the Society as to neglect the attendance of our Meetings, and attend meetings and attend meetings set up by those who have seperated – from us and hold Doctrines repugnant to the doctrines of friends; our labours of love to convince her of the error of her ways, proving ineffectual; We do hereby disown her the said Mary Baker, from being any longer a member of our Society, untill she may be convinced of her errors and evince Sorrow for the same, which that she may be favoured to do, is our desire. - which being read and approved in this meeting. The Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof. – Patience Garratt and Sophia White are appointed to shew her a Copy thereof or furnish her with one, if required; inform her of her privilege to appeal, and report

The friends appointed to visit Sarah Bull report they made her a visit and she appeared to have no wish at present to retain her membership among Friends: after deliberation thereon, it is the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the concurrence of Men Friends: Nancy Gunter and Mary White are appointed to inform her thereof, and produce a minute of denial against her, to our next meeting.

The committee appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Delinda Leavins have produced one, which has been read and approved in the Meeting and is as follows

Whereas Delinda Leavins, a member of our Society, has so far deviated from the good order of the society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend meetings set up by those who have seperated from us, and hold doctrines repugnant to the doctrines of Friends: our labours of Love for her restoration not having the desired effect; We therefore disown her, the said Delinda Leavins from being any longer a Member of our Society untill she evinces a sincere repentance for her out goings, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire.

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Content Ann Blunt and Elizabeth Leavins are appointed to shew her a Copy thereof, or furnish her with one, if required, inform her of her privilege of appeal, and report to next meeting. –

Quarterly collection is three Shillings and eight pence, which is directed to be handed to the treasurer, whose receipt the Clerk is to produce to next meeting. This meeting adjourns to the usual time next Month.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo. 1830.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except three, no Reasons given for their absence.

The friends appointed to inform Sarah Southard of the meeting's conclusion in her case, report the appointment is answered.

The committee appointed to consider of appointing Phebe Burlingham to the station of an elder, have paid some further attention thereto, but are not ready to make a full report, they are continued another month

The friends appointed to inform Elisabeth Stinson of the meeting's conclusion in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Mary Baker's case report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to inform Sarah Bull of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and prepare a minute of denial against her, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Delinda Leavens's case, report the appointment is not answered,

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they are continued to that service, and desired to report.

Came to this meeting from West Lake preparative a proposal of marriage, sign'd Smyth P. Leavens and Abigail Bowerman, Nancy Bowerman and Ann Waring are appointed to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting, where said friends are desired to attend for an answer.

Our esteemed friend Henry Hull attended this meeting, with a minute of unity and concurrence from Stanford monthly meeting in the state of New York held 17<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 1830. whose company and gospel labours, amongst us have been satisfactory and acceptable to friends.

Also his companion John Gurney with Judith his wife, from the same monthly meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo. 1830. attended this meeting, whose company has also been satisfactory.

Our esteemed friend Rowland Green attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity from Greenwich monthly meeting, held at Cranston Rhode Island, 4<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829. and endorsed by Rhode Island quarterly meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829. also endorsed by the Yearly Meeting of ministers and elders held in New York in 5<sup>th</sup> mo. 1829. whose company and gospel labours, have been strengthening and satisfactory to friends.

Also his companion James N. Fry produced a minute from Bolton monthly meeting, state of Massachussets held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo. 24<sup>th</sup> – 1830. whose company has also been acceptable.

It not being convenient for the assistant clerk to attend as appointed, she is released from the office, and Hannah Betts appointed for one year.

Adjourn'd to the usual time in next month.

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### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1830.**

The representatives being called were all present, except one, a reason given for her absence.

The committee appointed to hear and consider objections, if any should appear to appointing Phebe Burlingham to the station of an elder, report they have attended thereto, and find none which they consider sufficient to hinder, she is accordingly appointed.

One of the friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Elizabeth Stinson, had produced one, which being read and approved, the clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting and is as follows

“Whereas Elizabeth Stinson a member of our society, having so far departed from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and attend meetings set up by the seceders, our labours of love for her restoration proving ineffectual, we do hereby disown her, the said Elizabeth Stinson to be any longer a member of this meeting, until she evinces sorrow for her outgoings, which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire.” Sarah Clark and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to show her a copy thereof, or furnish her with one if required acquaint her with her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Sarah Bull have produced the following which has been read and approved, and the clerk directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting

“Whereas Sarah Bull a member of our society, having so far departed from the good order thereof, as to neglect the attendance

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of our meetings, and attend meetings set up by those who have separated from us, our labours of love for her restoration proving ineffectual, we do hereby disown her, the said Sarah Bull, to be any longer a member of our meeting, until she evinces a true sense and sorrow for her outgoings, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire.” Ann Waring and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to show her a copy thereof, or furnish her with one if required, inform her of her right to appeal and report.”

The friends appointed in Delinda Leavens' case reports the appointment is answered.

Smith P. Leavens and Abigail Bowerman appeared in this meeting and signified their con [Transcribers note: a different hand writing continues on this page starting at mid-word] tinued intentions of marriage they having consent of Parents and nothing appearing to obstruct their said proposals are allowed of and they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time between this and another Monthly meeting, according to the order of Friends. Sarah Leavens & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to attend the marriage see if be orderly conducted and report.

Came to this from West Lake Preparative a proposal of marriage signed Nathaniel Branscum & Elizabeth Seacord; Sophia White & Sarah Leavens are appointed to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to ~~this~~ next meeting where the parties are desired to appear for an answer.

Also from West Lake Preparative a similar proposal signed Ambrose Boone & Deborah Waring. Phebe Burlingham & Lavina Bowerman are appointed to enquire into

her clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting where the parties are desired to appear for an answer.

Two of the Representatives to attend the half yearly meeting report they attended and produced to this meeting a number of Epistles addressed to the Yearly meeting of women friends held in New York

Also the general printed Epistle from London which have been read at this time to good satisfaction they are directed to the observance of this preparative meetings.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month.

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##### **West Lake monthly Meeting of Women friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1830**

The representatives being called, all were present except two, no reasons given for their absence.

The Queries have been read in this meeting and the answers to five of them received from the preparative meetings, are in substance as follows.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended although a slackness in some friends, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, one instance of unbecoming behaviour, and care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us, as becomes sisters except one instance which is under care.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends mostly appear careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care, in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, although some friends are not so plain as is desired, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and some care in there respects towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Clear in this query as far as appears.

9<sup>th</sup> In most cases a good degree of care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness, and agreeable to discipline.

One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Stinsons' case reports the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed in Sarah Bulls' case report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Smith P Leavens and Abigail Bowerman

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report they have attended, and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted.

Nathaniel Branscum and Elizabeth Secord appeared in this meeting as directed by our last, and signified their continued intentions of marriage, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next monthly meeting, according to the order of friends, Sarah Leavens and Sophia White are appointed to attend said marriage, see if it be orderly conducted and report.

Ambrose Boone and Deborah Waring appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intentions of marriage, they having consent of parents, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage at some suitable time before our next monthly, according to the order of friends, Sarah



Bowerman and Margaret Garratt are appointed to attend said marriage see that it be orderly conducted and report.

Came to this meeting from Ameliasburgh preparative a complaint against Sarah Spencer for so far deviating from the good order of friends as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and join herself with those who have separated from us Sarah Garratt Sophia White and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Quarterly collection 2 „ 8 for which the clerk is desired to produce the treasurers' receipt to next meeting.

Adjourned to the usual time in next month.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends, held 18<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives being called, were present except

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four, a reason given for the absence of one.

The friends appointed in Sarah Bulls' case report, the appointment is not answered, they are continued to that service, with Elizabeth Leavens added

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Nathaniel Branscum and Elizabeth Secord report they attended; and did not see but that it was orderly conducted.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Ambrose Boone and Deborah report they attended and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Sarah Spencer, report they made her a visit she appears to be satisfied in the way she has chosen and manifested no disposition to make satisfaction to friends her case is left another month on account of the complaint not being present

Was forwarded to this Meeting from West Lake preparative a proposal of Marriage signed Rowland R Haight and Hannah Leavens, Lavina Bowerman & Content Ann Blount are appointed to enquire into their clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting when the parties are desired to appear for an Answer.

The clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as directed.

Was forwarded to this meeting from Cold Creek Preparative a proposal of marriage signed Marmaduke Terrill & Abigail Valentine. Anne Waring and Margaret Garratt are appointed to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting where the parties are desired to appear for an answer.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends, held 16<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> month 1830.**

The representatives from the preparative meetings being called, were present except four, reasons assigned for the absence of two.

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The committee appointed in Sarah Bulls' case, have not attended thereto, they are continued to that service, with Nancy Bowerman added.

The case of Sarah Spencer coming again before this meeting, it appears to be the judgment there of that she be disowned, having the concurrence of men friends, Patience

Garratt and Mary White are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case, and produce a testimony of denial against her next meeting.

Our esteemed friend David Harkness attended this meeting, and produced a certificate of unity and concurrence from Peru monthly meeting, held 27<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1830. whose company and gospel labours have been acceptable and satisfactory to friends.

Also as his companion our esteemed friend Paul Southwick attended this meeting with a certificate from the same monthly meeting, dated 25<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1830. whose company has also been acceptable.

Rowland R Haight and Hannah Leavens appeared in this meeting, as directed by our last, and signified their continued intentions of marriage, they have consent of parents, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next monthly meeting, according to the order of friends; Phebe Burlingham and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to attend said marriage, see if it be orderly conducted and report.

Marmaduke Terrill and Abigail Valentine appeared in this meeting, and signified their continued intentions of marriage, they having the consent of parents, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at

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liberty to accomplish said marriage, at some suitable opportunity before our next monthly meeting, according to the order of our society; Sophia White and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to attend said marriage, see that it be orderly conducted and report.

The time being expired for which the clerk was appointed, she is released from the office, and Sophia White appointed for one year.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Womens friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1831**

Representatives being called are present except one no reason given for her absence

The queries have all been read in this Meeting With there answers as follows which are directed to the Half years meeting

Ans to the 1<sup>st</sup> All our Meeting for worship and discipline are attended although a slackness in some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour in them some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes sisters although differences amongst us which is under care.

3<sup>rd</sup> We hope most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, yet we fear there are a painful deficiency in some we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and we hope care is taken of those under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> we believe friends are clear in the several parts of this query

5<sup>th</sup> the circumstances of the poor and those who appear likely to require assistance has been inspected as far as we have been able but have not as yet had it in our power to afford much relief they are advised and assisted in such employment as they are capable of, we believe most friends children and other under our care is in a way to

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to get school learning to fit them for business.

6<sup>th</sup> One instance of keeping company and marrying a person not of our society and one instance of two attending a marriage accomplished by a priest and one of attending a marriage of one that went out from amongst us, none know to connive of their children keeping company with such, some care taken.

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in this query as far as appears.

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none amongst us who are deficient in performing their promise or paying their just debts or who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measureably according to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> They are

Sarah Clark Martha Roarke Mary Dunham & Lydia Clark are appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting with the accounts and report

The friends appointed in Sarah Bulls case report the appointment answered

The friends in Sarah Spencers ~~case~~ ~~rep~~ case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Rouland R Haght and Hannah Levens report they attended and did not see but it was orderly conducted

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Marmaduke Terrill & Abigail Valentine report she attended and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted

Come to this meeting from West Lake preparative a complaint against Meriah Christy for so far deviating from the order of society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and attend those set up by them that have separated from us Sophia White & Elizabeth Haight are appointed to visit her on that account and report to next meeting

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a proposal of marriage signed Obadiah Cooper & Rebecca Burlingham Nancy Bowerman and Ann Wareing are appointed to see into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting where the parties are desired to appear for an answer.

Quarterly collection one and tenn pence for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt.

This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in next Month

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 17<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1831**

Representatives being called are present except 2 no reasons given for their absence.

Two of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report they attended no report from the others

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Sarah Spencer have produced the following which has been read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf thereof Whereas Sarah Spencer a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order used amongst us as to neglect the attendance of our

meetings and join herself to those who have separated from us, our labours of love having been extended and not appearing to reclaim, we testify against her being any longer a member of our society till she by amendment of life shall make satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and on behalf of West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> month 17<sup>th</sup> 1831

Hannah Elles & Sarah Terry are appointed to shew her a copy thereof or furnish her with it if required inform her of her right to appeal & report

One of the friends appointed to visit Maria Christy report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service with Hannah Elles added

Obadiah Cooper & Rebecca Burlingham appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intentions of marriage there appearing nothing to hinder their further proceeding they are left at liberty to accomplish the same at some suitable Time before our next meeting, Sarah Bowerman & Elizabeth Levens are appointed to attend said marriage see if it be orderly conducted and report

Came to this meeting from Ameliasburg preparative a request signed Mary Hudson Sarah Terry and Mary Dunham are appointed to visit her on that account and report

The same meeting forwarded a request signed Elizabeth Hudson which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Clark & Dorcas Garrat to visit her on that account and report

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The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed Ann Wareing Phebe Burlingham Mary Dunham Sophia White Sarah Bowerman Olive Shular Temperance Hazard Sarah Levens Mary Clark & Mary White are appointed to consider of and propose names to our next meeting to fill that station the ensuing year

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as directed

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1831.**

Representatives being called are present except three no reason given for their absence

The friends appointed to shew Sarah Spencer a copy of her testification and inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment is answered

The friends appointed to visit Maria Christy have visited her & did not find her in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the mens concurrence Sarah Levens & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion in her case prepare a testimony of denial against her & produce it to next meeting

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Obadiah Cooper & Rebecca Burlingham report it was orderly conducted

The friends appointed to visit Mary Hudson report they visited her to good satisfaction and believe her to be sincere in her request, after a time of consideration this meeting appears to be united in receiving her a member having the mens concurrence Patience Garratt & Sarah Garratt are appointed to inform her of her reception and report

No report from the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Hudson they are continued to that service.

The committee to propose names for overseers the ensuing year propose the following ~~for Haldermon~~ Hannah Brock Mary Clark Lavina Bowerman Phebe Burlingham Nancy Bowerman Dorcas Garratt Mary Dunham Charity Terrill

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and Elizabeth Clapp which have been deliberately considered in this meeting and are appointed to that station for one year

Deborah Boon having removed with her husband within the verg of Young Street monthly meeting requests a certificate Hannah W Bets and Sophia White are appointed to prepare one and produce it to next meeting

Adjourned to the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1831**

Representatives called all present except three no reason assign,d for their absense. The clerk being absent Hannah W Betts was appointed for the day.

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers to five of them from our several preparatives which are as follows

One of the friends appointed in Maria Christys case report they have not attended there to they are continued to that service another month

The friends appointed to inform Mary Hudson of her reception into membership report they have not attended thereto they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Hudson on account of her request report a visit to good satisfaction, and believe her to be sincere therein, & think her life and conversation to be orderly, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears to be united in receiving her a member having the mens concurence Sarah Terry & Patience Garrat to inform her thereof and report

The friends appointed to prepare an essay of certificate for Deborah Boone formerly Waring have produced the following which was read and approved in this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign it.

Haldermond preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgm signed Mary Eliza Kelley formerly Clark confesing her outgoings and wishing friends to passby her transgressions and accept her again under their care Nancy Bowerman, Sarah Clark and Phebe Burlingham are

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appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Quarterly collection four & seven pence for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt.

Adjourn to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1831**

The clerk being absent the assistant proceeds to her place and Susan Dorland is appointed assistant for the day.

Prepresentatives being called are present except three a reason given for two

The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Maria Christly have produced the following whereas Maria Christy has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and attend the meetings of those who have seperated from the society of friends our labours of love having been extended in order to reclaim her; has not had the desired effect, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she shall be convinced of her error and make satisfaction to friends for her outgoings which she may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and on behalf of West Lake Monthly Meeting of friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1831. Which was read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk is directed to sign it Content Ann Blount & Elizabeth Levens are appointed to shew her a copy thereof & furnish her with it if required inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed to inform Mary Hudson of her reception into membership report the appointment is answered

One of the friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Hudson of her reception into membership report the appointment is answered

One of the friends appointed to visit Mary E Kelley on account of her acknowledgment report the appointment not answered they are continued to that Service.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Stinson formerly Bowerman for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and marrying contrary to discipline Phebe Burlingham Hannah Ellis & Sarah Clark are appointed to visit her on that account and report

Adjourn to meet at the usual time in next month

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1831**

Representatives being called are present except three a reason given for one

The friends appointed to furnish Maria Christy with a copy of her

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testification & inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment not answered they are continued to that.

The friends appointed to visit Mary Eliza Kelley on account of her accknowledgment report they have made her a visit to good satisfaction and believe her to be sincere therein after a time of deliberation most friends appears united in accepting her again into membership having the mens concurrence Hannah Terrill Elizabeth Levens & Abigail Terrill are to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to visit Lydia Stinson on account of her outgoings report they visited her and she did not appear willing to make friends satisfaction after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in disowning her having the mens concurrence Lavena Bowerman and Elizabeth Levens are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion prepare a testamony of denial against her and produce to next meeting

Men friends inform they have come to a judgment in acknowledging John Richmond as a minister with which this meeting unites.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo 21 1831.**

Representatives being called are present except three a reason given for two



The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to five of them as follows which are directed to the Half years meeting.

Hannah Brock Nancy Hate Patience Garrett Elizabeth Cronk and Sarah Bowerman are appointed to attend the Half Years meeting with the minutes and report.

The friends appointed to shew Maria Christy a copy of her testification and inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to inform Maria E Kelley of the reception of her acknowledgment report the appointment is answered.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Stinsons case report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Catherine Suthard for going out of plainness of speech & apparel and neglecting the attendance of meetings Mary Dunham Sarah Clark and Sarah Garratt are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

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1<sup>st</sup>Ans all our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended altho some are not so diligent in attending as is desired the hour nearly observed, not clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity in maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters except one instance which is under care, when differences hath arisen care has been taken speedily to end them tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and we believe mostly avoided.

3<sup>th</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under there care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho deviations are apparent with some in these rspects, we believe friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian profession, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these rspects towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the sevrael parts of this query as far as appears.

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurable agreeably to discipline

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From the same meeting a similar complaint against Phebe Suthard which this meeting notices and appoints Mary White & Sophia White to visit her on that account and report.

Quarterly collection four & four pence half penny for which the clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt to next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1831**

Representatives being call,d are present except two a reason given for their absence

The friends appointed to shew Maria Christy a copy of her testification & inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment is answered

The friends appointed to inform Lydia Stinson of the conclusion of the meeting and prepare a minute of denial against her have produced the following Whereas Lydia Stinson has so far deviated from the good order of Society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings & also marrying a person not a member of our society and having her marriage accomplished by a Priest we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of the Society until she by religious conviction may make friends Satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and on behalf of the meeting Sophia White and Martha W Roark are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed to visit Catherine Suthard report they visited her and she did not appear in a situation of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears untied in disowning her having the mens concurrence Elizabeth Cronk and Ann Wareing, are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion in her case prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to next meeting

The committee appointed to visit Phebe Suthard report they have attended there to, and she appeared to have no desire to remain a member amongst us, after a time of consideration it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the mens concurrence Hannah W Betts and Lovenia Bowerman

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are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it to next meeting

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Rebecca McMullen for marrying one not our Society which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Cronk Mary Dunham & Susan Dorland to visit her on that account and report.

Hannah & Mary Ann Taylor having removed within the verge of Young Street Monthly Meeting requests a certificate Martha W Rork and Hannah W Betts are appointed to prepare an essay of one and produce it to next meeting

Adjourned as Usual

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 15 of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1831**

Representatives being called were present except one no reason assigned for her absence.

Two of the representatives appointed to attend the Half Years meeting inform they attended, & a reason given for the nonattendance of two.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Stinsons case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to prepare a testimony of denial against Cathrine Suthard report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Phebe Suthard have attended thereto & produced the following which has been read and approved the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting

Whereas Phebe Suthard a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order of friends as to go out of plainness of Speech and apparel and to neglect the attendance of meetings we therefore testify against her being any longer a member until she by amendment of life make friends satisfaction that she may be favoured to do is our

desire Elizabeth Levens and Sarah Levens are appointed to offer her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Rebecca McMullen report they visited her and found her in no disposition of mind to make Satisfaction but rather wished to be disowned after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be

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disowned, having the mens concurrence Dorothy Ritchmond and Elizabeth Keese? are appointed to inform her thereof and produce a testimony of denial against her to next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare an essay of Certificate for Hannah & Mary Ann Taylor have produced the following which has been read and approved the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the Meeting Hannah W Bets is appointed to see that it is forwarded

Was received and read to our comfort and Edification a minute of advice from the New York Yearly Meeting of women friends also Sevrail extracts recieved by the Yearly meeting ~~and~~ part of which were read at this time they are directed down to the preparative meetings.

The time being expired for which the assistant Clerk was appointed she is reappointed for one year

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next mo

### **West Lake Monthly Meting of women friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1831**

Representatives being called were present except three a reason given for the absenses of two

The queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are as follows

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and desecpline are attended altho a slackness prevails with some, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> We beleve love and unit is maintained as becomes Sisters except in one instance which is under care, when differences arise due care is taken spedily to end them, tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and we trust mostly avoided.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves there own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our profesion altho deviatations are apparent with some, We believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care is extended in those respects towards others under our care.

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4<sup>th</sup> Ansr We believe clear except one instance of attending a place of diversion which is under care.

Ansr. 9<sup>th</sup> We trust care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measureably ~~accordingly~~ agreeably to our discepline.

One of the friends appointed to offer Lydia Stinson a copy of the testimony against her report the appointment is answered

One of the friends to inform Cathrine Suthard of the meetings conclusion in her case and prepare a minute of denial against her have produced the following

Whereas Cathrine Suthard a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order of friends as to go out of plainness of speech and apparel and to neglect the attendance of meetings, we there fore testify against her being any longer a member of this meeting until she by amendment of life do make friends Satisfaction which that she may be favoured to do is our desire which has been read and approved the clerk is directed to sign it on be half of the meeting, Content Ann Blount and Elizabeth Levens are appointed to offer her a copy ther of inform her of her right to appeal and report

The friends in Phebe Suthards case report the appointment is answered.

The report from the friends in appointed in Rebecca McMullens case they are continued to that service

The friend appointed to forward a certificate for Hannah and Mary Ann Taylor report the appointment is answered.

Amelias Burgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Deborah Ann Dorland for neglecting the attendance of meetings going out of plainness of speech and apparel & attending a place of diversion Nancy Bowerman and Hannah Elles are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Mary Hudson and her Daughter Elizabeth having removed to reside within the verge of Farnham Monthly Meeting requests a Certificate from this, Mary Dunham and Susan Dorland are appointed to take the necessary care and prepare an essay of one and produce to next meeting.

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The remaining part of the extracts together with an Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time to our satisfaction and edifies encouragement

Quarterly collection three shillings and six pence half penny for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt to next meeting

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends 17<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1831**

Representatives being called were present except two no reason given for their absence.

The friends appointed in Catherine Suthards case report the appointment is answered.

No report from the friends in Rebecca McMullens case they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed to visit Deborah A Dorland report the appointment not answered, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to prepare essays of Certificates for Mary Hudson and her Daughter Elizabeth have produced the following which has been read and approved the Clerk is directed to sign them on behalf of the meeting Eliza Baker and Hannah W Betts are appointed to forward them and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgment on behalf of Jainy Young Sophia White and Elizabeth Levens are appointed to visit her see into the sincerity thereof and report

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in next mo

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 12<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1831**

Representatives from two of the preparatives being call,d, were present except one, a reason given for her absence.

No accounts from Coald Creek and Haldermond preparative meetings.

One of the friends appointed to forward Mary & Elizabeth Hudsons certificates report the appointment is answer,d.

The friends appointed to visit Jane Young report they visited her and believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgment after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting appears united in her bieng

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restore,d to membership having the unity of men friends therein Abigail Hubbs & Martha Harres are appointed to inform her there of and report

The friends appointed to visit Deborah Ann Dorland report they visited her and that she had no desire to make friends satisfaction after a time of consideratio there on it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the mens concurrence, Margaret Garratt and Lucinda Hubbs are appointe to inform her of the meetings conclusion in her case prepare a testimony of denial against her and produce it to next meeting

The time being expired for which the Clerk was appointed she is reappointed for one year.

No report from the friends in Rebecca McMullens case they are continued to that service.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1832**

Representatives being Called were present except foour nor reasons assigned for their absence

The queries were al read in this meeting and there answers; ~~five of them~~ as follows, which are directed to the Half Years meeting

Ansr 1 All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended altho a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken.

Ansr 2 We believe there is a good degree of love and unity subsisting amongst most part of our members, we know of no differencies most friends are careful in the remaining part of this query.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are endeavouring to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho deviations are apparent, and we believe most friends are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian

profession we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

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Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

Ansr 5<sup>th</sup> We know of no poor requiring assistance from the monthly meeting, some care taken respecting School learning.

Ansr 6<sup>th</sup> We know of none who keep company with persons not of our Society on account of marriage, four instances of keeping company with and marrying persons not of our Society and some care taken, none known to connive at their Children, keeping company with such nor any that have attended the marriages of those that have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a Priest.

Ansr 7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears.

Ansr 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or extending their business beyond their ability to manage or giving fear on those account

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeably to discipline

Ansr 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

Elizabeth Levens Lavena Bowerman Nancy Bowerman Abigail Hubbs & Dorcas Garratt are appointed to attend the Half Years meeting with the minutes and report

The friends appointed to inform Jane Young of the acceptance of her acknowledgment in form the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to inform Deborah Ann Dorland of the conclusion of the meeting in her case and prepare a testimony of denial against her have produced the following

Whereas Deborah Ann Dorland having so far departed from the dictates of truth as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and become inconsistent both in Speech and apparel as also in attending a place of diversion Our labors of love on her account having proved ineffectual to reclaim her from such practices, We do hereby disown her the said Deborah Ann Dorland to be any longer a member of our religious Society until she shall make suitable satisfaction for her said outgoings and find a place of true repentance which that she may be favoured to experience is our sincere desire Which has been read and approved the Clerk is

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directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

Mary Dunham and Meriah Fieldhouse are appointed to shew her a copy thereof of inform her of her right to appeal and report

The friends appointed to inform Rebecca McMullen of the meetings conclusion in her case and prepare a testimony of denial against her have produced the following

Whereas Rebecca McMullen formerly Jones a member of our Society having so far deviated from the good order of friends as to go out in marriage with one not a member of our society our labours of love not having the desired effect we therefore testify against her being any longer a member until she by amendment of life make friends satisfaction, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire. which has been read and approved the



Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting Dorothy Ritchmond & Elizabeth Haight are appointe to shew her a copy there of inform her of her right to appeal and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgment Signed Anna Johnston formerly Hollaway Elizabeth Leavens & Sophia White are appointed to visit her see into the cencerity there of and report.

Was received and read in this meeting a certificate of removeal on behalf of Martha Conway from Carlow monthly meeting held at Balletore Ireland 12<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1831.

Quarterly collection two shillings and two pence for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasure receipt to next meeting

This meeting Adjourns to meet at the usual time in next Month.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meetin of woman friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 11<sup>th</sup> ? 1832**

Representatives being call,d were present except one a reason given for her absence.

Representatives appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report they attended

No report from the friends appointed in Deborah An Dorland case they are continued to that service.

One of The friends in Rebecca McMullens case report the appointment is not answer,d they are continued to that service.

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The friends appointed to visit Anna Johnston not ready to report they are continued to that service with Dorcas Garratt added.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers reciept as directed.

Adjourned to the usual time in next month

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1832**

The clerk being absent Martha W Rork is appointed for the day

The representatives from two preparative meetings being called are present no accounts from the other two

One of the Friends appointed to inform Deborah Ann Dorland of her disownment report the appointment answerd.

No report from the Friends appointed in Rebecca mcMullens case they are continued to that Service

The friends appointed to visit Anna Johnston on account of her acknowledgment not having attended to it are continued to that service.

Adjourned as usual

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1832**

Representatives Called three were present & a reason given for the absence of one.

The Clerk being absent the assistant proceeds to her place and Abigail Penrose is appointed assistant for the day.

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers to five of them brought from our Sevrail preparatives which are as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> All our meeting for religeous worship and discipline are attended except one mid

week meeting only one friend attended the hour nearly observed mostly clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour appears. Love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters tale bareing is discouraged & mostly avoided.

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe the most of Friends are endeavouring to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho some friends are not so plain as is desired in Speech and apparel, we believe the most of friends are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian prefession, we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in those respects towards our tuition

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4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the sevrael parts of this query as far as appears.

9<sup>th</sup> Care is take in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness & measureably agreeably to discipline.

No report from the Friends appointed in Rebecca McMullens case they are continued to that service.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Anna Johnston report they have not attended thereto they are continued to that service with Phebe Burlingham added.

Men Friends produced a Certificate of removal for George Penrose his Wife Abigail and their two minor Children Thomas and James, directed to Dublin Monthly Meeting Ireland which was read and approved in this meeting the Clerk is direct to Sign it on behalf thereof

Quarterly collection four Shillings & eight pence for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt to next meeting

Adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> month 17<sup>th</sup> 1832.**

Representatives from the different preparatives bein call,d are present except four no reason assigned for their absence.

No report from the friends in Rebecca McMullens case they are continued to that Service.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Anna Johnston report they visited her to good Satisfaction & believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgment, after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting appears united in restoreing her to membership, having the mens concurrence, Mary Suthard and Martha Hubbs are appointed to inform her of her reception and report

This meeting unites with men Friends in the appointing of Vincent Bowerman & Gilbert Dorland to the station of Elders

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as directed

Adjourned as usual

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 21 1832**

Representatives being call,d are present except one no reason given for her absence

One of the friends in Rebecca McMullens case report the appointment is answered

One of the Friends appointed to inform Anna Johnston of her reception into membership report the appointment is answered.

The time being expired for which the Overseers were appointed Lydia Clark Mary White Sarah Bowerman Mary Dunham Sophia White Hannah Brock Dorothy Richmond Charity Terrell & Nancy Bowerman are to consider of and propose names to our next meeting to fill that station the ensuing year

Adjourn,d to meet at the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1832**

Representatives being Called are all present except no one reason given for her absence. —

The Queries were all read in this meeting with the answers to five of them a summary whereof follows which are directed to the Half Years Meeting, Sarah Farmer Elizabeth Brandscom Elizabeth ~~Bran~~ Levens & Hannah Terrill are appointed to attend there with and report.

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended, all tho a slackness with some, the hour nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> there appears to be a good degree of Love and unity maintained amongst the most of our members, altho we fear not so fully with all as would be best, and the most ~~part~~ friends are careful to guard against tale-bearing and detraction no differences to remark

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness (altho deviations are apparent with some) and are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, the scriptures of truth are frequently read in their families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition. Some care taken.

8<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears.

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeably to discipline

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The Friends appointed to consider of and propose names to this meeting to fill the station of Overseers the ensuing year have proposed the following for Haldermond Hannah Brock & Mary Clark Ameliasburgh Mary Dunham Sarah Huchingson Cold Creek Elizabeth Clapp Charity Terrill West Lake Nancy Bowerman Pheby Burlingham & Sophia White with which this meeting unites and appoints them to that station for one year.

Quarterly collection four shillings and ~~four~~ Eleven pence for which the clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt to next meeting

The meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> mo 10<sup>th</sup> 1832**

Representatives being Call,d are present except three a reason given for one.

Was received and read in this meeting a certificate of removal on behalf of Ruth Brewer from Lowvill Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> ? Month 1832.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt

Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 20 of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1832**

Representatives from the different preparatives being called are present except two no reasons assigned for their absence.

Two of the Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they attended, a reason given for the nonattendance of one, no report from the other she is desired to report to next meeting.

Was received and read in this meeting a minute from the New York Yearly Meeting of women Friends also several Epistles from ~~received~~ the different Yearly meetings which was very comfortable and edifying.

Was also read at this time an Epistle from the Yearly meeting of men Friends held in New York containing a document from London Yearly meeting of Friends to gather with the alteration of the 4<sup>th</sup> Query with which this meeting unites.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a proposal

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of marriage Signed William Mullet Junior and Eliza Baker, Sophia White and Elizabeth Levins are appointed to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting where the parties are desired to attend for an answer.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo. 18<sup>th</sup> 1832.**

Representatives from the different Preparatives being called are present except three a reason assigned for the absence of one.

The queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers two five of them as follows

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended one instance excepted which was on account of sickness; the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping and some care taken, no other unbecoming behavior appears

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is not so fully maintained amongst some as might be desired, tale bearing and detractions is generally discouraged

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most Friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although some deviations among the youth; we believe most friends are careful to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession; we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and a due care extended towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as appears

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to our discipline.

No report from one of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting She is desired to report next month.

The case of Martha Conway, coming before this meeting it appears to be the judgment thereof that there be a joint committee of Men and Women Friends appointed to take the necessary care concerning her, and we having the unity of men friends therein accordingly appoint Elizabeth Levens, Sophia White, Nancy Bowerman, Elizabeth Branscum, Phebe Burlingham & Mary Suthard to attend to the same and report in conjunction with them.

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William Mullet & Eliza Baker appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intentions of marriage, they having consent of Parents and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceeding they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage at some suitable time before our next monthly meeting according to the order of friends Margaret Garrett and Sophia White are appointed to attend said marriage see that it be orderly conducted and report.

Men friends inform this meeting they have taken into membership the Children of Marmaduke and Sarah Huchardson names of Children Martha, Judah B, Jonathon, Francis and Catharine with which we unite.

The time being expired for which the assisant Clerk was appointed She reappoints for one year.

No Quarterly collection this time.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 11<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1832**

Representative being called were present except 3 a reason given for the absence of one.

No report from one of the Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting She is desired to report next month.

Part of the committee in Martha Conways case inform the meeting they have paid some attention thereto but not ready to make a full report they are continued to the appointment and desired to report next month.

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of William Mullet & Eliza Baker report they attended and did not discover but tha it was orderly conducted.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> mo 20 1832**

Representatives from the different preparatives being Called only 2 are present and reasons given for the absence of 3.

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting not having before reported the meeting is now

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now informed that She did not attend and a reason assigned therefore.

Our esteemed Friend Joseph Hoeg attended this meeting with a certificate from Feresburg Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Monkton 31<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1832, And indorst by Feresburg Quarterly Meeting held at Monkton State of Vermont 18<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1832 whose company and labours of love have been truly edifying and encouraging. Also

Jonathon Betty attended as his Companion with a certificate from Starksborough Monthly Meeting of friends held at Starksborough Vermont 11<sup>th</sup> mo 3<sup>rd</sup> 1832 whose company has also been acceptable.

Part of the Committee appointed in Martha Conways case report they have attended thereto & have procured a situation in a Friends family with whom they have agreed on behalf of the meeting she shall be paid One Dollar per week for board and lodging and any services she may render shall be allowed by him according to its value as part of said remaneration, And for further care She is left to the Overseers of the poor both men and woman friends.

Sarah Bowerman is released from being Overseer of the Poor and Lavena Bowerman is appointed in her stead.

Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake monthly Meeting of women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1833**

Representatives from the preparatives being called are present except three a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers as brought up from our preparatives, which are directed to the Half Years meeting Sophia White Elizabeth Levens Mary Dunham Sarah Bowerman and Hannah Betts are appointed to attend the half years Meeting with the minutes and report.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although there appears a slackness in some, the hour mostly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour appears some care taken.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> There appears to be a good degree of love and unity

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amongst the most of our members as becomes sisters, although not so fully with some as could be desired, no differencies to remark, friends appear careful in the remaining part of this query.

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, although deviations in these respects are apparent, we believe friends are in a good degree careful by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none who make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that attend taverns or places of diversion.

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> The sircumstances of the Poor have been inspected and some advice and assistance afforded to such as appears to require it, we know of no Children amongst us but are in some way to get school learning.

Ans. 6<sup>th</sup> We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, nor any Parents to charge with conniving at their children keeping company with such ; three friends have married with persons not of our society, we no of none that have attended the marriage of those that have gone out from us, and one who attended a marriage accomplished by a Priest



Ans. 7<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears.

Ans. 8<sup>th</sup> We know none who are deficient in performing Their promises, or paying their just debts, nor any that have Extended their business beyond their ability to manage, nor any that give occasion for fear on these accounts.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Care has not been taken so seasonable to deal with offenders as is desirable but what care has been taken has been in the spirit of meekness and measurable agreeable to discipline.

Ans. 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

Our esteemed friend Jacob Green attended this meeting with a Certification of unity and concur and from Lisbourn

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monthly meeting Ireland 2<sup>nd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1832 and endorsed by the quarterly meeting for Ulster Province in Ireland held at Lisbourn 22<sup>nd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1832 And from the Yearly meeting of Ministers and Elders for Ireland held in Dublin on the 28<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo by adjournments to the 8<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1832 whoes company and gospel labours have been comfortale and edifying.

Also Samuel Rhodes attended as his companion with a Certificate from Derby Monthly meeting held at upper Derby County of Pensylvania the 6<sup>th</sup> of the 12 mo 1832 whoes company has also been acceptable.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request Signed Elizabeth Weeks Sophia White Sarah Clark and Sarah Garratt are appointed to visit her see if she be convinced of friends principals, inquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and report

The time being expired for which the Clerk was appointed she is re appointed for one Year

Quarterly collection six shillings and five pence for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt to next meeting This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next mo

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> month 21<sup>st</sup> 1833**

Representatives being called three are present and reasons given for the absence of four.

Three of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report they attended and one gave a reason for her not attending no report from the other she is desired to report next month

The friends appointed in Elizabeth Weeks case report the appointment is not answered, they are continued to the appointment and desired to report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Elizabeth Bently for neglecting the attendance of our metings, and going out of plainness of dress and address, which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs Mary White & Martha Rork to visit her on that account and report.

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The same meeting forwarded a similar complaint against Mary Bently Sarah Bowerman & Elizabeth Levens are appointed to visit her on that account & report

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Elizabeth Meeks; Elizabeth Branscum, Elizabeth Levens, and Mary Dunham, are appointed to visit her see if she is convinced of Friends principals, inquire into her life and conversation see if it be orderly and report

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage Signed John Ferris and Hannah W Betts Nancy Bowerman & Martha Rork are appointed to see into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting where said Friends are desired to appear for an answer.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as directed

This meeting adjourns as usual.

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of woman friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1833.**

The clerk being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed for the day. The Representatives being called three are pleasant no report from the others.

Having had no report from one of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting she now reports she attended.

The friends appointed in Elizabeth Week case report they visited her to satisfaction, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be received a member having the mens concurrence and appoints Sarah Palmer and Elizabeth Levens to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed in Elizabeth & Mary Benthys case report they have attended thereto and after a time of consideration thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that they be disowned believing the necessary care has been taken having the unity of the men. This meeting appoints Sarah Southard and patience Garratt to inform them the conclusion of this meeting likewise prepare a testification against them and produce to next meeting.

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John Ferris and Hannah W Betts appeared in this meeting and express their continued intentions of marriage they having consent of parents and nothing appearing to obstruct they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next monthly meeting Nancy Bowerman and Elizabeth Branscum are appointed to attend the marriage and see if it be orderly conducted and report to our next monthly meeting

the friends appointed in Elizabeth Meeks case report some attention but not ready to report they are left another month

This meeting adjourns as usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Woman Friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1833.**

The clerk being absent Martha W Rorke is appointed for the day and Abigail Hubbs assistant.

The representatives being called are present except one no reason given for her absence.

The Queries have been all read in this meeting with the answers to five of them from the preparative meetings which are as follows

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> all our meetings for religious worship and discipline has been attended the hour mostly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior appears

An 2<sup>nd</sup>           there appears to be a good degree of love and unity maintained amongst the most of our members altho not so fully with some as could be desired no differences to remake friends appear careful in the remaining part of this query

An 3<sup>rd</sup>           Friends are mostly carefull to keep them selves thare own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although deviations in these respects are apparent We belive friends are in a good degree careful by example and presept to train them up in a religeous life and conversation consistant with our christian profession we believe the scripturs of truth are frequently read in friends familes and care is extended in those respects towards others under our tuition

**[Meeting minutes missing for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Months of 1833]**

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends 18<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1833**

Representatives from the preparatives being called are present no minutes from Haldermand.

The Clerk being absent Martha W Rork is appointed for the day and Susan Dorland assistant.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgment from Phebe Dorland, but she not being present to hear it read it is left another month

Men friends inform as they have adjourned the answering of the queries until next month, by the request of the Yearly Meetings committee, who are expected to be here at that time which we unite with

The friends appointed to furnish Elizabeth & Mary Bently with a copy of their minutes of disownment and inform them of their right to appeal report the appointment is answerd.

One of the friends in Elizabeth Meeks case report she has had another oportunity with her and has unity with her being admited which this meeting appears to unite with having the concurrence of the mens meeting she is accordingly accepted Nancy Haight & Mary Dunham are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Quarterly collection ½ for which the clerk is required to produce the treasurers receipt.

Adjourned to the usual time.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month**

Representatives from three of the preparative meetings being called four of them are present, no accounts from Coald Creek.

The queries wer all read in this meeting with the ansers to five of them as follows,  
Answer 1<sup>st</sup>   All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended altho a slackness in some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup>   We believe love and unity is maintaind amongst the most of us members as becomes sisters, no differancies to remark Friends appear careful in the remaining part of this query, some care is taken in the above deficencies

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Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness & speech behaviour & apparel, we believe they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian profesion, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and a due care extended towards others under our tuition.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none who make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that have attended taverns or places of diversion.

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably according to discipline.

Which are directed to the Half Years Meeting

Elizabeth Levens Nancy Haight Susan Dorlan Patience Garratt and Elizabeth Cronk are appointed to attend the Half Years meeting with the accounts and report

Our esteemed Friend Samuel Adams attended this meeting with a minute of unity and concurance from Marlborough monthly meeting of Friends held at Marlborough 24<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 1833 whoes company and Gospel labours have been truly acceptable and edifying.

Phebe Dorlands acknowlegment being again revived in this meeting Lavina Bowerman & Sarah Garratt are appointed to make her a visit see into the sincerity thereof and report to next meeting

One of the friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Meeks of her reception into membership report the appointment is answered

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held the 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1833**

Representatives from the different preparatives being called four of them are present & a reason assigned for the absence of one.

One of the friends in Phebe Dorlands case report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service with Elizabeth Cronk added.

Amelias burgh preparative meeting forwarded to this a request Sign,d Phebe Cronkhite, Sarah Levens, Nancy Bowerman, and Dorcas

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Garratt are appointed to make her avisit; see if she is convinced of Friends principals, inquire into her life and conversation, if it be orderly, and report to next meeting

One also from West Lake preparative on behalf of Lavena H Bowerman, Mary White, & Sarah Clark are appointed to visit her, see if she is convinced of friends princepals, inquire into her life and convirsation if it be orderly and report their sense thereon

Sarah Levens is released from being Overseer of the Poor and Sarah appointed in her stead.

Four of the Representatives appointed to attend ~~to attend~~ the Half Years Meeting report they attended, no report from the other she is desired to report next mtg & produced a minute from New York Yearly Meeting and an Epistle from the Yearly meeting of women Friends , also a number of Epistles received by the same meeting, a part of which

has been read at this time to our comfort and edification the remaining part is left until next meeting.

Adjourned as usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 01<sup>th</sup> [sic] [10<sup>th</sup>] mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1833**

The time being expired for which the assistant Clerk was appointed Martha W Rork is appointed for one year.

Representatives from the different preparative meetings being called three are absent and a reason given for one.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are in Substance as follows.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship discipline are attended altho not so fully as could be desired the hour is in a good observed mostly Clear of Sleeping no unbecoming behaviour appears.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe there is a good degree of love and unity maintained as becomes Sisters, & when it has appeared otherwise some care has been taken, we know of know differences amongst us we believe friends are mostly careful to avoid tale bearing and detraction.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho some deviations ?

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we believe most friends endeavour to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian profesion, we believe the Schriptides of truth are frequently read in friends families and a due care extended to wards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> An,sr We know of no friends who make use of distiled spirits excepting for purposes strictly medacinal, we know of none who frequent taverns or places of diversion.

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Friends have been careful to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness & agreeably to our discipline

One of the friends appointed to visit Phebe Dorland report that two of them attended thereto , and that they believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgment, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be continued a member, and having the unity of men friends therein Nancy Bowerman & Martha H. Mark are appointed to give her the information and report to next meeting,

The friends appointed to visit Phebe Cronkhite report a visit to satisfaction and do not find but that her life and conversation is orderly, and believe her to be measurably convinced of friends principles, after a time of consideration thereon this meeting appears to be united in accepting her request having the mens concurrence she is accordingly accepted ~~and~~ Mary White & Patience Garratt are appointed to inform her thereof and report

The Friends appointed to visit Lavina H Bowerman report a visit to good satisfaction and believe her to be sincere in her request also that they find nothing but that her life and conversation is orderly after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to the judgment of this meeting that she be recieved having the mens concurrence Elizabeth Brandscam and Elizabeth Levens are appointed to inform her of her reception and report

No report from one of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting She is desired to report next month

The remainder of the epistals and an epistle from London Yearly meeting of Friends has been read at this time to good Satisfaction

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they are directed down to the preparative meetings.

The time being expiring for which the Overseers were appointed Elizabeth Clapp Charity Terrill Mary Clark Elizabeth Hate? Patience Garratt Content Ann Blount and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to consider of and propose names to our next meeting to fill that station the ensuing year

Quarterly collection one shilling and Six pence for which the Clerk is required to produce treasurers receipt to next meeting

This adjourns to the usual time in next mo

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women held 21<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1833**

The Clerk being absent Martha H Rorke is appointed for the day and Abigail Hubbs assistant

Representatives being called four are present no reasons given for the absence of the others, and no accounts from Haldermand preparative meeting.

One of the friends appointed to inform Phebe Dorland of the reception of her acknowledg report the appointment answered.

One of the friends appointed to inform Phebe Cronkhite of her reception into membership report that it has been attended to.

The friends appointed to inform Lavina H Bowerman of her reception into membership report they have attended thereto.

No report from one of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting She is desire to report

The friends appointed to consider of and prepare friends to act as Overseers the ensuing year have named Nancy Bowerman Nancy Haight Elizabeth Levens & Sarah Clark for West Lake Hannah Terril and Elizabeth Outwaters for Coald Creek – Patience Garret & Dorcas Garratt for Ameliasburgh – and Hannah Brock and Lydia Clark for Haldermand who seem to be approved of by the meeting and are accordingly appointed to that station for one year.

Ameliasburgh preparative meeting forwarded to this an acknowledgment signed Phebe Haight but she not being present it is left till she attends to hear it read.

The minutes from West Lake preparative notice a complaint against Abigail Morgan and likewise one against

### **Image 100**

Rachel Hazard but the complaints not being here the business relating to them is left another month

The treasurers reciept for 1/6 has been read in this meeting

Adjourned to the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> mo 1833.**



Representatives called 5 are absent a reason given for the absence of one  
The Clerk being absent Martha W Rork is appointe for the day and Patience Garratt  
assistant

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Abigail  
Morgan for keeping company with and marring one not of our society also for neglecting  
the attendance of meetings and departing from plainness which this meeting notices and  
appoints Abigail Hubbs and Lanina Bowerma to visit her on that account and report.

Also one against Rachel Hazard for keeping company with and marrying a person  
not of our Society & neglecting the attendance of our meetings which this meeting notices  
and appoints Elizabeth Branscum Nancy Bowerman & Dorcas Garrat to visit her on that  
account and report

A friend has been requested by Nancy Haight to inform the meeting that she  
attended the Half Years meeting.

A Certificate from Young Street Monthly Meeting on behalf of Hannah Boon has  
been read and received in this meeting and forwarded to men Friends.

Adjourned as usual

### **~~West Lake Month~~**

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held the 10<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1834.**

Representatives being call,d 3 are absent

The queries have all been read in this meeting with there answers as follows which  
are directed to the Half Years meeting.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline have been attended  
except one which we }believe was neglected on account of a tedious storm{ altho a  
slackness in some, the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping, no other  
unbecoming to remark

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is maintained amongst the most of our members as  
becomes Sisters

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one instance of difference which is under care, most friends appear carful to guard against  
tale bearing & detraction

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other  
friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel altho there  
are deviations in these respects, we believe most friends are endeavouring by expample  
and precept to train them up in a religeous life and conversation consistant with our  
christian profesion we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends  
families and we believe a due care is extended in these respects towards others under our  
tuition some care taken in the above definencies.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> None known to make use of distilled Spiritous liquors except for menicineal  
purpuses tow instanceses of instanceses of Several young friends that have attended  
places of divirtion care taken.

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the Poor have been inspected and some relief afforded  
and they are advised and ~~instructed~~ assisted in such imployment as they are capable of,  
we believe that most friends and others under our care are in some way to get school  
learning to fit them for business.

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of keeping company with an marrying persons not of our society, and one instance of a friend keeping company with a person not of our society on account of marriage, none known to connive at their children keeping company with such one instance of attending the marriage of one that went out from amongst us, and sevrael young friends have attended marriages acomplished by Priests some care taken

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the sevrael parts of this query.

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none deficient in performing their promises paying their just debts or extending their business byond their ability to manage.

### **Image 102**

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> We believe some care has been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeably to our discipline.

Ans 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

Sarah Clark Lavina Bowerman Martha W Rork Susan Dorland & Lydia Clark are appointed to attend the Half Years meeting with the minutes and report.

The friends in Abigail Morgans case inform they have paid some attention thereto but are not ready to make a full report.

The friends appointed to visit Rachel Hazard on the complaint against her report that they went with the intention of seeing her but found that she had left this country, they are therefore released from their appointment.

**[Transcribers note: the following paragraph had been X'd out]**

~~Cold Creek Preparative forwarded to this meeting a request Signed Susan McTagratt which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman Patience Garratt and Elizabeth Branscum to visit her see if she is convinced of friends princpals, inquire into her life and conversation see if it be orderly and report their sense thereon~~

Came to this threw the mens meeting a request from the friends of Thurlow for a meeting to be placed under the care of the Monthly meeting, men friends inform us they have appointed a committee to visit them with which we unite and appoint Patience Garratt Elizabeth Branscum Nancy Bowerman Sarah Clark & Susan Dorland to join said committee and report in conjunction with them.

Quarterly collection 1/3 for which the Clerk is to produce the treasurers reciept  
Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held the 20<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1834**

Representatives from the different preparatives being call,d 3 are absent, a reason given for the absence of one.

The friends appointed to visit Abigail Morgan report there continued attention thereto, and it is their judgment that it be left lie for three months, with which this meeting unites, it is accordingly left under the care of the same

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Same committee with Elizabeth Levens added.

Coald Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgment Signed Susan McTagrat Elizabeth Levens, Sarah Clark Lavina Bowerman & Elizabeth Branscum are appointed to visit her see into the sincerity there of inquire into her life and conversation if it be orderly one report.

Two of the friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report they all attended.

Was received and read in this meeting a Certificate of removal on behalf of Frances Rork from Waterford Monthly meeting Ireland held the 28<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1833

Also was received and read a Certificate of removal on behalf of Thomas Rork and Ruth his wife with their three children Edward, Joseph Webb, & Thomas, from Waterford monthly meeting held 28<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1833

Adjourned as usual

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1834.**

The clerk being absent Martha W Rork is appointed for the day and Patience Garrett assistant.

The Representatives being called 3 are present no reason given for the absence of the others and no minutes from Coald Creek.

The Friends appointed to visit Susan McTagret on account of her acknowledgment report they have not been unmindful of it but have not been able to attend to it. they are continued to that service.

Men Friends forwarded to this proposals of marriage Signed Thomas Robertson & Nancy Haight which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth Cronk & Nancy Bowerman to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting where said Friends are desired to attend for an answer (note) The ice being so bad Thomas Robertson could not cross to the preparative Meeting which friends have

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concluded to receive as a reason for their proposals coming to the Monthly Meeting first

Adjourned as usual

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held the 17<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1834**

The Representatives being called from the different preparatives four are absent a reason given for the absence of two.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answer to five of them which are as follows viz

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended with the exception of one week day meeting in our particular meeting which on account of the difficulty occasioned by the weather was not attended by women Friends. the hour nearly observed we believe clear of sleeping no unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained amongst the most of our members as becomes sisters which differences have arisen we believe due care has been taken to end them; we believe talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged.

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most Friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although there are some deviations amongst the youth we believe most friends endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession we believe the scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition and some care taken

4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query.

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An.9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to his our discipline.

The Friends appointed in Susan McTaggerts case report they have not yet been able to attend. thereto they are continued to that service.

Ameliasburg preparative forwards to this meeting an acknowledgement signed Maria Brock after a time of deliberation theron it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that it should be left another month for the consideration of Friends

Thomas Robinson and Nancy Haight appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intention of taking each other in marriage and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceeding they are left at liberty to accomplish the said marriage at some suitable time before our next monthly meeting. Elizabeth Leavens and Cynthia Casey are appointed to attend the same see if it be orderly conducted and report.

The Joint committee of men and women Friends appointed to visit Thurlow meeting report they have attended it to good satisfaction and believe it to be right to continue that meeting; men friends inform us they have continued it six months under the care of the same committee with which we unite and add Elizabeth Leavens and Sarah Palmer to the committee they are requested to report at the expiration of the time.

The time being expired for which the clerk was appointed she is released and Martha W Rorke appointed for one year and Susan Dorland assistant.

No Quarterly collection at this time.

Adjourned as usual.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1834**

Representatives called 3 present a reason given for the absense of two

The friends appointed to visit Susan McTaggart report they have not yet attended to it they are continued to that service

The case of Maria Brock being again brought before us it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she cannot under the circumstances of the case be continued a member and that her acknowledgment be returned to her by of the oversear

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Thomas Robinson and Nancy Haight are not ready to make a full report they are desired to report next month

Cold Creek preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Jane Smith formerly Richmond for so far deviating from the good order of our society as to keep company with and marry a person not of our religious society of which this meeting noticed and appoints Nancy Bowerman Sophia White and Elizabeth Leavens to visit her on that account and report

Adjourned as usual

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1834**

The representatives being called 4 are present no reason given for the absense of the other friends

Two of the friends appointed to visit Susan McTaggart report they have made her a visit to good satisfaction and believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgment and after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that it be accepted

having the concurrence of Men Friends she is according received a member Martha W Rorke and Elizabeth Leavens are appointed to inform her thereof and report

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One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Thomas Robinson and Nancy Haight report she attended and did not see but that it was orderly conducted

The Friends appointed to visit Jane Smith report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service

The case of Abigail Morgan being again revived in this meeting one of the friends appointed inform us that there had been some attention paid to it but they are not ready to report

Adjourned to the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 17<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> 1834**

Representatives being called 3 are absent a reason given for the absence of one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to five of them which are in substance as follows – and are directed to the Half yearly meeting – Sarah Palmer Nancy Bowerman Phebe Burlingham Susan Dorland Elizth Hicks and Elizth Cronk, are appointed our representatives to attend said Meeting with the minutes and to report.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended with the exception of our meeting for worship although there is quite a remissness with some Friends. the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained among most of our members as becomes Sisters when differences have arisen care is taken to end them talebearing and detracton mostly avoided and discouraged

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel

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although there are many deviations apparent in these respects especially among the youth — we believe most do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession — we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families — and care is extended in these respects toward others under our tuition — some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion.

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline:

The Friends appointed to inform Susan McTaggart of the reception of her acknowledgement report the appointment unanswered:

The Friends appointed to visit Jane Smith, report they have not been unmindful of it, but have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to the service.

The Friends appointed in Abigail Morgans case, report having again visited her, and that she seems unwilling to be disowned — after a time of deliberation it appears to be

the judgement of this meeting, that it should be left for three months, under the case of the same committee.

Phebe Wrights acknowledgement being again revived in this meeting, and she having been present to hear it read — Lavinia Bowerman; and Sarah Garratt are appointed to visit her, and see into the sincerity thereof and report.

Ameliasburg preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Maria Brock formerly Fieldhouse, for so far deviating from the good order of our society, as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, go out of plainness, and marry a person not a member and

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who has another wife living – Nancy Bowerman and Phebe Burlingham; are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Haldimand preparative meeting forwarded a request, signed Ruth Robinson, desiring to be admitted a member of our society; which this meeting notices, and appoints Lydia Clark, Sarah Clark, and Elizth Dorland, to visit her, enquire into her life and conversation, and whether she is convinced of Friends principles, and report.

No Quarterly collection at this time

Adjournment as usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1834**

Representatives called three are absent a reason given for the absence of one.

The Friends appointed to visit Jane Smith report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed in Phebe Wrights case report the appointment not answered though they have not been unmindful of it, they are continued to the service

The Friends appointed to visit Maria Brock formerly Fieldhouse report they have visited her and found the complaint just, and think she is not in a way to make Friends satisfaction after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this Meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of Men Friends; Elizth Haight and Susan Dorland are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of this meeting in her case and prepare a minute of denial against her to produce to our next Meeting;

The Friends appointed to visit Ruth Robinson on account of her request, report the appoint-

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-ment not answered they are continued to that service

Adjournment as usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1834**

Representatives being called five are absent, reasons given for the absence of five.

The Friends appointed to visit Jane Smith report the appointment not answered they are continued in that service.

The Friends appointed in Phebe Wrights case report they went with the intention of visiting her but found her from home they are continued to the service.



The Friends appointed in the case of Maria Brock formerly Fieldhouse report they have informed her of this Meetings conclusion and have produced a minute of denial which has been read and approved in this meeting and is as follows, viz.

Whereas Maria Brock formerly Fieldhouse a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our Meetings, go out of plainness and marry a man not a member of our society, who has another wife living, and she still living in that disapproved way we hereby testify against her being any longer a member amongst us untill she by ammendment of life may make Friends satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire. —

Betsy Dorland Margt. Garratt & Susan Dorland are appointed to shew her a copy thereof if required inform her of her right to appeal and report.

One of the Friends appointed in Ruth Robinsons case report she has visited her and believes her to be sincere in her request and thinks she is endeavouring to live agreeable to the principles of Friends after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judge

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ment of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men Friends therein Elizabeth Branscombe and Betsy Dorland are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Four of the Friends appointed to attend the Half years Meeting attended and excuse given for ~~one~~ the absence of one; no report from the other; those that attended have produced the Minutes from New York and epistles from several Yearly Meeting(s) which have been read to our comfort and edification as was also the general epistle from london Yearly Meeting.

We also received (through men Friends) and read extracts from the Minutes of our Yearly meeting containing directions with regard to some alterations in the book of disciplines etc.

Adjourned to the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1834**

The representatives from two preparative meetings being calld are present no accounts from Haldimand or Cold Creek at this time.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are in substance as follows. Viz

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, altho' there is quite a slackness with some members, the hour nearly kept to, we know of none who give way to sleeping, no unbecoming behaviour to remark; some care taken.

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained as be come sisters; we know of no differences amongst us, talebearing and detraction are discouraged, and mostly avoided.

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in

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plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, although there are many deviations in these respects; we believe most friends do endeavour to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, the Scriptures of truth we believe are

frequently read in friends families, and care is extended in these respects to others under our tuition.

Answer 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears.

Answer 9<sup>th</sup> Some care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measureably to discipline.

One of the friends is appointed to visit Jane Smith report she has visited her with another friend, and did not find her in a state of mind to make friends satisfaction after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned, having the concurrence of Men Friends Elizabeth Outwater & Ann Valentine are appointed to inform her thereof and prepare a minute of Denial against her to produce at our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to visit Phebe Wright report they have visited her and believe it to be right to continue her a member After a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that her case be left two months under the care of some Friends with the addition of Nancy Bowerman to the committee.

One of the Friends appointed in Maria Brock case report the appointment answered

The Friends appointed to inform Ruth Robinson of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The time being expired for which it was concluded the case of Abigail Morgan should be left it appears the judgement of Friend that it be left another month under the care of the same committee with the addition of Mary White to give them an opportunity of again visiting her.

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Quarterly Collection for which the Clerk is directed to produce a receipt from the Treasurer

Adjourned as usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1834**

Representatives called 4 absent a reason given for the absence of one

No report from the Friends appointed to produce a minute of denial against Jane Smith. they are continued to that service

One of the Friends appointed in Abigail Morgans case reports she has again visited her and thinks it of no use delaying it any longer After a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of friends that she be disowned having the concurrence of Men Friends Lavina Bowerman and Content Ann Blunt are appointed to inform her there of and prepare a minute of denial against her and produce it at our next meeting.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Sarah Cronkhite desiring to be admitted a member amongst us Martha W Rorke Betsey Dorland and Elizabeth Cronk are appointed to visit her enquire into her life and conversation and if she be convinced of friends and report

The Clerk has produced a receipt from the treasurer for the Quarterly Collection..

Adjourned to the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 12 Month 1834**

Representatives from three Preparative Meetings being called three are absent no reason given; and no account from Haldimand.

The Clerk being absent Susan Dorland is appointed for the day and Content Ann Blunt assistant.

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No report from the friends appointed in Jane Smiths case they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed in Abigail Morgans case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service

No report from the Friends appointed to visit Sarah Cronkhite they are continued to that service.

Phebe Wrights case being again revived it appears to be the Judgement of Friends that another Committee be appointed to visit her; Nancy Bowerman Dorcas Garratt & Elizabeth Branscombe are accordingly named for that service.

The joint Committee of men and women Friends appointed to visit Thurlow Meeting report they have visited it to good satisfaction and believe it right to continue it six months longer under the care of a Committee which we unite with, and appoint Content Ann Blunt, Phebe Burlingham, Elizth Leavens Nancy Bowerman ~~and~~ Sarah Leavens and Susan Dorland to visit said Meeting in conjunction with men Friends and report at the expiration of the time.

Adjourned as usual.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1835.**

The Representatives being called 3 are absent a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting and the Answers from our several Preparative meetings which are in substance as follows – and are directed to the Half Yearly Meeting, Ann Waring, Martha W Rorke, Elizth Cronk, Lavina Bowerman, and Rachel Purdy are appointed to attend said Meeting with the minute and report.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> Our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline have been attended thought not so fully by all as is desired

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the hour nearly observed; in a good degree clear of sleeping on other unbecoming behaviour to observe some care taken

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained amongst most of us as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences, talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most Friends ~~endeavour by~~ are careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under their care; in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel; although deviations in these respects are apparent; and we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families, and care is extended in these respects to others under our tuition. some care take.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends avoid the use of spirituous liquors /except for medicinal purposes/ or frequenting taverns two instances of attending a place of diversion.

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> We believe the circumstances of the poor and those likely to require assistance, are duly inspected and relief seasonably afforded, and they are advised and assisted in such employment as they are capable of; Friends children and others under their care with a few exceptions are in some way of getting school learning to fit them for business

Ans. 6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of keeping company with and marrying persons not of our society, no parents known to conniving at their children keeping company with such. Several young Friends to charge with attending the marriage of one went out from us whose marriage was accomplished by a priest and some care taken.

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> We know of none who bear arms, comply with military requisitions or pay any fine or tax in lieu thereof

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts, or who extend their

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business beyond their ability to manage, or any that give occasion of fear on those accounts.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline.

Ans. 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

The Friends appointed to inform Jane Smith of the conclusion of this meeting in her case report they have informed her and have produced a minute of denial against her which has been read and approved at this time and is as follows -- which the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of the meeting. Whereas Jane Smith formerly Richmond having so far deviated from the good order observed amongst us, as to marry one not a member of our society, and having her marriage accomplished by a priest – our labours of love not having proved effectual, we think it our duty to testify against her being any longer a member of our society untill by amendment of life she appears desirous of making Friends satisfaction which she may be enabled to do is our desire -- Sophia White, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Clapp and Nancy Gunter are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The Friends appointed to inform Abigail Morgan of her disownment report they have attended thereto and have produced a minute of denial against her which has been read and approved in this meeting and is as follows which the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of the meeting – Whereas Abigail Morgan formerly Elsworth having so far deviated from the good order of our society as to keep company with and marry a person who is not a member of our society, neglecting the attendance of our Meetings and departing from plainness, our labours of love not having the desired affect, we therefore disown her from being any longer a member of our religious society untill she by amendment of life shall make satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire. – Abigail Hubbs and Deborah Brown

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are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The Friends appointed to visit Sarah Cronkhite report the appointment not answered. though not unmindful of it they are continued to that service with the addition of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavens to the committee.

Ameliaburg Preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Mehetabel McDonald formerly Warner for neglect of attending meetings, marrying one not of our society and not living with her husband Eliz<sup>th</sup> Weeks, Susan Dorland and Sarah Garratt are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgement signed Eliz<sup>th</sup> Church formerly Thorp for so far deviating from the good order of our society as to marry a man not in membership with us Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cronk and Lavina Bowerman are appointed to visit her and see into the sincerity thereof and report

Men Friends inform us they have concluded to discontinue Cold Creek Preparative Meeting and unite the members living on the West side the River Trent to Haldimand preparative Meeting, and those on the East side to West Lake Preparative, which we unite with.

Quarterly Collection 1/10S for which the Clerk is desired to produce a receipt from the treasurer.

Adjourned as usual

The Friends appointed in Phebe Hights case report some attention but not ready to report.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1835.**

The representatives being called 2 are absent no reason given.

The Friends appointed to attend the Half Yearly Meeting attended with the exception of one Friend.

The friends appointed to shew Jane Smith a copy of the minute of denial report they have not attended to it on account

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of the minute not being signed which being now done they are continued to that service.

One of the Friends appointed to shew Abigail Morgan a copy of the minute of her disownment report the appointment answered.

Two of the Friends appointed to visit Sarah Cronkhite report they have all had an opportunity with her and believe her to be sincere in her request but that she appears very little acquainted with friends principles, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that her case be left for two months under the care of the same committee with the addition of Nancy Robinson.

The Friends appointed to visit Mehetabel McDonald report the appointment not answered though not unmindful of it they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Phebe Hights case are not yet ready to report they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Eliz<sup>th</sup> Church report they have not attended to it and gave a reason they are continued to that service with the addition of Jane Casey to the committee.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed Sarah Garrett, Jane Casey, Patience Garrat, Sophia White, Sarah Clark, and Lavina Bowerman are appointed to consider of and propose friends to fill that station the ensuing year.

The Clerk has produced the Treasurers receipt for Quarterly collection as directed.  
Adjourned to the usual time

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1835.**

The Representatives being called five are absent no reasons given.

One of the Friends appointed to shew Jane Smith a copy of the minute of her disownment informs this meeting that the appointment is answered.

No report from the Friends appointed in Mehetabel McDonalds case they are continued to that service.

No report from the Friends appointed in Phebe Hights case they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Eliz<sup>th</sup> Church have had an opportunity with her but are not ready to report. they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to consider of and propose Friends to act as overseers, have produced the following names viz. Lydia Clark, Hannah Brock, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Clapp, Susan Dorland, Patience Garratt, Sophia White, Nancy Bowerman, Content Ann Blunt, Jane Casey & Nancy Robinson, which this meeting appears to approve of, they are accordingly appointed to that station the ensuing year.

A Certificate of membership on behalf of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight from Pelham Monthly Meeting has been received and read at this time, and forwarded to men Friends.

Adjourned to the usual time

**West lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1835**

The Representatives called 3 are absent, no reasons given.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to five of them from our preparative meetings are in substance as follows, viz

1 Ans. All our meetings for Religious worship and discipline are attended, although there is a slackness with some Friends, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of

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Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

Ans'r 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences amongst us talebearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

Ans'r 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most Friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although deviations are apparent in these respects, and we believe they mostly endeavour by example and precept to train they up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans'r 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query

Ans'r 9<sup>th</sup> Care has not been taken altogether as seasonably to deal with offenders, could have been desired, but where it has been extended it has been done in the spirit of meekness and according to discipline.



One of the Friends appointed to visit Mehetable Warner reports she has visited her and finds the complaint just after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned, having the concurrence of men Friends Eliz<sup>th</sup> P Dorland and Eliz<sup>th</sup> T Haight are appointed to inform her thereof and prepare a minute of denial against her to produce at our next meeting.

No report from the Friends appointed in Phebe Wrights case they are continued to that service

The Friends appointed to visit Eliz<sup>th</sup> Church on account of her acknowledgement report they have visited her and found her very desirous to be continued a member after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgment of Friends that her case should be left two months under the care of the same committee.

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The case of Sarah Cronhite being again revived in this meeting, friends appear united in receiving her into membership, having the unity of men Friends. Susan Dorland and Martha W Rorke are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The time being expired for which the clerks were appointed, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight is appointed to fill that station the ensuing year and Susan Dorland assistant.

Adjourned to the usual time.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 5 Mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1835**

The representatives called 2 absent, no reasons giv[en]

The friends appointed to inform Mahettable Warner of the meetings conclusion in her case, report they have informed her and have produced a minute of denial against her as follow which has been read and approved at this time, and the Clerk is directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting and Patience Garrett and Phebe Cronkite are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right of appeal and report to our next monthly meeting

Whereas Mahettable Warner A member of our society having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, marring a man not a member amongst us, and not living with her husband, Our labours of love not having the desired affect in reclaiming her from such inconsistencies We therefore testify against her being any longer a member amongst us until she by a mendments of life do make friends satisfaction which that she may be favoured to do is our desire

This meeting unites with the mens meeting in acknowledging Isaac Barton a minister

Phebe Wrights case is continued under the care of the same committee til next month

The friends appointed to inform Sarah Cronkite of her reception

### **Image 122**

report the service is performed

adjourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1835**

The representatives Called 1 absent no reason given

The friends appointed to show Mahetable Warner a copy of her testification and inform her of her right of appeal report the appointment answered

The Committee in Phebe Wrights case report they have visited her but did not find her in a disposition to make friends satisfaction; This meeting therefore appoints Elizabeth Levens and Sopiah White to return her acknowledgement to her and report

Elizabeth Church's case being revived in this meeting, friends appear to be united in continuing her a member having the concurrence of men friends therein, Elizabeth Wicks and Martha W Work are appointed to inform her thereof and report

A complaint came to this from West Lake Preparative meeting against Elizabeth Levens jun for having a Child in an unmarried state, Sophiah White Patience Garra[tt] Elizabeth Cronk and Susan Dorland are appointed to visit her on the occasion and report their sense of her state to next monthly meeting

Adjourns to meet at the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1835**

The representatives called 2 absent no reason given

One of the friends appointed to return Phebe Wrights acknowledgement report the appointment answered

### **Image 123**

One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Churchs case reports the appointment answered

The friends appointed in Elizabeth Levens case not being ready to report they continued to that service

The Committee appointed to visit Thurlow meeting reports they have attended thereto, and some of them at different times and are united in the belief that it would be right to continue that meeting under the care of a committee; and this meeting uniting therewith appoints Martha Work, Phebe Cronkite, Patience Garrat, Elizabeth Cronk, Elizabeth Haight Elizabeth Levens, and Dorcas Garret to that service and they are to report next first month

No Quarterly Collection at this time

The Queries were all read and considered with written answers to the usual five which are directed to the ensuing Halfyear meeting to attend which we do appoint Jane Cronk Martha W Work, Elizabeth Haight Elizabeth Cronk and Sarah Parmer and they are to report

Answer to the first Query All our meetings for worship and disapline are kept up and attended tho a slackness appears in some, the hour nearly observed mostly Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> Answ Love and unity are maintained as becomes sisters We know of no difERENCE at his time, We beleive talebearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> We beleive most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and appearl altho deviations are apparent and we beleive that most friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, The Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and we beleive a care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

**Image 124**

9<sup>th</sup> Answ Inability has prevented care being taken to deal with offenders as seasonably in some cases as could be desired, but we trust where it has been extended it has been in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Adjourns to meet at the usual time next month

**West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1835**

No accounts from Haldermand Preparative meeting

The committee in Elizabeth Levens's case report they have visited her and she appeared very desirous to make friends satisfaction, and that they would pass by her offence and continue her a member and sent a written Acknowledgement to that import which this meeting refers to next monthly meeting

Adjourns to the usual time next month

**West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1835**

The representatives being called three absent no reasons given

Elizabeth Levens case being again revived in this meeting, Phebe Cronkite Martha W Rork and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to visit her and report to next monthly meeting

Three of the friends appointed to attend the Half year meeting report they attended and brought With them Epistles, from London, Dublin Rhodeisland Philadelphia, Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, North Carolina, also a minute of advice from New York Yearly meeting, which were read in this meeting to the satisfaction of friends and the other representative gave reasons for not attending

The London Epistle and a minute of advice from the meeting of sufferings are

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Directed to be read in next monthly meeting

Adjourns to the usual time next month

**West Lake Mononthly meeting of women friends held 10 mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1835**

No Accounts from Halderman Preparative meeting

The committee in Elizabeth Levens case report they have visited her and think her sincere in her acknowledgement, but this meeting after solid consideration thereon think it would be best that she be disowned, which is referred to the mens meeting for their approbation and men friends uniting therewith, Sophiah White and Patience Garret are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion and prepare a minute of denial for the approbation of next monthly meeting

Phebe Bowerman having removed with her husband and settled within the compass of Yong street monthly meeting requests our certificate Elizabeth Haight and Susan Dorland are appointed to prepare one for the approbation of next Monthly meeting

The Queries were all read in this meeting with written answers to the usual five which are as follows

This Directs that the Epistles left last monthly meeting be read next month

1<sup>st</sup> Ans            all our meetings for worship and discipline are kept up and attended tho a slackness appears in some, The hour nearly observed Not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans            Love and unity we believe is in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters We know of no difference at this time

### **Image 126**

Tale bearing and detraction We believe is mostly avoided and discouraged

We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel but there are many deviations apparent amongst the youth and we believe most friends are endeavouring to train up their children in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession

The Scriptures of truth are frequently read friends families and a care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup>                    Clear as to this Query

9<sup>th</sup>,                Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to Discipline

Adjourns to usual time next month

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1835**

The representatives being called four were present and reasons given for the absence of two

One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Levens case report the appointment not answered they are continued to report at next meeting

The London Epistle and one from the meeting of Sufferings were read in this meeting agreeable to the directions of last meeting

The friends appointed to prepare a certificate for Phebe Bowerman produced one to this meeting which was read approved and signed by the clerk Susan Dorland and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to forward it to Youngstreet monthly meeting and report

Adjourns to the usual time next month

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#### **West lake monthly meeting of women friends held 12<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1835**

The representatives being called 2 absent and reasons given for the absence of one

One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Levens case reports the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

The friends appointed to forward Phebe Bowerman's Certificate informs that men friends has undertaken that charge

Adjourns to the usual time next month

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1836**

The representatives being called 2 absent and reasons given for the absence of one

The friends appointed to prepare a Testification for Elizabeth S Levens produced one to this meeting which was read approved of and signed by the Clerk which is as follows

Elizabeth S Levens being of our society having sofar deviated from the good order of friends as to have a Child in an unmarried state, our labours of love having been extended Friends did believe it would not be right to pass by the offence, We therefore for the clearing of the society and truth from so great a reproach do Testify against her being any Longer a member amongst us until she by a consistant daily walk may manifest sincere repentance for transgression which that she may be favoured to do is our desire Phebe Cronkite and Content Ann Blunt are appointed to furnish her with a copy thereof inform her of her right

### **Image 128**

of appeal and report to next monthly meeting

Ameliesburgh Preparative forwarded a Compraint to this meeting against Phebe Wright formerly White for marring a man not in membership with friends and for neglecting the atendance of meetings Content Ann Blunt and Elizabeth S Haight are appointed to visit her on the occasion and report their sense of her state to next monthly meeting

Also a complaint from that meeting against Jane How jun for deviating from Plainness in dress and adress likewise for neglecting the attendance of meetings Mary White Phebe Cronkite and Nancy Robison are appointed to visit her on that account and report to next monthly meeting

The Committee appointed to have the oversight of Thurlow meeting not being ready to report are continued to report next month

West Lake Preparative forwarded Proposals of Marriage for James C Mullet and Hannah Baker, Martha W Rork and Ann Warring are appointed to enquire into Hannahs Clearness of other like engagements and report to next monthly meeting Where they are to appeal for an answer

The Queries were all read and written answers considered on in order to be laid before the ensewing Halfyear Meeting to attend which we do appoint Martha W Rork, Susan Dorland, Elizabeth Haight and Levinah Bowerman and they are to report to next monthly meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Answer All our meetings for religious Worship and disapline are kept up and attended tho a slackness appears in some the hour nearly

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2<sup>nd</sup> Answ Love and unity are in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters we know of no difference at this time Tale bering and detraction is dscourged and mostly a voided

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe friends are careful to keep them selves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and appearl altho deveations are apparent amongst us We believe most friends are endeavouring to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christain profession We believe The Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and a care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition some care taken

4<sup>th</sup> Answ We believe friends are clear respecting this Query

5<sup>th</sup> Answ        The Circumstances of the poor and those likely to require assistance are inspected but sufficient relief is not yet afforded to all they are generly employed and assisted in such employments as far as we are capable of their children and all under our care are in some way of getting school learning

6<sup>th</sup> Answ        Two instances of keeping company with and Marrying persons not of our society We know of no parents that connive at their children keping company with or marring person not of our society or that attend the marriages of those that go out from us or marriages accomp

### **Image 130**

Accomplished by a priest

7<sup>th</sup> Answ        Clear as to this query

8<sup>th</sup>                We know of none deficient in preforming promises or paying just debts or of extending their ability to business beyond their ability to manniage as becomes our profession

9<sup>th</sup>                We believe care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

10<sup>th</sup>              They are

The Quarterly Collection 2 S 6D for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasures receipt

Ajourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo. 18<sup>th</sup> 1836**

The representatives being called all present

No accounts from Haldimand Preparative meeting

The friends appointed in Elizabeth S Levings, case report the appointment answered

James C Mullet and Hannah Baker appeared in This meeting in order to receive and aswer to their proposeals of marriage and nothing appearing to obstruct, they having consent of Parents, are left to the mens meeting for the further accomplishment thereof, Abigail Hubbs and Patience Garret are appointed to attend the marriage see it orderly accomplished and report to next monthly meeting

The committee appointed to visit Phebe Wright report they did not find her in a disposition to make satisfaction this meeting therefore after solid consideration thereon unites in disowning her having the concurence of men friends therein, Phebe Cronkite and Sarah Garret are appointed to inform her thereof and prepare a testification for the approbation of next monthly meeting

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The Committee appointed to visit Jane How jun reports they did not find her in a disposition to make satisfaction this meeting therefore unites in disowning her the mens meeting also unites therewith Sophia White and Susan Dorland are appointed to inform her thereof, and prepare a Minute of denial for the approbation of next monthly meeting

The friends appointed to attend the Halfyears meeting report they attended

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt

Ajourns to the usual time next month



### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 3Mo 11<sup>th</sup> 1836**

The representatives being called 1 absent no reason given

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of James C Mullet and Hannah Baker report they attended and saw nothing but what was orderly

The friends appointed to inform Phebe White of the meetings conclusion to disown her and prepare a testification reports the appointment answered and produced the following which was read approved and signed by the Clerk, Dorcas Garret and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to furnish her with a copy thereof inform her of her right of appeal and report to next monthly meeting

Whereas Phebe Wright a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order of friends as to Marry a man not in membership with friends and to neglect the attendance of meetings Our labours of Love having been extended and not appearing to reclaim, we therefore disown her from being any longer a member till she by amendment of life may make satisfaction which that she may be favoured to do is our desire

The friends appointed to inform Jane Howe jun of the meetings conclusion to disown her reports the ap

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appointment answered and produced the following minute of denial which was approved and signed by the Clerk Levinah Bowerman and Patience Garret are appointed to furnish her with a copy thereof, inform her of her right of appeal and report to next monthly meeting

Jane Howe Jun A member of our Society having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of meetings go out of plainness of dress and address, Our labours of love for her restoration having been extended and not appearing to reclaim, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member amongst us until she by a consistant walking may manifest sorrow for her out goings and make satisfaction for the same which that she may be favoured to is our desire

An acknowledgement came to this meeting from Roxy Townsend formerly Terry for Marring a man not in membership with friends, Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to vist her on the occasion and report their sense of her case to next monthly meeting

Ajourn to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 4<sup>th</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1836**

The representatives being called all present

No accounts from Halderman Preparative meeting

The friends appointed in Phebe Wrights case report the appointment answered

The friends in Jane Hows case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to report to next meeting

A Certificate came from Young Street monthly to this for Eunice Clark which was read and received

An acknowledgement came to this meeting signed by Rachel Clendenan expressing a desire that friends

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would pass by her offence and receive her into membership again she having remained within the verge of youngstreet monthly meeting Nancy Bowerman and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to write to that meeting and give them the necessary information and report in two months

The friends appointed to visit Roxy Townsend & report they attended thereto and thought her sincere in her acknowledgement this meeting therefore unites in continuing her a member having the concurrence of men friends to thereon Susan Bowerman and Rachel Cronkite are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting

Proposals of marriage came to this meeting Signed by Samuel Baker and Lucy Ann Hows Dorcas Garret and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to enquire into Lucy Anns clearness of otherlike engagements and report to next monthly meeting, where they are to appear for an answer

The Committee appointed to have the care of Thurloe meeting report they have attended thereto and think it right to continue said meeting under the care of a committee, this meeting uniting therewith appoints Jane Cronk, Nancy Bowerman Elizabeth Cronk, Martha Hubbs Abigail Hubbs and Patience Garret and they are to report in six months

No quarterly collection at this time

A proposal came from the meeting of ministers and Elder to this appointing Elizabeth Cronk and Sophia White to the station of Elders and this meeting uniting therewith appoints Nancy Bowerman and Dorcas Garret to take the necessary care and report to next monthly meeting

The Queries were all read in this meeting with written answers to the usual five which are as follows

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> all of our meetings for worship and discipline attended tho a Slackness appears in some the hour nearly observed we know of none that give way to sleeping no unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained as becomes sisters no differences known Tale bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided

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3<sup>rd</sup> Answ Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in Plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho deviations are appaearant and we beleive they are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christain profesion We believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and a care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Answ Clear

9<sup>th</sup> We Beleive care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we beleive in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

Ajourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly Meeting of women friends held 5 Mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1836**

The representatives being called 3 absent and reasons given for the absence of one

The friends in Jane Hows case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

The friends appointed in Roxy Townsends case reports the appointment answered  
A Meliasburg preparative forwarded a complaint to this meeting against Rebecca  
Haight for leaving friends and going with those who have separated from us Sarah Garret  
and Dorcas Garret ~~are appoin~~ and Elizabeth Branscum are appointed to visit her on the  
reason and report to next monthly meeting

The time being expired for which the The Overseers were appointed Elizabeth  
Haight Patience Garret Content Ann Blunt Nancy Bowerman Elizabeth Levens and  
Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to bring forward Names to fill that station for the  
approbation of next monthly meeting

Samuel Baker and Lucy Ann Howe appeared in this meeting in order to receive  
and answer to their proposals

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in order to receive an answer to their Proposals of Marriage and nothing appearing to  
obstruct they are left at liberty to precede to the mens meeting for the further  
accomplishment thereof Margaret Garret and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to attend the  
Marriage see it orderly accomplished and report to next monthly meeting

Proposals of Marriage came to this Meeting signed Arthur Mullet and Jane Baker  
Sarah Bowerman and and Contann Blunt are appointed to inquire into janes clearness of  
other Like engagements and report to next monthly meeting where they are to appear for  
an answer

The time being expired for which the Clerk and assistat were appointed they are  
reappointed to that station for one year

Ajourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly Meeting of women friends held 16 of 6 Mo 1836**

Representatives called all are present

the friends in Jane Howe case report they have not been unmindful of it but have  
not attended to it they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed in Rebecca Hights case report that two of them made  
her a visit and that she appeared willing to be disowned after a time of deliberation it  
appears to be the judgment of this Meeting that she be disowned having the unity of men  
friends, Elisabeth T Haight and Patience Garratt are appointed to inform her of the  
Meetings conclusion in her case prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to next  
monthly Meeting

The friends appointed to prepare names for overseers to the consideration of this  
Meeting propose that the former persons remain with the addition of Elisabeth Leavens  
and Phebe McTagret which this meeting unites with and appoints them to that Station for  
one year

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One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Samuel Baker and Lucy Ann  
Howe report she attennded and say nothing but that it was orderly conducted

Arthur Mullet and jane Baker appeared in this Meeting in order to recieve an  
answer to thier Proposals of marriage and nothing appearing to obstruct they are left at

liberty to procede to the mens meeting for the further accomplishment thereof Contentann Blunt and Susan Dorland are appointed to attend said marriage see it orderly accomplished and report next monthly meeting.

The friends appointed to write to Younge Street monthly meeting in Rachel Clendenen case report the appointment not answerd they are continued to that service

Adjourned to the usual time in next month

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### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1836**

The Clerk being absent Sophiah White is appointed for the day

The Representatives being called 3 were absent no reasons assigned therefore

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to the usual five as follows which are directed to the Halfyears meeting Elizabeth Levens Martha Hubbs, Elizabeth Branscum Nancy Bowerman and Dorcas Garrett are appointed to attend the ensewing Halfyears meeting with the minutes and report,

The friends in Jame Hows[Jane Howe] case inform The appointment not answered they are continued to that service and desired to report

The friends appinted to inform Rebecca Haight of the meetings conclusion to disown her report the appointment answered and produced a Minute of denial against her, which has been read and approved and the Clerk directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting

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Phebe Cronkhite and Rachel Cronkhite are appointed to show her a copy thereof and report to next meeting

Whereas Rebecca Haight a member of our Society has neglected the attendance of our meetings gone with the separatists, our labours of love having been extended and not apparing to reclaim her we therefore testify gainst her being any longer a member of our religious society until she by amendment of life may make satisfaction which that she may is our desire

The friends appointed in Arthur Mulletts ~~ease~~ and Jane Bakers case report they attended the Marriage and saw nothing but what was orderly

The friends appointed in Rachel Clandennes cas report the appointment answered

The joint Committee of men and women friends appointed to hear and considr objections if any should appear to the appointment of Elizabeth Cronk and Sophiah White to the station of Elders, report thy heard none this meeting therefore unites in their being appointed to that station

Answ 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and disapline are kept up and attended by most friends, although their appears a slackness in some the hour nearly observed not Quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecomeing behaviour to remark and some care taken

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and avoided

Ans, 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and appearl altho deviations are appearant amongst the youth, we beleive most friends do endeavour by example and precept to train themup in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christain profession We beleive the Scripturs of truth are frequently read in our families and a due care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

7 Answ Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as appears

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to disaplin

one Shilling and threepence [part of a word scratched out and illegible] Quarterly Collection ~~at the time~~ for which the clerk is dsired to produce the treasurers receipt Ajourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 18<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1836**

The representatives being called one absent no reason given  
Two of the Yearly meetings committee attended this agreeably to their appointment and produced the following minute

At the yearly meeting of Friends held in New York by ajournments from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of The 5<sup>th</sup> mo inclusive 1836

The reports from Canada Halfyears meeting proposed to the consideration of this meeting the propriety of a division of the said Halfyear's meeting taking place the meeting entered into a deliberation on this important subject, which resulted in a conclusion to appoint

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a committee to visit Canadas Halfyears meeting and The monthly meetings constituting it and to report next Year their prospect in relation to the proposed division of the meeting to this service the following ~~women~~ friends are appointed Henry Hinsdale, Aaron P R Owen Stephen H Bull John Wood of new York Richard Carpenter, Joseph Talkott and James R Russell Sarah S Merritt, Huldah Atwater Clarissa Griffen, Phebe Field Phebe Howes Rachel Thornton Anna Mott Anna Adams Sarah Waring Deborah Otis and Anna Marriott and the meeting constitutings the Halfyears meeting are requested to make such ajournments as may be necessary to accomocate the committee in the visit  
Extracted from the minutes of the aforesaid meeting

Samuel Parsons }

Sarah Warring }clerk

The friends in Rebecca Hights case report the appointment answered  
The Friends in Jane Howes case reports the appointment answered  
A request came to this meeting by way of West Lake preparative, signed by Susannah Burlely expressing a desire to be joined in membership with friends Sophiah White Sarah Clark and Dorcas Garrett are appointed to visit her equire into he life and conversation and if she is convinsed of friends principals and report to next monthly meeting

This meeting being brought under a concern on account of acknowledgements being brought forward before complaints, thinks best in accordance with the advice of the Yearly Meeting Committee now preasant, to advise Overseers and preparative meetings to be more careful in future not to forward an acknowledgement before a complaint is brought against the the offender, and the

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Clerk is directed to furnish each preparative meeting with a copy of this minute

The Clerk produced the treasurers receipt for one shilling and three pence

Ajourns to the usual time next month

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 9th mo 15th 1836**

The representatives being called one absent no reason given

The friends appointed in Susannah Burleys case report the appointment not answered

This meeting appoints Elizabeth Haight and Susan Dorland to write to Norwich Monthly meeting and give the necessary information in Rebeca Hights case and report

Three of the friends appointed to attend the Half years meeting report they attended The others gave reasons for not attending

Was read in this meeting, Extracts from the New York yearly meeting, the London General Epistle, one from New York from the womens yearly meeting of London one also from Dublin, Rhode Island, Philadelphia, Baltimore North Carolina Virginia & Indianna which were satisfactory and edifying, and they are directed to the Preparative meeting

Ajourns to the usual time next month

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends, held 10th mo 21st 1836**

The representatives being called all present No accounts from Haldermand Preparative Meeting

One of the friends in Susanna Burleys case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed to write to Norwich monthly meeting in Rebecca Hights

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case reports the appointment answered

A complaint came to this meeting by way of Ameliesburgh Preparative against Elizabeth Hutchison formerly Haight for marring a man not in membership with friends, Sopiah White Levinah Bowerman and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to visit her on the occasion and report to next monthly meeting

The quires were all read and written answers considered on to the usual five which are as follows

Quarterly collection ten pence half penny for which the clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt

Answer to 1st Query all our meetings for religious worship and discipline are kept up and attended by most friends altho there appears to be a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark



2nd Answ We believe love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, no difference known talebearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided

3rd Answ most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, altho deviations are apparant in the youth We believe most friends are endeavoring to traen up their children in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christain profession

The Scriptures of truth are frequently read in our families and a care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Answ Clear in the several parts of this query

9th Answ Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Ajourns to the usual time next month

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#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 11th mo 17th 1836**

The representatives being called were present except one and no reason given.

Two of the committee in Susannah Burley case report they have made her a visit to good satisfaction and believe her to be measurably convinced of Friends principles and did not discover but that her life and conversation was consistent there with. this meeting therefore unites in receiving her a membership having the concurrence of the men friends therein.

Lavinah Bowerman Sophiah White & Contentann Blunt are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting.

The friends appointed in Elizabeth Hutchinson case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service with Contentann Blunt added.

A complaint came to this meeting by way of Haldimand Preparative against Susanah Lapp formerly Clonk for having married a person not in membership with friends also for deviating from the order of Friends in spirit and apparel Susan Dorland, Patience Garratt and Hannah Brock are appointed to visit her on the occasion and report in two months

A complaint came to this meeting against Mary Hanesy formerly Hazzard for having married ~~married~~ a man not of our society and for deviating in plainness of speech and apparel ~~Patience Garratt~~ Sarah Jarmin? Elizabeth Branscum and Nancy Gunter are appointed to visit her and report and report.

The joint committee appointed to have the care of Thurlow meeting report they have attended thereto and believe it would be right to continue said meeting under the care of a committee. Nancy Bowerman Jane Cronk and Dorcas Garratt are appointed to conjunction with men friends to have the and of that meeting for three months and report in two months

#### **West Lake Monthly meeting meeting of women friends held 11th mo 17th 1836**

A complaint came to this meeting by way of haldimand Preparative against Hannah Wetherald formerly Feris

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for having married a man not in membership with friends and that she had joined another religious society and married within the minutes of shelby monthly meeting Lavinah Bowerman and Hannah Brock are appointed to forward information to that monthly meeting and request them deal with her on our behalf and inform us of the result of their labours and report

Ajourns to the usual time next month

**West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 12th mo 15 1836**

The representatives being called all appeared

No accounts from Haldimand

One of the Committee in Susannah Burleys case reports the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

One of the Committee in Elizabeth Hutchisons case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed to visit Mary Hanesy reports the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed to write to Shelby monthly meeting in Hannah Wetheralds case reports the appointment answered

The Clerk produced the treasurers receipt for the Quarterly collection of 10th mo 21st 1836

A request came to this meeting by way of Ameliesburgh Preparative signed by Elizabeth N Dorland expressing a desire to be joined into membership with friends Abigail Hubbs Elizabeth Branscum and Patience Garrett are appointed to visit her enquire into her life and conversation and if she is convinced of friends Principles and report to next monthly meeting

Ajourns to the usual time next month

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**West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1837**

The representatives being called one absent no reason given

The Committee in Susannah Burleys case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to report

The Committee in Elizabeth Hutchesons case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

The committee in Mary Henasys Case report They have visited her but did not find her in a disposition to make satisfaction, and manifested no desire to be continued a member amongst friends, This meeting therefore unites in disowning her, having the concurrence of men friends there in Rachel Cronkhite and Levinah Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof & prepare a minute of denial for the approbation of next monthly meeting

The committee in Elizabeth N Dorlands case report they have visited her to good satisfaction and believe her to be convinced of friends principles This meeting therefore unites in receiving her a member having the approbation of men friends there in Susan Dorland and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to inform her thereof request her attendance and report to next monthly meeting

The committee appointed to visit Susannah Lapp reports they visited her and that she acknowledged the complaint to be just – but – requested friends to wait a little longer with her, her case therefore is continued three months under the care of the same committee

A request came to this meeting signed Lydia Goodmurphy expressing a desire come under the care

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of friends, Martha W Rork Nancy Bowerman Elizabeth Branscaum and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to visit her enquire into her life and conversation and if she is convinced of friends Principals and report to next monthly meeting

The Queries were all read and written answers considered on in order to be laid before the ensembling Halfyears meeting to attend which we do appoint Contentann Blunt – Lydia Clark Elizabeth Haight and Nancy Robison and they are to report to next monthly meeting

Answ 1<sup>st</sup> Qury Some friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline altho their is a sorrowful slackness in some friends, The hour nearly observed, not quite Clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

Answ 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes sister no difference at this time Tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Answ Some friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of spech behaviour and appearl altho ~~a slackness~~ ~~there~~ there are very great deviations deviations [sic]a mongst us, some friends endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christain profesion, We believe the scripturs of truth are friquently read in our families and a care is extended in these respects to wards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Answ Clear as to the particulars of this Query

5<sup>th</sup> Answer We beleive the Circumstances of the poor are are [sic] inspected and some relief afforded them and we beleive they are advised

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they are advised and assisted in such employments as they are capable of and we believe friends children and all others under our care is instructed in school learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage no Parents to charge with coniving at their childrens keeping company with such one instance of marrying out from amongst us one instance of attending a marriage accomplished by a priest

7<sup>th</sup> They are

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none deficient in purforming their promises or paying their just debts or extending their business beyond their ability to manage or of any who give occasion for fear on these accounts

9<sup>th</sup> Not as much care has been taken as is desired on account of inability of health but where care has been taken we trust it has been in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

Adjourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1837**

The representative being called two absent ~~present~~ no reason give, The committee in Susannah Burleys case are continued and report to next monthly meeting

One of the committee appointed in Elizabeth Hutchinsons case report they visited her to good satisfaction and produce an acknowledgment Signed by her expressing a desire that friends would pass by her offence and Continue her a member, with which this meeting unites and she is also continued a member we having the concurrence of the men friends therein [this paragraph was continued as follows at the bottom of the page]  
Elizabeth Levans and Elizabeth Hudson are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next monthly meeting --

One of the Friends appointed to inform Mary Henisy of the meetings conclusion to disown her and prepare a testification produce the following which was read approved and signed by the Clerk Dorcas Garratt and Sophiah White to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report to next monthly meeting

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Whereas Mary Henisy has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry a man not in membership with us likewise for going out of plainness in dress and address we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious society until by amendment of life she may make friends satisfaction that she may be favoured to do is our

desire  
Cik

Elizabeth Haight

One of the committee appointed in Elizabeth N Dorlands case report the appointment answered Two of the committee in Lydia Good Murphys case report they visited to pretty good satisfaction and believe her to be convinced of friends principles and did not find but that her life and conversation was consistent therewith this meeting therefore unites in receiving her a member and having the concurrence of the men friends therein Sarah Hutchinson and Elizabeth Hudson are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next monthly meeting

The representatives appointed to attend the half years meeting report they attended Came to this meeting by way of West Lake Preparative a request signed Margaret Potter expressing a desire to be joined in membership with friends Patience Garratt Nancy Robinson and Elizabeth Cronkite are appointed to visit her inquire into her life and conversation and if she is convinced of friends principles and report to next monthly meeting

Also one from Martha McTigret expressing a desire to be united in membership with friends Elizabeth Haight and Suzan Dorland are appointed to visit her enquire into her life and conversation and if she is convinced of friends principles and report to next monthly meeting

Came to this meeting by way of West Lake Preparative a Complaint against Diana Carter formerly Latty for marrying a man not in membership with friends and for deviating in plainness Susan Dorland and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to visit her and report to next monthly meeting

Adjourns to the usual time next Month

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#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> month 16<sup>th</sup> 1837**

The representatives being called 2 absent no reason given,  
The Committee in Susannah Burlys case reports the appointment answered  
The Committee in Elizabeth Hutchisons case not being ready to report, are continued to that service,  
One of the Committee in Mary Henesys case reports the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service  
The friends appointed in Lydia Good Murphys case not being ready to report are continued to that service and Elizabeth Levings is added to that Committee  
One of the Committee appointed to visit Margaret Potter reports she visited her to good satisfaction and believe her to be convinced of friends principles This meeting therefore unites in receiving her a member having the concurrence of men friends therein  
Elizabeth Haight and Content Ann Blunt are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next monthly meeting  
The Committee appointed to visit Margaret McTaggart and Diana Carter not being ready to report are continued till next monthly meeting  
A Complaint came to this meeting against Harriet Hannahs formerly Latty for marring a man not in membership with friends Sphiah White Sarah Bowerman and Patience Garrett are appointed to visit her and report to next monthly meeting  
Adjourned to usual time next month

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 4<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1837**

The representatives being called 3 absent no reasons given  
The Queries were all read and written answers considered on to the usual five which are as follows

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One of the friends appointed in Elizabeth Hutchison and Lydia Good murpy's case reports the appointments are answered  
The friends in Margart Potters case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service  
The Committee in Diana Carter's case report they visited her and that she appeared to be sensible of her error and desirous to make fiends satisfaction and sent an acknowledgement to that effect which was read and after deliberation thereon it is thought best to let it lay three months longer  
The Committee appointed to visit Martha Mctygart report they attended there to, that she appeared to be convinced of friends principles and desirous of becoming united with them and did not find but that her life and conversation consisted therewith This meeting therefore unites in receiving her a member having the concurrence of men friends therein Elizabeth Branscoum and Sarah Clark are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next menthly meeting  
The Committee in Mary Henesys case not being present are continued till next monthly meeting

The Committee in Harriet Hannahs case reports the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

The Quarterly collection 4<sup>S</sup>. 6<sup>D</sup>. for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt

The joint Committee appointed to have the care of Thurlow meeting report they have attended thereto and some of them at different times and did not see but that order was observed therein. yet believe that further care of the monthly meeting is necessary to which Service we do appoint Nancy Bowerman Sarah Clark Martha W Rork, Phebe Cronkite and Elizabeth Cronk and they are to report in six months

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Answer 1<sup>st</sup> Some friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline although there is a slackness in some The hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping No other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is maintained as becomes sisters We know of no differences and believe talebearing and detraction is mostly discouraged and avoided

Answ 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christain profession, but there may devations in speech and apparls amongst us The Scripture of truth are frequently read and friends families and a care is extended in there respects towards those inder our tuition some care taken

Answ 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query

Answ 9<sup>th</sup> some care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to disapline

Adjourn to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 5<sup>th</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1837**

The representatives being called all preasant

No account from haldimand Preparative

The friends appointed in Margaret Potters case report the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service and Martha W Rork is added to that committee

The Committee in Martha M<sup>C</sup> tygarts case reports the appointment not answered and they are continued to that service

The Committee in Mary Henesys case are continued to report to next monthly meeting

~~in Harriet Hanna's case~~  
being ready to report

The Committee in Harriet Hannahs cas not

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are continued to that service and Nancy Bowerman is added to that committee

The Clerk produced the treasurers receipt for 4<sup>S</sup>. 6<sup>D</sup>.

A certificate came to this meeting from young street monthly meeting for Mary Ann Valentine wife of William Valentine which was read and accepted



Also one from Watterford In Ireland for Esther Rork which was read and Accepted  
of

Adjourns to the usual time next month

### **West Lake monthly meeting of Wome friends held 6<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1837**

Prepresentative being called all present

No accounts from Haldimand preparative

The Committee in Margaret Potters case not being redy to report are continued to that service

The committee in Martha McTaggrats case report the appointment not ansrd, they are continued to that service with Hannah Haght added

One of the friends in Mary Henesys case report the appointment answered

The committee appointed in Harriet Hannahs case report they have not been able to attend thereto they are continued to that service

The time being expired for which the Overseers were appointed Nancy Bowerman Dorothy Richmond Elizabeth Cronk Content Ann Blount Susan Dorland and Dorcas Garratt are appointed to bring forward names to fill that station the ensuing Year for the approbation of next monthly meeting.

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed Sophia White is appointed Clerk and Susan Dorland assistant for one year

### **Image 152**

This meeting unites with men friends in appointing a committee to visit Haldermand preparative to which service the following friends are appointed Nancy Robinson Lavena Bowerman Sophia White Content Ann Blount Susan Bowerman and Dorcas Garratt & they are to report in conjunction with men friends'

Adjourned to the usual time in next month

### **West Lake Monthly Meetin of women Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1837**

Representatives being call,d are present except two a reason given for the absence of one.

The queries were all read in this meeting with their answers, five of which are as follows & are directed to the Half years meeting Nancy Robertson, Elizabeth Haight, Sarah Parmer, Nancy Bowerman, and Susan Dorland, are appointe to attend the Half Years meeting with the minutes and report.

Ansr to the 1<sup>st</sup> Query Some friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, altho there is a great slackness in many the hour is nearly observed, not entirely clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark Some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are generally maintained as becomes Sisters though not so fully by all as could be desired we believe where differences have arisen care have been taken spedely to end them we believe tale bareing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided some care taken.

3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to keep themselves their own & other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, We believe they endeavour by example & precept to train them up in a religeous life & conversation

consistant with our christian profession altho there are many deviations amongst us We believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and a due care extended in these respects towards others under our tuton

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are mostly clear in respect to his query

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care in a good degree is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeaby to our discipline

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The friends in Margaret Potters case not being ready to report are continued to that service.

No report from the committee in Martha McTagarets case they are continued to that service

Two of the friends appointed in Harriet Hannahs case inform they have had an opertunity with her and produced her acknowledgment after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that it remain under the care of the committee for two months.

The friends appointed to consيدر of and propose names to to this meeting, to fill the station of overseers the ensuing year have brought forward for West Lake Elizabeth Levens Phebe McTagaret, Nancy Robertson, Sophia White & Martha W Rork, for Ameliasburgh Susan Dorlind & Elizabeth Haight, Haldermond Lydia Clark & Elizabeth Outwater, with which it unites and appoints them to that station for one year.

Part of the joint committee of men & women friends appointed to visit Haldermand preparative meeting report they have visited it to good satisfaction, & that it is their judgment that it should not be discontinued at present, men friends inform they have united with the report with which we also unite

The case of Diana Carter being again revived in this meeting it appears to be its judgment that her acknowledgment be accepted we having the unity of men friends therein, Phebe McTagaret & Lavenia Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof and report

Was received and read in this meeting Certificates of removal on behalf of Mary Hudson & her Daughter Elizabeth from Ferrisburgh monthly meeting held at Monkton Vermont 1<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1837

This meeting adjourns to the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> Mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1837**

Representatives being called are all present

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Our esteemed friend Martha Meeder attended this meeting with a Certificate from Sandwich monthly meeting of friends in the state of newhampshire dated 1<sup>st</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1837 And indorst by Doves Quarterly Meeting held at Rochester 1<sup>st</sup> Mo 26, 1837 Also Rachel Gardner attended as her companian with a minute from Nantucket Monthly Meeting of Friends held 30<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1837 whose company and labours of love have been truly comfourting & edifying

The friends in Margaret Potters case report the appointment is answered

One of the committee in Martha McTagarats case report the appointment is answered

The friends appointed to inform Diana Carter of the reception of her acknowledgement not being ready to report are continued to the service

it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that it is necessary that there should be another Overseer in the West Lake preparative meeting Content Ann Blount is accordingly proposed and appointed to that station for one year

adjourned to the usual time in next month

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 9<sup>th</sup> month 21<sup>st</sup> 1837**

The Clerk being absent Martha W Rork is appointed for the day

Representatives being called are present except one no reason given

No report from the friends appointed in Diana Carters case they are continued to that service

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report she attended and produced the epistles from the sefarel? Yearly Meetings which has been read at this time to our edification.

Men friends forwarded to this meeting arequest from John & Ruth Robison of Hamelton for the reception of eight of their Children as members amongst us Ralph Benjamin Ephraim Cornelius Ann Mary Rachel and Eunice Men friends inform they have received them with which this meeting also unites

Adjourned to the usual time

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 10<sup>th</sup> Mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1837**

Representatives being called two are absent and no reason given

The Queris wer all read in this meeting & five of them answered as follows

One of the friends in Diana Carters case inform they have paid some attention thereto but not ready to make a full report,

#### **Image 155**

Amelias Burg preparative meeting forwarded to this a request signed Hannah T Garratt which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth Haight, Elizabeth Cronk, & Levena Bowerman to visit her see if she is convinced of friends principals the sincerity of her motives inquire into her life and conversation if it be orderly & report

No Quarterly collection at this time.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1837**

Representatives being called two are absent, no reason given for their absence

One of the friends in Diana Carters case report the appointment answer

Two of the committee appointed to visit Hannah T Garratt on her request have paid some attention to it, but not ready to make a full report.

Our esteemed Friend Benjamin Frie attended this meeting with a Certificate of unity and concurence from Sandwich monthly meeting of friends in the state of New Hampshire dated 4<sup>th</sup> month 20<sup>th</sup> 1837 and endorsed by Dover quarterly meeting held at

Dover 27 of the 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1837 whose company & Gospel labours have been comfortable & edifying.

Men friends informed this meeting they have appointed a committee to visit all our subordinate meetings, and individuals as way may open, with which we unite and appoint Nancy Roberston Sophia White Elizabeth Haight & Dorcas Garratt to join in that service and report in conjunction with them

Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1837**

The clerk being absent Martha W Rorke is appointed for the day

Representatives being call,d two are absent no reason given

The committee appointed to visit Hannah T Garratt report they have visited her to good Satisfaction & believe her to be serious in her request and that She is convinced of Friends principles & do not find but that her life and conversation corresponds therewith; after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in receiving her a member having the unity of men Friends therein we therefore appoint Elizabeth Branscum & Nancy Bowerman to inform her thereof & report

Ameliasburgh preparative meeting forwarded to this a request Signed Hester Garratt which this meeting notices & appoints Nancy Bowerman & Elizabeth Branscum to visit her enquire into her

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Life and convensation and whether she is convinced of friends principals and report

Men Friends forwarded to this meeting a request signed by the friends of Coald Creek desiring the liberty of holding a meeting under the monthly meetings care on first 4 week days, men friends inform they have united with their request and have concluded that the week day meeting that be on fourth day of every week except preparative and monthly meeting weeks, which this meeting unites with and appoints Nancy Robertson Sophia White Elizabeth Haight & Dorcas Garratt (the former Committee) to unite with a Committee of men Friends in the case of these meetings

Men Friends forwarded to this meeting a request from William Valentine and Esli Terrill Gaurdians to Abigail Terrill Daughter of Marmaduke and Abigail Terril Decease desiring her reception into membership which this meeting unites with

Adjourne to the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1838**

Representatives being called 3 are absent, no reason given

The Quarries Were all read in this meeting with their answer as follows which are directed to the Half Years Meeting Patience Garrett Martha Hubbs Sophia White and Ann Wareing are appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting with the minutes & report

The friends appointed to inform Hannah T Garrett of her reception into membership report that have not been able to attend to the appointment, they are continued to that service and desired to report

The friends appointed to visit Hester Garrett on the on her request report the appointment not anserd they are continued to that service

The case of Susan Lapp being again revived in this meeting it appears to be the judgment thereof that it be continued under the care of the same committee for two months.

No Quarterly Collection at this time

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next mo

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there is a sorrowful slackness in many, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, Care taken

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Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them tale-baring & detraction is discouraged but not so fully avoided as could be desired

3<sup>rd</sup> Some Friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel and do endeavour by example & precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, although there are many deviations prevailing amonst in these respects, the scriptures of truth are frequently read in their families we believe when there are others under our tuition care is extended in theses in these respects towards them.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> We know of no Friends who make use of distilled serituous liquours accepting for medicinal purposes we know of none that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

5<sup>th</sup> We know of none amongst who appear to require assistance or any children that are not in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of keeping company and marrying with those not of our society one of these accomplished by a Priest we know of name who keep company with those not of our society on account of marriage nor any parents who connive at their children keeping company with such, three instances of young friends attending marriages accomplished by a Priest.

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as we know.

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or any that extend their business nor do we know of any who gives occation for fear on theses accounts

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has in good degree ben taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discippive.?

10<sup>th</sup> There are

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1838.**

Representatives being called three are absent a reason given for one

The Representatives appointed to attend the Half Years

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Meeting report they attended.

The Friends appointed to inform Hannah T Garratt of her reception report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service and desired to report

One of the friends appointed to visit Hester Garratt report she visited her & believe her to be convinced of friends principles and to be of an orderly life and conversation, after a Time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of the meeting that she be received a member, we having the concurrence of men friends there in Elizabeth Levens Phebe Cronkite & Patience Garratt are appointed to inform her thereof & report

Rachel Hazard having returned to her former place of residence her case is again reviewed in this meeting, & it appears to be united in appointing a committee to visit her, Dorcas Garratt Elizabeth Haight and Dorothy Richmond are accordingly appointed to make her a visit inspect into her state & report

This meeting adjourned to the usual time

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of woman Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1838**

Representatives being Called 3 are absent a reason given for one

One of the friends appointed to inform Hannah T Garratt of her reception into her membership report the appointment is answered

Two of the committee appointed to inform Hester Garratt of her reception report the appointment is answered

Two of the committee appointed to visit Rachel Hazard report they visited her to good satisfaction, believe her to be quite sensible of her error, & desirous to be continued a member, they also produced her acknowledgement which has been read, and after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be united in accepting it having the unity of men friends therein, Phebe Cronkite & Lavena Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to visit Susan Lapp report they visited her to good satisfaction have produced her acknowledgement and believe her to be sincere in her intentions, after a time of consideration thereon it appears to the judgment of the meeting that her acknowledgement be accepted men Friends also concurring therein Martha Hubbs Lydia Clark are appointed to inform her thereof and report to next meeting

### **Image 159**

Three of the committee appointed to visit Harriet Hannahs report they have visited her and did not find in a frame of mind suitable to make satisfaction, after a time of consideration thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having Concurrence of men friends therein Sophia White and Susan Dorland are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to next meeting.

Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of ??<sup>th</sup> 1838**

The Clerk not being present Elizabeth Haight is appointed for the day

Representatives being called 3 are absent, a reason given for one

The queries were all read in this meeting with written answers to the usual five which are as follows

Ansrs 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worships and discipline have been attended except one week day meeting but not so fully attended by all as is desired, the hour is nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.



2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters we know of no differences amongst us we believe talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel & do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life & conversation consistant with our Christian profession although there are many deviations amongst us in these respects, the scriptures of truth are frequently read in Friends families & we believe where there are any others under our tuition care is extended in these respects towards them.

9<sup>th</sup> Some care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to our discipline

One of the committee in Rachel Hazards case report the appointment not ans'rd they are continued to that service

The friends in Susan Lapps case report the appoint not answered they are continued to report to next meeting

### **Image 160**

The friends appointed to prepare a testification for Harriet Hannahs produced the following which was read approved and signed by the Clerk Jane Cronk and Lucy An Baker are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report to next meeting

Harriet Hannahs a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order amongst us as to marry a man not in membership with us our labours of love for her restoration not having the desired effect we therefore disown her from being a member amongst us until she by her life and conversation condemn the same to the satisfaction of friends, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire Signed in and on behalf of West Lake monthly meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1838

Elizabeth Haight Clerk

An acknowledgement came to this meeting from Rebecca Haight ( who was removed within the verge of Norwich monthly meeting) expressing a desire that friends would pass by her offence and receive her into membership again, this meeting being satisfied with the purport of thereof appoints Elizabeth Haight and Susan Dorland to wright to that monthly meeting & inform them thereof & report to next meeting

A request came to this meeting from James Terril expressing a desire that his three women children viz Jane Ann Anthony Albert Ciscelia should be joined in membership with friends which this meeting unites with.

The Committee appointed to have the care of Therlow meeting report they have attended thereto & believe said meeting ought to be continued under the care of a committee whose concern it might be to see that good order may be preserved therein to which service we do appoint Lavinah Bowerman Martha Hubbs Jane Cronk Susan Dorland Elizabeth N Dorland and Content ann Blount in conjunction with men friends to report in six months.

A proposal came from the meeting of ministers and elders to that of appointing Elizabeth Haight to the station of Elder and this meeting unighting there with appoints

Patience Garratt and Susan Dorland to take the necessary care & report in conjunction with men friends

Adjourned to the usual time in next Mo

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1838**

Representatives being called from two of the preparatives 3 are present and a reason given for the absence of the other, no accounts from Haldermond

The friends appointed to inform Rachel Hazard of the reception of her acknowledgement report the appointment not answered They are continued to that service.

The friends in Susan Lapps case report the appointment not answered they are continued in that service.

One of the friends appointed to shew Harriet Hannahs a copy of her testification & inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to write to ~~Kerwich~~ Norwich monthly meeting in Rebecca Haight case report the ~~report the~~ appointment is answered

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Hannah Nash for neglecting the attendance of our meetings & attending those of another society also for going out of plainness of speech & apparel, Hannah Ferres and Elizabeth Weeks are appointed to visit her on that account and report

Was received and read in this meeting a certificate of removal on behalf of Elizabeth, wife of George Miller and their daughter Elizabeth, from Lowvill monthly meeting of friends held at Lee the 6<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1838

The joint committee of men and women friends appointed to hear and consider objections if any did appear to the appointing of Elizabeth Haight to the Station of Elder report that none has appeared, this meeting according by uniting therewith and also having the concurrence of men friends she is appointed to that station.

This meeting adjourns to the usual time

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> month 1838**

Representatives being called two are absent

The friends appointed to inform Rachel Hazard of the reception of her acknowledgement report the appointment is answered

One of the friends in Susan Lapps case report the appointment answered

### **Image 162**

The committee appointed to shew Harriet Hannahs a copy of her testification and inform her of her right of appeal, report the appointment is answered.

One of the committee appointed to visit Hannah Nash inform she has had an opportunity with her but the other friend not having attended with her appears it to be the judgement of the meeting that it lay another month under the care of same committee

Amelias Burg preparative forwarded to this meeting for its consideration the propriety of holding the Monthly Meeting a part of the time at that place men friends inform us they have referred it to next meeting, with which we unite

The time being expired for which the Clerk & assistant Clerks was appointed they are reappointed for one year

This meeting adjourns to the usual time in next mo

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1838**

Representatives being called 2 are absent

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with ans,rs to 5 of them as follows which are directed to the Half Years meeting, Elizabeth Haght Sophia White Nancy Bowerman & Nancy Haght Robertson are appointed to attend the Halfyears meeting with the accounts and report

1<sup>st</sup> Ansr All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended there still appears to be a slackness with some the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour ~~in them~~ to remark some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters. We know of no differences amongst us, we believe talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear careful to keep themselves there own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho deviations are apparent we believe they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religeous life and conversation consistant with our christian profession we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects toward others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We know of ~~kn~~ no friends that make use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes we know of none that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

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A 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline.

The committee appointed to visit Hannah Nash report they visited her and that she did not appear to be disposed to make friends satisfaction at present, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of the meeting that she be disowned, we having the unity of men friends therein Martha W Rork & Sophia White are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against her and produce it to next meeting

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Striker for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and going out of plainness in dress and address which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Cronkite Sarah Bowerman & Elizabeth Haght to visit her on that account and report.

Came to this from West Lake preparative meeting a complaint against Bershebe Mullet for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and departing from plainness of dress Nancy Robertson & Elizabeth Cronk are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Also a complaint from the same meeting against Margaret Gunio formerly White for marrying a man not in membership with us which this meeting notices and appoints Sarah Levens Content Ann Blount and Ruth Brewer to visit her on that account and report to next meeting

A similar complaint from the same meeting against Amy Shorts formerly Burlingham for marrying a man not of our Society neglecting the attendance of our meetings & departing from plainness in dress & address Jane Cronk Elizabeth Cronk and Lavena Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report

The request of Halderman preparative meeting in regard to holding the Monthly meeting a part of the time at that place is referred to next meeting for consideration

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Quarterly collection seven pence halfpenny for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt.

Adjourned as Usual.

#### **West lake monthly Meeting of women Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1838.**

Representatives from 2 of the preparatives being called, 2 are absent no account from Haldimand preparative.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Hannah Nash have produced the following which has been read approved & signed by the Clerk Nancy Robertson & Lucy Ann Baker are appointed to inform her of her disownment, show her, and if required, furnish her with a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal & report

Whereas Hannah Nash a member of our Society having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and attend those of another Society also departing from plainness in speech & apparel our labour of love having been extended do not appear to reclaim we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious Society until she shall evince a true sense of her error & make Satisfaction to friends which that she may be favoured to do is our desire.

Two of the committee appointed to visit Lydia Striker report they visited her, & that she was not disposed to make satisfaction for her outgoings, after a time of consideration thereon this meeting appears to be united in disowning her, having the unity of men friends, Content A Blount & Elizabeth Haight are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment and produce it to next meeting

One of the friends appointed to visit Bersheba Mullet inform she has paid some attention to it but not ready to make a full report they are continued to the appointment.

One of the friends appointed to visit Margaret Gunyo report that two of them visited her to good satisfaction, believe her to be sincere, & produced her acknowledgement with which this meeting {after deliberating thereon} appears to be satisfied having the unity of men friends therein, Laverna Bowerman & Nancy Bowerman appointed to inform her of its acceptance & report.

No report from the friends appointed to visit Mary Pettet they are continued to that care

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One of the committee appointed to visit Amy Shorts report that two of them visited her, & that they wished to have it delayed for two months longer under their care, with which we unite and continue them to the appointment

We unite with men friends in proposing to the Half years meeting for its approbation the propriety of holding the Monthly Meeting four times in the year in Ameliastburgh meeting house Viz 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> months.

The clerk produced the treasurers receipt as directed

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 9<sup>th</sup> Mo. 20 1839**

Representatives from two of the preparatives being called are present no accounts from Haldermond

The friends appointed to inform Hannah Nash of her disownment report the appointment not answered they are continued to the appointment

The committee appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Lydia Striker have produced the following which has been read approved & signed by the Clerk, Martha W Rork & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to inform her of her disownment show her a copy of the testimony furnish her with it if required inform her of her right to appeal and report.

~~The friends appointed to~~ Whereas Lydia Striker member of our Society having so far deviated from the good order of Society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and depart from plainness in dress and advise we do hereby testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she by amendment of life shall make satisfaction which that she may be favoured to do is our desire

The friends appointed to visit Bershaby Mullet report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to inform Margaret Gunyo that her acknowledgement not accepted report the appointment is answered

One of the friends appointed to visit Mary Pettet report they visited her and that she was not in a frame of mind suitable to make satisfaction after a time of deliberation there on the meeting appears

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to be united in disowning her having the unity of men friends Susan Dorland and Elizabeth T Haight are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment and produce it to next meeting for its approbation.

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report she attended and produced the epistles from the yearly meeting & one from London also the Epistles from the different Yearly Meetings of woman friends received by the New York Yearly meeting which has been read at this time to our comfort and edification

The time being expired for which the Overseers was appointed Sarah Garratt Elizabeth Weeks Sarah Parmensme? Lavena Bowerman Elizabeth Haight Hannah Terrill Margaret Garratt & Elizabeth Levens are appointed to consider of and propose names to our next meeting to fill that station the ensuing year

The Half year meeting has united with the Monthly Meeting in its being held a part of the time at Ameliastburgh, to open at that place in 11<sup>th</sup> Month

Adjourned as Usual

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held 10<sup>th</sup> mo, 18<sup>th</sup>, 1838**

Representatives being called are present except one

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers to 5 of them as follows

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although there is a slackness in some friends, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior to remark.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, if differences arise care is taken speedily to end them, and do endeavour to avoid tale bearing and detraction.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech and apparel and we trust many endeavour by example and precept to train them in a religious life & conversation consistent with our Christian profession although deviations in these respects are apparent amongst us, the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and due care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as we know

Ans, r 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit if meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

One of the friends appointed to inform Hannah Nash of her disownment report the appointment not answered, they are continued to the appointment

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One of the friends appointed to inform Lydia Striker of her denial report the appointment answered

The committee appointed to visit Bersheba Mullet report they visited her & that she appeared to be desirous to make satisfaction after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that it be continued under the care of the committee for 3 months with the addition of Sarah Garratt & Phebe Cronkite

The committee appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Mary Pettet have produced the following which has been read approved & signed by the Clerk Patience Garratt & Elizabeth Haight are appointed to inform her of her disownment show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report

Whereas Mary Pettet a member of our society having so far deviated from our good order as to marry a man not in membership with friends also for neglecting the attendance of meetings & going out of plainness; our labours of love for her restoration not having the desired effect; we hereby testify against her being any longer a member until she by a mendment of life shall make satisfaction, which she may be favoured to do is our desire.

The Committee appointed to propose names to this meeting to fill the station of overseers the ensuing year have proposed for Haldimond Ludea Clark Hannah Brock & Hanna Terrill for Ameliasburgh Elizabeth Haight & Susan Dorland for West Lake , Sophia White Martha W Rork Content An Blount Elizabeth Levens Susan McTagrat & Nancy Robertson with which this meeting unites and appoints them to that station for one year

Several of the committee appointed to the care of Coald Creek meeting report they have attended it to good satisfaction & that it is their judgment that it should be kept up under the care of a committee, men friends inform they have appointed one to attend said



meeting with which we unite and appoint Lavena Bowerman Phebe Cronkite Nancy Bowerman Susan Dorland & Jane Cronk to join them and report at the expiration of six months

The committee appointed to visit Amy Shorts report they visited her and that she was not in a frame of mind suitable to make satisfaction after a time of deliberation it appear to be the judgment of the meeting that she be disowned we having the unity of men friends Sophia White & Elizabeth T Haight are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment and produce it to next meeting for its approbation

Quarterly collection 2/6 for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Ameliasburgh 15<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> 1838**

Representatives being 3 ~~are~~ Called 3 are absent.

One of the friends appointed to inform Hannah Nash of her disownment report the appointment not answered they are continued to the appointment.

One of the Committee appointed in Mary Pettet case report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Amy Shorts have produced the following, which has ~~read~~ been read approved & signed by the Clerk, Lavina Bowerman & Elizabeth Haight are appointed to inform her of her disownment, shew her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal, and report to next meeting.

Whereas Amy Shorts a member of our Society has so far deviated from the good order thereof, as to marry a man not in membership ~~has at to neglected the attendance~~ with us, has neglected the attendance of our meetings, & departed from plainness in dress and address, our labours of love having been extended does not appear to reclaim, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious community, until she shall evince a true sense of her errors, and make satisfaction to friends, which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Thomas Baker and Harriet Swetman Content Ann Blount & Sophia White are appointed to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting where said friends are desired to attend for an answer

The Clerk has produced the Treasurer receipt as directed Susan Dorland & Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to settle with the treasurer and report to next meeting what they find remaining in her hands

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1838**

Representatives being called are present except one

No report from the friends appointed in ~~hannah~~ Hannah Nashes case they are continued to that Service.

The friends appointed to inform Amy Shorts of her disownment report the appointment not answered they are continued to the appointment

The friends appointed to Settle with the treasurer report they find

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find remaining in her hands three pounds fourteen Shillings one penny.

Thomas Baker and Harret Swetman appeared in this meeting, and signified their continued intentions of marriage with each other, they having consent of parents and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings, they are left at liberty to accomplish the same at some suitable time before our next meeting, Nancy Bowerman & Sophia White are appointed to attend said marriage see if it be orderly conducted and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Clara White, Patience Garratt and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to visit her see if she is convinced of friends principles, make inquiry concerning her life and conversation if it is orderly and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at this place

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held 1st Mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1839**

Representatives being called two are absent

The Queries were all read in this meeting with their answers as follows which are directed to the Half Years meeting Patience Garratt Rachel Cronkhite Jane Cronk Lavina S? Bowerman & Abigail Hubbs are appointed as our representatives to attend the Half Years meeting with the accounts and report.

The friends appointed in Hannah Nashes case report the appointment is answered.

One of the committees appointed to inform Amy Shorts of her denial report the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Thomas Baker & Harriet Swetman report they attended it and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted

The committee appointed to visit Clarry White inform they have paid some attention to it but not ready to make a full report, they are continued to the appointment

Two of the committee appointed to visit Barsheba Mullet report they visited her & that she appeared desirous to attend meetings and signified to them that inconveniences prevented her, after the meetings consideration thereof it appears to be its judgment that her case be continued under the care of the committee for three months longer

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West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Mary Cunningham formerly Wareing for marrying a man not in membership with friends & having her marriage accomplished by a Priest Nancy Bowerman Nancy Robertson & Lavina S? Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report

The committee appointed to the care of Thurlow meeting report that most of them have visited it & some of them at different times and believe that it would be best to have it kept up under the care of a committee; men friends inform us they have appointed a committee to have it under their care for three months with which we unite and appoint Dorcas Garratt Sarah Garratt Elizabeth T Haight Lavina S? Bowerman & Elizabeth Haight to attend said meeting and report in conjunction with men friends

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliashburgh

Answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> Q All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there is a slackness in some, the hour is nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, no differences known tale bearing and detraction are discouraged & mostly avoided.

And 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian profession the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

And 4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for ~~purposes strictly~~ medicinal purposes and are clear of frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as we know

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded but not so seasonably in all cases as necessary we ~~think~~ believe further assistance would be necessary ~~no~~ and to be further advised and assisted in such employment as they are ??? able? ~~would~~ would be useful, friends children are mostly in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

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Ansr 6<sup>th</sup> None known to be keeping company with those not of our society on account of marriage or any parents to charge with conniving at their children keeping company with such four instances of marrying out, one by a Priest and one instance of attending one of those marriages

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are clear of bearing arms or complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof

And 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession. we know of none who give occasion for fear on those accounts.

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Ansr 10<sup>th</sup> They are

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at Ameliasburg 2<sup>nd</sup> month 21<sup>st</sup> 1839**

Representatives being calld are present excep 2 a reason given for the absence of one.

The Friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report they attended

The committee appointed to visit Clarry White report they visited her and believe ~~& be~~ her to be measureably convinced of Friends principals and do not find but that her life and conversation are agreeable thereto. after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be united in receiving her a member we having unity of men friends therein Deborah Brown & Sophia White are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The Committee appointed to visit Mary Cunningham

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Report they visited her, & it is their judgment it would be best her case should be continued under care for six months with which the meeting unites

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Mary Richards formerly Swetman for marrying a man not in membership with friends & going out of plainness in dress Nancy Bowerman and Abigail Hubbs are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Norwich Monthly Meeting forwarded information to to this that they came to the conclusion to pass by Rebecca Hights offences and recieve her into membership

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of women friends held in New York was read at this time to our edification and comfourt

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women Friends 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1839**

Representatives being called 2 are absent.

One of the Friends appointed to inform Clarra White of her reception into membership report the appointment ans,rd.

The committee appointed to visit Mary Richards report the appointment not ans,rd they are continued to that service.

Came to this from Ameliasburgh preparative a request sign,d Phebe Barton Sarah Garrat & Susan Dorland are appointed to visit her see if she be convinced of Friends principals, inquire into her life and conversation if it be orderly and report.

West Lake preparative ~~pre~~-forwarded to this meeting a request signed by Elcy Corner which is noticed Lavena S Bowerman & Sophia White are appointed to visit her see if she be convinced of friends principals take the necessary care concerning her life and convesation & report.

Als a request from West Lake preparative on behalf of Sarah C Bowerman Elizabeth Haight Patience Garratt & Elizabeth Branscum are appointed to visit her see if she be convinced of frien principals, make inquiry concerning her life and conversation and report.

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West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Caroline M Pearsall formerly Fieldhouse for marrying a man not in membership with friends neglecting the attendance of our religeous meetings & departing from plainness Rachel Cronkhite Content Ann Blount and Lavena S Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in this place.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> mo 18 1839**

Representatives being call, 2 are absent

The queries were all read in this meeting and 5 of them ansrd as follows

Ans,r 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religeous worship & discipline are attended alltho a slackness in many friends the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ans,r 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, tale-bearing & detraction is discouraged but not so fully avoided as could be desired

Ans,r 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho some deviations are apparent and care taken we believe friends are endeavouring by example and precept to train ~~them~~ up their children in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession the ~~sch~~ scriptures of truth are frequently read in our families and a care is extended in these respects towards others under our ~~profession~~ tutio[n]

Ansr 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who use spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes, or any who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

Ans,r 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of of meekness and agreeable to discipline

One of the committee in Mary Richards case report the appointment not ans,rd they are continued to ~~the appointment~~ that service.

One of the friends appointed to visit Phebe Barton inform

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informed the meeting they had paid some attention thereto but not ready to make a full report

One of the Friends appointed to visit Elcy Comer report the appointment not answerd they are continued to the appointment

Two of the committee appointed to visit Sarah C Bowerman report they visited her to good satisfaction, & do not find by enquiry but that her life and conversation is orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be united in receiveing her into membership, having the unity of the men friends therein Dorcas Garrett and Ruth Brewer are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

One of the committee appointed to visit Caroline M Pearsall report that two of them had an opportunity with her, and that she appeared to be desirous of making satisfaction to friends, and produced her acknowledgment, after a time of consideration thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that her case be continued under the care of the ~~meeting~~ committee for three monhs with Elizabeth Branscum added

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Sarjent formerly Blount for marrying a man not in membership with friends Dorcas Garratt & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Haldermond preparative meeting forwarded to this a complaint against Eliza Henecy formerly Hazard for keeping company with and marrying a man not of our Society and going out of plainness of speech and apparel, Elizabeth T Haight and Susan Dorland are appointed to visit her on that account and report

Sevrael of the Committee appointed to the case of Thurlow meeting report they have attended ~~it~~ it and some of them at different times and that they consider it to be in a very weak state, men friends inform they have appointed a committee to have the care and oversight of said meeting for three months which we unite with and appoint Susan Dorland Hannah Terrell Sophia White Elizabeth Haight & Content Ann Blount ~~to visit~~ to join the mens committee and report in conjunction with them

Come to this meeting a request from John Cronkhite and Phebe his wife for their Daughters Patty and Rachel to be taken

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taken into membership, which is accepted, we having the unity of men friends.

Also a request from Thomas Garratt and Hester his wife for their Daughter Polly to come under the care of Friends, we having the unity of men friends she is accordingly accepted.

Quarterly Collection two shillings and ten pence for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in Ameliasburg

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held in Ameliasburgh 16<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 1839**

Representatives being called 2 are absent.

The friends appointed to visit Mary Ritchards report the appointment not answered, they are continued to that service with Martha W Rork added.

The committee appointed to visit Phebe Barton report they ~~visi~~-visited her to good satisfaction, believe her to be convinced of Friends principals, and do not find but that her life and conversation is orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon ~~the appears to be the judgment of~~ the meeting appears to be united in receiving her, having the unity of men friends, Margaret Garratt and Polly Terry are appointed to inform her thereof & report.

The friends appointed to visit Elcy Comer report the appointment not answered, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to inform Sarah C Bowerman of her acceptance report the appointment answered,

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this proposals of marriage Signed Joseph Wareing & Hannah Boon Elizabeth T Haight & Content Ann Blunt are appointed to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to next meeting, where said friends are desired to appear for an answer.

Haldermond preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Benjamin Terrill and Hannah J Outwater Susan Dorland & Sophia White are appointed to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting ~~there~~ where the parties are desired to attend for an answer

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The committee appointed to visit Lydia Sarjent report a visit to good satisfaction believe her to be sincere and produced her acknowledgment after a time of consideration thereon the meeting appears to be united in accepting the same, having the mens concurrence Lavina S Bowerman & Elizabeth Branscum are appointed to inform her thereof and report

The friends appointed to visit Eliza Henecy report they visited her and did not find her in a disposition of mind suitable to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that she be disowned, having unity of men friends Sophia White and Sarah Huchingson are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment and produce it to next meeting for its approbation



One of the Committee appointed in Bathsheba Mullet's case informed the meeting that they are not ready to make a full report, they are continued to the appointment. The Clerk has produced the treasurer's receipt as directed. Adjourned to meet at the usual time in West Lake

### **West Lake monthly meeting of Women Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1839**

Representatives being called are present except one a reason given for her absence. The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Eliza Henecy have produced the following which has been read approved and signed by the Clerk, Hannah Garrett and Elizabeth Clapp are appointed to shew her a copy thereof furnish her with it if required inform her of her right to appeal and report

Whereas Eliza Henecy a member of our Society has so far deviated from the good order thereof, as to keep company with and marry a man not in membership with friends, also has departed from plainness of speech and apparel, our labours of love for her restoration having been extended, does not appear to reclaim, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious Society until she shall evince a true sense of her error and make satisfaction to friends, which that she may be favoured to do is our desire.

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One of the committee appointed to visit Mary L Richards report she visited her to pretty good satisfaction & produced her acknowledgment after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that her case be continued under the care of the committee for three months with the addition of Nancy Robinson & Elizabeth Weeks

One of the friends appointed to inform Phebe Barton of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The committee appointed to visit Elcy Comer report they have paid some attention thereto but not ready to make a full report they are continued to the appointment with the addition of Nancy Robinson.

The friends appointed to inform Lydia Sarjent that her acknowledgment was accepted report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to visit Bathsheba Mullet not ready to report they are continued to that service.

Joseph Waring & Hannah Boon appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intentions of marriage with each other, they having the consent of Parents and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceeding they are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting Jane Cronk & Content Ann Blunt are appointed to attend the same see if it be orderly conducted and report.

Benjamin Terrill & Hannah J Outwater appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intentions of marriage they having consent of Parents and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceeding they are left at liberty to accomplish the same at some suitable time before our next meeting Elizabeth Clapp and Hannah Garrett are appointed to attend said marriage see if it be orderly conducted and report

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this a request signed Catherine Snider Elizabeth Haight Dorcas Garrett & Lavina Bowerman are appointed to visit her inquire

into her life and conversation, take the necessary care in order to ascertain whether the motives for the request be sincere, if she be convinced of friends principals & report Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a

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a request Signed Patty C Dorland, Sarah Levins Sarah Garratt and Elizabeth Branscum are appointed to visit her see if she be convinced of friends principals, inquire into her life and conversation if it be orderly and report their sense thereon.

The meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in this place

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1839**

Representatives being called are present except one no reason assigned for her absence.

The time being expired for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk was appointed they are reappointed for one year

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to five of them as follows which are directed to the Half Years meeting, Sophia White Elizabeth Branscum Nancy Robertson and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to attend the Half Years meeting with the minutes and report.

The friends appointed to shew Eliza Henegy a copy of her disownment and inform her of her right to appeal informed the meeting by writing that it is answered.

The Committee appointed to visit Elcy Comer not ready to report; her case is continued under their care for two months.

The friends appointed to visit Bethsheba Mullet not ready to report they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Joseph Waring & Hannah Boon report they attended and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Benjamin Terrill and Hannah J Outwater informed the meeting by writing that it was conducted according to the order of Friends.

The committee appointed to visit ~~Catherine~~ Katharine Snider report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Patty C Dorland report they visited her; believe her to be sincere in her request, and that she is convinced of friends principals and of an orderly life and conversation after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be

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be united in receiving her, we having the unity of men friends Elizabeth N Dorland & Elizabeth Haight are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to visit Caroline M Pearsole report a visit to good satisfaction, and believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgment, after a time of consideration thereon the meeting appears to be united accepting the same we having the mens concurrence Susah Dorland & Sarah Levins are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

No quarterly collection at this time

Ansr to the first query All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended, although not so fully by all as is desired, the hour is nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> we believe Love and unity ~~are in a good~~ maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters we know of no differences ~~at this~~ we believe talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do indeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian professio The Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and we believe care is extended in these respects towards others under out tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituious liquours excepting for medicinal purposes and know of none that frequent taverns and attend places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in Ameliasburgh

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held in Ameliasburgh 8<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1839**

Representatives fro two of the preparatives being called are present no accounts from Halderman

Our esteemed friend Phebe Bishop attended this meeting with a certificate from Danby monthly meeting held at Granvil ?th of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1837 also our friend Hulda B Dean attended with her as her companion with a minute of unity from the members of the celect meeting of Queensbery 21<sup>st</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1839 whose company and gospel labours have been verry satisfactory to us.

Two of the committee appointed to visit Catherine Snider report a visit to good Satisfaction, believe her to be serious in her request, that she is of orderly life and conversation, and convinced of friends principals, after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be united in receiving her having the unity of the mens meeting, Elizabeth Weeks & Nancy Robinson are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to inform Patty C Dorland of her reception report the appointment is answered.

One of the friends appointed to inform Caroline M Pearsal that her acknowledgment was accepted report the appointment is answered.

The committee appointed in Mary Cunninghams case not ready to report they are continued to the appointment

Three of the friends appointed to visit Bathsheba Mullet report they have attended thereto and that they found her in no disposition of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be united in disowning her having the unity of men friends Dorcas Garratt & Sophia White are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment and produce it to next meeting for its approbation.

Most of the committee appointed to the care of Thurlo meeting report they have attended it, & it is their judgment it would be best to continue it under care, men friends

inform they have appointed a committee to the care and attention of said meeting for six months which we unite with

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with & appoint Dorcas Garratt Elizabeth Branscum Lavina Bowerman Martha W Rork Elizabeth T Haight & Polly Terry, to attend the same & report in conjunction with them.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake monthly meeting of woman Friends held at West Lake 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1839**

Representatives being called are present except one

One of the Friends appointed to inform Cathrine Snider of her reception into membership informs the meeting that they have not had an opportunity with her and are not ready to report they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Mary Cunninghams case report that she has visited her but wishes Longer time this meeting appears united in leaving it another month under the care of the same committee.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Bethshe Mullet produced the following, which has been read and approved in this meeting, & Signed by the Cleark Patience Garratt & Abigail Leavens are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

Inasmuch as Bathsheba Mullet a member of our Society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, and has departed from plainness in dress, our labours of love for her restoration having been extended, and proving altogether ineffectual, We therefore testify against her being a member of our religious Community until She shall evince a true sense of her error and make satisfaction to friends which that she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire.

This meeting is informed that three of the friends appointed, attended the Half Years meeting, and have produced the minutes and epistles, which have been read at this time to our instruction and encouragement.

One of the committee in Elcy Comers case report no further attention they are continued to that service

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The committee appointed to visit Mary P Richards not ready to report they are continued to the appointment.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request Signed by Elizabeth Clark desiring to be united in membership with us, which this meeting noticed and appoints Martha W Rork & Lavina L Bowerman & Sarah Garratt to visit her on that account ~~and~~ See if She is convinced of Friends principles, enquire into her life and conversation and report

Some of the committee appointed to have the care of Coald Creek meeting report they have attended it several times and did not discover but it was held consistent with the order of Society & believe it to be right for said meeting men friends inform they have united therewith and have appointed a committee to have the care of it for six months

which we unite with and appoint Content Ann Blunt Abigail Hulls [Hubbs?] Susan Dorland Patience Garrett Elizabeth T Haight & Dorcas Garratt to attend the same in conjunction with men friends and report

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request from Amos and Sarah C Bowerman for their children to be united in membership with friends namely Mary Henry Lydia Eliza Melissa George men friends inform they have received them which we also unite with.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at this place.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women held at West Lake 10<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1839**

Representatives being called 2 absent

The queries were all read in this meeting with answers to 5 of them as follows

Ans,r first all our meeting for religious and discipline are attended thou not so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed not quite clear sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken

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Ans,r 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters We believe talebearing & detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

Ans,r 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and we trust many endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life & conversation consistent with our christian profession the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and some care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

4 Ans,r We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal or any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> ansr We trust care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness & agreeable to discipline

One of the friends to inform Cathrine Snider of her reception into membership report the appointment is answered.

The committee appointed in Mary Cunninghams case report a visit to good satisfaction and produced her acknowledgment after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting that she be recieved, having the unity of men friends Patience Garratt & Content Ann Blunt are to inform her thereof and report

The friends appointed to show Bathsheba Mullet a copy of her disownment and inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the committee to visit Elcy Comer report She visited her to good satisfaction believe her to be convinced of friends principals & that she is of an orderly life and conversation after a time of serious consideration thereon the meeting appears to be united in receiving her having the mens concurrence Nancy Robinson & Sophia White are appointed to inform her thereof & report.

Some of the committee to visit Mary P Richards have attended thereto, and wish to have a longer time, which the meeting unites with and continues them to report in first month.

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The committee in Elizabeth Clarks case report a visit to good satisfaction believe her to be convinced of friends principals and of an orderly life and conversation after deliberating thereon the meeting appears united in receiving her having the mens concurrence Nancy Bowerman Content Ann Blunt are appointed to inform her there of and report

West lake preparative meeting of Ministers & Elders propose to this meeting the appointing of Nancy Robinson to the Station of an Elder Patience Garratt & Charity Ternill are appointed in conjunction with a committee of men friends to hear and consider objections if any should appear and report.

A proposal from the same meeting to release Ransler and Phebe Burlington from the meeting of ministers and of Elders, believing their usefulness to be ended in that station this meeting appears to unite with the proposal.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

#### **West lake monthly meeting of Women Friends held at a Ameliasburgh 21<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> month 1839.**

Representatives called one absent.

The friends to inform Mary Cunningham that her acknowledgment was accepted report the appointment answered.

The committee in Bethseba Mullets case report their attention thereto, but did not have an oportunity with her they are continued to the appointment with Elizabeth Haight added.

One of the Friends appointed to inform Elcy Comor of her reception into membership inform the appointment is answered.

Friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Clark of her reception report the appointment is answered

The joint committee of men and women appointed to hear and consider objections if any should appear to the appointing of Nancy Robinson to the station of an Elder report they have not heard any, this meeting uniting therewith and having the concurrence of the men's meeting she is appointed to that station.

Came to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Simon

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Simon L Terrill & Phebe Outwater Susan Dorland and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to enquire into her clearness of other like ingagments and report to next meeting where the parties are desired to attend for an answer.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1839.**

Representatives being called two absent.

One of the committee in Bethseba Mullets case, report the appointment not ans,rd, they are continued to the appointment.

Simon L Terrill & Phebe Outwater appeared in this meeting and signafyed their continued intentions of marriage, they having consent of Parents and nothing appearing to



hinder their further proceeding, they are left at liberty to accomplish their design at some suitable time before our next meeting Sophia White Elizabeth T Haight & Susan Dorland are appointed to attend the marriage see if it is orderly conducted and report.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed Laverna T Bowerman Elizabeth Haight Nancy Bowerman Elizabeth Levens Abigail Hubbs Lydia Clark and Martha W Rork are appointed to consider of and propose names to our next meeting to fill that station the ensuing year

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time in this place

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held at 1<sup>st</sup> month 16<sup>th</sup> 1840**

Representatives being called one is absent

The queries were all read in this meeting with their answers as follows, which are directed to the Half Years meeting; Martha W Rork Lavina T Bowerman Susan Dorland and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to attend the Half Years meeting with the accounts and report.

The Epistles together with the extracts from the yearly meeting was received and read in all our subordinate meetings.

Men friends inform this meeting they are united in proposing to the Half Years meeting that Halderman preparative meeting

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Meeting to be held two thirds of the time at Coald Creek, to be held at Coald Creek the fourth day preceding the second fifth day in third fourth sixth seventh ninth tenth twelfth and first months which we unite with

Answer to the 1<sup>st</sup> query Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior to remark some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters we know of no differences; talebearing & detraction generally avoided and discouraged.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of Speech behavior and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, The scriptures of truth are frequently read in our families and we believe a care is extended in these respects towards those under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquours excepting for purposes strictly medicinal and know of none that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded, and we believe they are mostly advised and instructed in such employment as they are capable of & that their children and all others under our care are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of keeping company and marrying those not of our Society; we know of no Parents to charge with conniving at their children keeping company with such, one instance of attending a marriage of one that went out from us, and was accomplished by a priest.

7<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are clear in the several parts of this query.  
8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession, and care is extended when any give occasion for fear on those accounts

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9<sup>th</sup> We trust care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> they are.

The committee appointed to show Bethsheba Mullet a copy of her disownment and inform her of her right to appeal report the appointment is answered

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Simon L Terrill and Phebe Outwater report they attended it and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted

The committee appointed to consider of and propose names to this meeting to fill the station of overseers the ensuing year have proposed for West Lake Sophia White Nancy Robinson Nancy Bowerman Content Ann Blunt Elizabeth Levens & Jane How; for Haldermon Lydia Clark Hannah Brook Hannah Terrill & Elizabeth Clapp Ameliasburgh Dorcas Garratt and Patience Garratt which has been separately read and considered and are appointed to that station for one year.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meetings a request signed Mary Haight, formerly Hudson Sophia White Elizabeth Haight and Dorcas Garratt are appointed to visit her see if she is convinced of friends principals inquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and report.

Came to this meeting from West Lake preparative a proposal of marriage signed Thomas Waring and Frances Rork, Lavena T Bowerman & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting where the parties are desired to attend for an answer.

The case of Mary P Brichards [Richards] being again revived in this meeting it is concluded to be left under the care of the committee another month.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month at Ameliasburgh.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1840**

Representatives called 2 absent

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The representatives who were appointed to attend the Half Years meeting report they attended.

The committee appointed to visit Mary Haight report a visit to good satisfaction, believe her to be convinced of friends principals, sincere in her request, and do not find but that her life and conversation is agreeable thereto, after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears to be united in receiving her, having the unity of men friends Patience Garret & Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to inform her of her reception and report.

The friends appointed to the care of Mary P Richards case, report they are satisfied with her; after the meetings consideration thereon it appears to be its judgement that her

acknowledgment be accepted, and having the concurrence of the mens meeting Sophia White & Lavina S Bowerman are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Thomas Waring & Francis Rork appeared in this meeting as directed by our last, and signified their continued intentions of marriage, they having consent of the only surviving parent, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceedings they are left at liberty to accomplish said marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting according to the order of friends Abigail Hubbs and Lavina S Bowerman are appointed to attend the same see that it be orderly conducted & report.

Elizabeth Haight informed this meeting that she was ~~inten~~ expecting to return to her former place of residence and requested a Certificate Martha W Rork and Sophia White are appointed to prepare one and produce it to next meeting for its approbation

This meeting adjourns to meet the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held at West Lake 3<sup>rd</sup> month 19<sup>th</sup> 1840**

Representatives being called 2 are absent a reason given for one

The friends appointed to inform Mary Haight of her reception Report the appointment is answered

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The friends appointed to inform Mary P Richards that her Acknowledgment was accepted report the appointment is not Answered they are continued to the appointment

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Thomas Warring and Francis Rork report they attended and did not discover but it was orderly conducted

The friends appointed to prepare a Certificate for Elizabeth Haight have produced one as directed; which was approved and signed by the Clerks of both meetings Patience Garratt is appointed to see that it is forwarded to Pelham monthly meeting

Came to this meeting A request Signed Thomas and Elizabeth Clark desiring that their three Children Sarah Jane Charles and Gideon should betaken under the care of friends men friends inform they have accepted them with which we unite ~~with~~.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at this place

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friend helg at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 1840**

The Clerk being absent Martha W Rork is appointed for the day

Representatives being called are present except one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to five of them from our preparative Meeting which are in substance as follows.

The friends appointed to inform Mary P Richards of the reception of her acknowledgment report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service

Quarterly collection 1/5 for which the Clerk is directed to produce the Treasurers receipt.

~~Adjourned to meet at the~~

Ans, r 1<sup>st</sup> Friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline altho there has been one Meeting for worship not attended by Women Friends it being a stormy day, the hour nearly observed there is no sleeping or any other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters,  
We know of no differences talebareing & detraction are discouraged & mostly avoided

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3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Friends appear careful tp keep themselves their own and other Friends  
children under them in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho some deviations  
are apparent most friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a  
religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession; the Scriptures of  
truth are frequently read in Friends families and can extended in these respects towards  
others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> We believe that Friends are in a good degree careful on the sevrall parts of  
this query

9<sup>th</sup> We trust care has been taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with  
offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at Amelisburg 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1840**

The representatives from the different preparatives being called three are absent a  
reason given for one

The Friends appointed to inform Mary P Richards of the reception of her  
acknowledgment inform they have written to her, but not knowing of its receipt are not  
ready to make a full report.

A number of the committee appointed to the care of Thirelow Meeting report they  
have attended it, and it is their united judgment, that under the present existings state of  
things the Meeting had better be ~~dropt~~ discontinued; Men Friends inform us they have  
united with the report of ~~the report~~ of the committee with which we also unite.

The Clerk has produced the Treasurers receipt according to direction

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1840**

Representatives from the different preparatives being cald are present

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The Friends appointed to inform Mary P Richards that her acknowledgment was  
accepted not yet ready to report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request Signed Mary Ann M  
White Elizabeth Branscum and Constent Ann Blunt are appointed to visit her see if she is  
convinced of Friends principals enquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and  
report

Haldermond preparative Meeting forwarded informotion to this that there was a  
request came to it Signed Elizabeth Staples the request not being forwarded it is referd to  
next meeting

A number of the friends appointed to the care of Coald Creek Meeting report that  
they have attended it and did not discover but that it was orderly conducted, Men Friends  
inform that they approve of the report of the committee without the appointing of another  
with which we also unite.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual Time at W Lake

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 7<sup>th</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1840**

The queries were allread in this Meeting with answers to 5 of them as follows which are directed to the Half Years meeting Nancy Bowerman Nancy Ro[b]inson Patty C Dorland & Elizabeth T Haight are appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting with the minutes and bring back all papers that may concern this Meeting

The committee apointed to visit Mary Ann M White report ~~report~~ a visit to good satisfaction, believe her to be measureably convinced of Friends principals, and do not find by inquiring but that her life and conversation is orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgment of the Meeting that she be recie[ved] and we having the concurance of men Friends – Martha Hub[bs] and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to inform her of her receptio[n]

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No further report from the friends appointed to inform Mary P Richards that her acknowledgement was accepted they are continued to report in two months.

The request mentioned on our last months minutes signed by Elizabeth Staples being produced to day Nancy Robinson Elizabeth D Haight & Unis Clark are appointed to visit her see if she is convinced of Friends principals inquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and report

No quarterly collection at this time

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

\*. Ans,r 1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark care taken.

Ans,r 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, we know of no differences, tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans,r 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, and we trust they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consitant with our Christian profession, although many deviations are apparent and some care taken we believe the Scriptures of are frequently read in Friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ansr 4<sup>th</sup> We know of no Friends who make use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes nor any who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

An 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

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**West lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 8<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1840.**

Representatives called are present except one

One of the friends appointed to inform Mary Ann M White of her reception report the appointment answered

One of the Committee appointed to visit Elizabeth Staples report the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service.

One esteemed Friend James Jones attended this meeting with a Certificate of unity and concurrence from Ching monthly meeting of friends state of main held 14<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1840 and indorst by Vasselborough quarterly meeting State of Main held 15<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1840 whoes company and Gospel labours have been very comentable and edifying

Also our friend John Hawks companion to James Jones attended this meeting with a minute of unity and concurrence from Litchfield monthly meeting held at Hallawell 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1840 whoes company has been acceptable

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Martha Fieldhous formerly Hutchardson for having her marriage accomplished contrary to the order of friends, and by a hireling Minister, Lusindia Hubbs and Patty C Dorland are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

The same meeting forwarded a complaint against Eliza ann Hubbs formerly Bowerman for marry a man not a membership with friends and going out of plainness Sophia White and Susan Dorland are appointed to visit her on that account and report .

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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### **West Lake monthly Meeting of Women Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 17<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1840.**

Representatives being called all present except one and a reason given for her absence.

Two of the committee appointed to visit Elizabeth Staples report a visit to good satisfaction believe her to be convinced of friends principles and did not find but her life and conversation was orderly after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting appears united in receiving her having the unity of the men theirin, Anna Brundage and Elizabeth Outwaters are appointed to inform her their of and report.

One of the friends in the case of Martha Fieldhouse report the appointment not answered they are continued to the appointment

The friends appointed to visit Eliza Ann Hubbs report they have attended thereto and did not find her in a suitable frame of mind to make satisfaction to friends after the consideration of the meeting it appears to be the judgement that her case lay three months under the care of the same committee with the addition of Elizabeth T Haight.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this a request signed Margaret Terrill Dorcas Garratt and Patience Garratt are appointed to visit her see if she is convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation if it be orderly and report.

Men friends inform they have united with receiving Sophia Gertrud infant daughter of James and Margaret Terrill she is accordingly received

Two of the friends appointed to attend the half years meeting report they all attended



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And have produced the minutes from the New York Yearly Meeting of friends, and epistles addressed to the Yearly meeting which are referred to nexed meeting.

The time being expired the Clerk was appointed she is released, and Abigail Hubbs is appointed Clerk and Susan Dorland assistant for one year,

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at west lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1840**

Representatives being called all present except one and a reason given for her absence

The queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to five are as follows

The friends in the case of Elizabeth Staples report the appointment answered

The friends in the case of Martha Fieldhouse report a visit to some satisfaction after a time of consideration thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that it be left three months with the care of the Committee.

One of the friends in the case of Margaret Terill report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The epistle from the New York yearly Meeting and the epistles addressed to the yearly meeting from different yearly meetings have been read we trust to satisfaction and encouragement

One of the friends in the case of Mary P Richards report the appointment answered.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the Usual time at Ameliasburgh

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1<sup>st</sup> We believe Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline the hour nearly observed we know of none that give way to sleeping, no unbecoming behaviour to remark —

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, we know of no differences, tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and we believe mostly avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under the care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel Many deviations amongst the youth in going out of plainness of speech and apparel some care taken The scrtures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care taken in these respects towards others under their tuition

4<sup>th</sup> We believe that friends are in a good degree careful careful in the several parts of this query

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women friends held at Ameliasburg 19<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1840**

Representatives being called all present except two no reason given for their abcence

The friends in Margaret terills case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

Came to this meeting from West Lake preparative a proposal of marriage Signed George G Lear and Amy Bowerman Sophia White and Content Ann Blunt are appointed to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report next

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meeting where they are request to attend for an answer,

Came to this meeting a request from ~~their~~ William and Sarah Cronkhite for their children namely Martin, David, Ebenezar, jane, and Elenor, to become members the men inform they have appointed a committee to visit them on that account, which this meeting unites with and appoints Phebe Cronk Elizabeth N Dorland and Elizabeth T Haight to join men friends theirin and report next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West lake.

### **West lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held 19<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> mo 1840**

Representatives called all absent except one, a reason given for the abcence of one

The friends in Margaret terill case report a visit to good satisfaction, believe her to be convinced of friends principles, and on enquiry her life and conversation appeared to be orderly after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the unity of the men therein, and appoints Elizabeth branscum and Phebe Cronkhite to inform her thereof and report next meeting.

George G Lear and Amy Bowerman appeard in this meeting as requested by our last and signified their continued intentions of marriage they having the consent of parents and nothing appearing to prevent their proceding, they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage some suitable time before our next monthly meeting, Content ann Blunt and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to attend the marriage see if

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it be orderly conducted and report next meeting

Two of the friends appointed to visit Wm and Sarah Cronkhite on account of their request for their children, report the appointment not answered they are continued in that service.

A proposal of marrige was forwarded to this meeting, from west lake preparative signed George Valentine and Caroline Louiza Felphs Ann Waring and Lavina S Bowerman are appointed to enquire respecting the young woman clearness of other like engagements and report next meeting where they are requested to attend for an answer,

This meeting Adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake,

### **West Lake monthly meeting of woman friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1841**

Representatives called two absent a reason given for one,

The queries have all been read in the meeting with the answers to them as follows, and are directed to the ensuing half years meeting by the representatives which are as followes namely Esther Garratt Patty C Dorland Patience Garratt and Nancy Bowerman to attend the same with the accounts and report to our next meeting —

The friends in the case of margaret terill report the appointment answered,

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of George G Lear and Amy Bowerman report she attended and did not discover but it was orderly conducted, George Valentine and Caroline Louiza Felphs appeared in this meeting as requested by our last, and signified their continued intentions of marriage

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they having the consent of the only surviving parent, and nothing appearing to prevent their proceeding they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next monthly meeting, Martha W Rork and Jane Cronk are appointed to attend the marriage see if be orderly conducted and report next meeting

One of the friends in the case of Wm and Sarah Cronkhite, report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service,

A complaint was forwarded to this meeting from Ameliasburg preparative against Maria Scully for marrying contrary to the order of friends neglecting the attendance of meetings, and going out of plainness, this meeting appoints Sarah Garratt Rachel Cronk and Nancy Bowerman to visit her on that account, and report next meeting

No report from the friends appointed to visit Eliza ann hubbs they are continued to that service,

The friends in the case of martha fieldhouse report no further attention thereto, the case is accordingly left under their care with the addition of Phebe Cronkhite,

Quarterly collection two and four pence happeny for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburg,

1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, are attended although a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour appears

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, we know of no

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differences amongst us, talebearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided,

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children, under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel, although many deviations amongst the youth, we believe most friends endeavour to train them up in religious life and conversation, consistent with our Christian profession,

4<sup>th</sup> we beleive friends are careful to avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors, excepting for purposes strictly medicinal, a few instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken,

5<sup>th</sup> Some attention has been paid to the circumstances of the poor, and some relief afforded them, we trust their children and all others under our care, are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business,

6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of keeping with marrying persons not of our society, and one instance of two young friends having their marriage accomplished by a hireling minister, and two instances of attending said marriage, care taken in the above deficiencies

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears,

8<sup>th</sup> We believe of none who are deficient in performing their promises, or paying their just debts, nor of any that have extended their business beyond their ability to manage, as becomes our religious profession,

9<sup>th</sup> Care taken to deal with offenders but not as seasonably as is desired but what care has been taken, has been in the spirit of meekness, measurably agreeably to discipline

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#### **West Lake monthly meeting of women friends held at Ameliasburgh 18<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1841**

Representatives from the different preparative meetings being called all present except one;

Representatives appointed to attend the half years meeting report they all attended.

No report from the friends , appointed to attend the Marriage of George Valentine and Caroline Louiza Felps they are desired to report next month

One of the friends in the case of Wm and Sarah Cronkhite, report some attention, but not ready to report, the case is left under their care,

The friends appointed to visit Maria Scully report they have made her a visit, and did not find her in any disposition of mind, to make satisfaction after a time of consideration thereon it appears to be the judgment of the meeting, that she be disowned having the unity of men friends therein, Patience Garratt and Dorcas Garratt, are appointed to prepare testification against her and produce it to our next meeting,

Two of the friends appointed to visit Eliza Ann Hubbs report they have made her a visit and did not find her in a suitable frame of mind to make satisfaction, after a time of consideration, it appears to be the judgment of the meeting, that her case be left another month.

One of the friends in the case of Martha Fieldhouse, report some attention, it is accordingly left under their care another month,

Was produced the treasurers receipt for two shillings and four pence happeny, quarterly Collection,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West lake 18 of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1841**

The Clerks being absent, Martha W Rork is appointed for the day and Patience Garratt assistant,

The representatives being called, two are absent a reason given for the absence of one,

One of the Friends , appointed to attend the marriage, of George Valentine and Caroline Louisa Felps, report they both attended, and did not discover but it was orderly conducted,

The Committee appointed to visit Wm Cronkhites family on account of their parents request for them to be received into membership, report they have attended thereto, and are of opinion that it would be right, to receive them men friends inform, they unite therewith which after deliberation is united with this meeting, they are accordingly received,

The friends appointed to prepare a testimony of denial, against Maria Scully have produced the following viz, Whereas Maria Scully a member of the religious society of friends, having so far deviated from the same as to neglect, the attendance of our meetings, and marry a person not a member of our society, Our labours of love being bestowed and not appearing to reclaim her, we hereby testify against her being any longer a member of the religious society of Friends, until she by amendment of life shall make friends satisfaction, which she may be favoured to do is our desire, which this meeting approves of and the Clerk is directed to sign it Sophia White and Phebe Cronk are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report,

The case of Eliza Ann Hubbs being again revived, it appears to be the judgement of this

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meeting, that she be disowned having the unity of men Friends therein, Martha W Rork and Ann Waring are appointed to prepare a testimony of denial, against her and produce to our next meeting,

The friends appointed to visit Martha L Fieldhouse, report a visit to good satisfaction and produced her acknowledgement, which has been read and accepted in this meeting having the unity of men friends she is accordingly continued a member, Elizabeth T Haight and Dorcas Garratt are appointed to inform her thereof and report next meeting,

The time being expired the overseers were appointed Hannah Terrill, Elizabeth T Haight, Martha W Rork, Sophia White, Patience Garratt, Nancy Bowerman, Nancy Robinson, and Lavina Bowerman are appointed to consider of and propose suitable persons for that station the ensuing year,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends, held at west lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1841**

Representatives being called three are absent no reason given for their absence,

The Clerk being absent Sophia White is appointed for the day,

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers to five of them as follows,

One of the friends appointed to show Maria Scully a copy of her testification report the appointments not answered they are continued to that service,

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The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Elisa Ann Hubbs not present the case is continued under their care,

The friends appointed to inform Martha L Fieldhouse her acknowledgment is accepted report the appointment answered,

One Friend on behalf of the committee appointed to bring forward names to fill the station of overseers, report that on the account of the difficulty of getting together the appointment is not answered they are continued to that service,

West lake preparative forwarded to this a complaint against Evy bell Coal formerly Robinson for marrying a man not in membership with friends Elizabeth T Haight and Jane Cronk are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

West lake preparative meeting of ministers and Elders offered to this the consideration of appointing Elizabeth T Haight to the station of of an Elder Jane Cronk and Patience Garratt are appointed to hear and consider objections if any should appear and report in conjunction with a committee of men friends,

No quarterly collection at this time,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburg

1<sup>st</sup> Many friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and dicipline although their appears a great slakness in some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken,

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters we know of no differences amongst us talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided,

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3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear in a good degree careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparell and we believe they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our cristian profession, although some deviations are apparent amongst us some care taken, We trust the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition,

4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal, or any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.,

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken to deal with offenders, but so seasonably in all cases as could be desired, what has been done has been in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to dicipline

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburg 20<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1841**

Representatives being called all present except two a reason given for the abcence of one

The friends appointed in the case of Maria Scully report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service,

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Eliza Ann Hubbs report the appointment answered, and produced a copy of the minute it being as follows,

This is to certify that Eliza Ann Hubbs formerly Bowerman has so far deviated from the good order of the society of friends as to marry one not in membership with them, and also departing from plainness, our labours having been bestowed and

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not appearing to reclaim her we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious society, untill by repentance and amendment of life she shall make satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire, Patience Garratt and Margaret Garratt are appointed ~~the~~ to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report next meeting,

The friends appointed to bring forward names for overseers brought forward the following names for west lake Sophia White Abigail Hubbs Lavina S Bowerman and



Nancy Robinson Ameliaburg Elizabeth T Haight and Phebe Cronk, Cold Creek Hannah Terill Lydia Clark and Anna Brundige which were all seperately read and considered and a number of the friends being absent it appears to be the conclusion of the meeting that it be left another month,

Was forwarded to this meeting from the men a proposition for acknowledging Cornelius Bowerman a minister which ~~which~~ this meeting unites with, Likewise a proposal for appointing John Cronk to the station of an elder which this meeting unites with,

The friends appointed in the case of Eliabeth T Haight report nothing appears to prevent her being appointed to the station of Elder, she is accordingly appointed to that station,

One of the friends appointed to visit Evy bell Coal report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service,

Was forwarded to this meeting from west lake preparative a request signed Maria Brown Nancy Robinson Elizabeth T Haight and Dorcas Garratt are appointed to visit her on that account and report,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly meeting of women Friends held at west Lake 17<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1841**

Representatives called all present,

The friends appointed in the case of Maria Scully, report the appointment answered,

No report from the friends appointed in the case of Eliza Ann Hubbs, they are continued to that service,

The subject being again revived, respecting overseers, it appears to be the judgement of the meeting, that the before mentioned names should serve as overseers one year,

One of the friends appointed in the case of Evy bell Coal, report a visit to good satisfaction, and produced her acknowledgement, the other friend not being present it appears to be the judgement of the meeting that it should lay another month with the same committee,

One of the friends appointed in case of Maria Brown, report the appoinment not answered, they are continued to that service,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

#### **West Lake monthly Meeting of women Friends held at west lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> month 1841**

Representatives Called all present except two a reason given for their abcences

[The following paragraph has two large X's marked through it as if it was written in error] ~~One of the friends appointed in the case of Eliza ann Hubbs report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service~~

The queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five are as follows and are directed to the ensuing half Years meeting where Elizabeth Leavens

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Patience Garratt Jane Cronk and Content Ann Blount are appointed to attend with the accounts and report

One of the friend appointed in the case of Eliza Ann Hubbs report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service,

The friends in the case of Evy bell Coal report no further attention thereto, and after a time consideration thereon it appears to be the judgement of the meeting that her acknowledgement be accepted having the unity of the mens meeting, Nancy Robinson and Jane Cronk are appointed to inform her thereof and report next meeting,

The friends appointed in the case of Moria Brown report some attention but not ready to report the case is left under their care three months,

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburg —

answer 1<sup>st</sup> Friends are careful to attend all our meeting for religious worship and discipline, although a great slackness in some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping not other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken,

2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters, We know of no differences talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided,

3<sup>rd</sup> A part of friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparell, we trust they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistant with our christian profession, although many deviations are apparent and some care taken

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we trust the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spiritous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal, we know of none that frequent tavers or attend places of diversion,

9<sup>th</sup> In most cases care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline —

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburg 19<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> 1841**

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Representatives called all present except one, and a reason given for her absence,

One of the friends in the case of Eliza Ann Hubbs report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service,

One of the friends in the case of Evy Bell Coal report the appointment answered

Was forwarded to this meeting, from west lake preparative, a complaint against Deborah Lucas formerly Dorland for marrying a man not in membership with friends, Likewise Departing from plainness Dorcas Garratt, Lavina T Bowerman and Lydia Garratt are appointed to visit her on that account and report,

Was forwarded to this meeting from West lake preparative a complaint against Martha Conway for refusing the advice of her friends, and not abiding in any settled place, likewise for being

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injurious to the cause of truth, she residing within the limits of Youngstreet monthly meeting the Clerk is directed to forward it to that Meeting

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at west lake, —

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Mo: 1841**

Representatives called – all present:

The Friends in the case of Eliza Ann Hubbs report the appointment answered:

The friends in the case of Deborah Lucas report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service:

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report three of them attended a reason given for the nonattendance of the other.

The epistles and minutes New York Yearly Meeting and epistles addressed thereto have received – and read at this time we trust to satisfaction and are directed to be forwarded to the preparative meetings.

The time being expired for which the clerks were appointed, Martha W Rorke is appointed Clerk and Susan Dorland assistant for one year.

Adjourned to the usual time at West Lake,

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1841.**

Representatives called two absent a reason given for the absence of one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with answers to the usual five from our different

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preparative Meetings which are in substance as follows.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, although there is a slackness in some, the hour is nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping. no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, and some care taken.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, no differences that we know of talebearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and we trust they do endeavour by precept and example to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, although deviations are apparent — & some care taken — We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors, excepting for purposes strictly medicinal We know of none who frequent taverns, though some instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The friends appointed to visit Deborah Lucas on account of a complaint against her, report the appointment not attended to, they are continued to that service to report in three months.

The Friends appointed in the case of Maria Brow[n] report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service, with the addition of Margar[et] Potter to the Committee.

No Quarterly collection at this time

Adjourned, to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 18<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1841.**

The Representatives from two preparative meetings being called, one absent for which a reason was given no minutes from Haldimand at this time.

One of the Friends appointed in the case of Maria Brown report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service.

Men Friends forwarded to this meeting a request signed John and Clara White desiring their children Clara Ann & John Stanley may be admitted as members amongst us men friends inform they have united with their being received which we also unite with.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1841.**

The assistant Clerk being absent Content Ann Blount is appointed for the day.

Representatives being called, one absent for which a reason was given.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Maria Brown on account of her request informs this meeting they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to that service.

Townsend C. and Hannah Garratt having forwarded a request that their children Marianne Dorcas, & William Henry, might be admitted as members amongst us, and men Friends informing us they have admitted them, this meeting unites with them therein.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 20<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1842.**

The representatives being called three absent, a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from our preparative meetings which are in substance as follows \_\_ and are directed to the Half Years Meeting which the following friends are appointed to attend viz. Jane Cronk, Martha W Rorke, Elizabeth Cronk and Patty C. Dorland.

Ans.. 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline though not so fully by all as is desirable, particularly in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior to remark.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, if differences arise care is taken to end them, we believe talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are in some degree careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care, in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and that many endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistant with our Christian profession we trust the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families, and a due care extended in these respects towards other under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes, we know of none who frequent taverns , an instance of two young friends attending a place of diversion, some care taken.

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Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> We believe the circumstances of the poor have been inspected and where required relief afforded, and they are advised and assisted in such employment as they are capable of and their children and others under our care instructed in school learning to fit them for business.

Ans. 6<sup>th</sup> we know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, we know of no parents who connive at their children keeping company with such, or none who attend the marriages of those who go out from us, or marriages accomplished by a priest.

Ans. 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions, or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof.

Ans. 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises, or paying their just debts; or any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We trust some care has been taken to deal with offenders, in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline, though not so seasonably as is desirable.

Ans. 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

Two of the Friends appointed to visit Maria Brown report they have visited her two or three times but do not feel satisfied with further proceeding in her case at present, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that her case be left another month under the care of the Committee.

The friends appointed to visit Deborah Lucas on account of a complaint against her, report they have not yet attended to it they are continued to that service.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting

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a request signed Jane Ann Dorland, desiring to be admitted a member amongst us, which this meeting notices and appoints, Nancy Bowerman, Lavina Bowerman, and Content Ann Blount to visit her on that account see if she is convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and report.

No Quarterly collection at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting held at Ameliasburgh 17<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1842.**

Representatives being called three absent a reason given for the absence of two.

The friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting all attended it.

One of the friends in Maria Browns case reports they have not been able to give any further attention to it they are continued to that service.

No report from the friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucas they are continued to that service.

No report from the friends appointed to visit Jane Ann Dorland they are continued to that service

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Lydia Haight desiring to be admitted a member amongst us, which this meeting notices and appoints, Elizabeth Branscombe & Hannah Terril to visit her on that account, see if she is convinced of friends principles, enquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and report.

The same preparative forwarded an acknowledgement from Sarah Garratt S desiring to be again received into membership, which this meeting no-

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tices and appoints Susan Dorland and Elizabeth Haight to visit her on that account see if she is sincere in her acknowledgement, convinced of friends principles and of her life and conversation be orderly and report.

Adjourned to meet the usual time at West Lake

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 17<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1842**

Representatives being called are present except five

The Friends appointed in Marin Browns case report that in consequence of sickness & bad roads they have not been all to attend to it they are continued to that service.

The same causes have also prevented the Friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucy from attending thereto they are continued to that service. The Friends appointed to visit Jane Ann Dorland report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service

One of the Friends appointed to visit Lydia Haight on account of her request reports it has not been attended to they are continued to the service with the addition of Dorcas Garratt to the committee

The committee appointed to visit Sarah Garratt on account of her acknowledgment report a visit to good satisfaction and believe her to be convinced of Friends principles and on inquiry did not find but her life and conversation was orderly after time of deliberation it appears so be the judgement of this meeting that she should be received having the concurrence of men Friends therein. Dorcas Garratt and Eliz<sup>th</sup> N Dorland are appointed to inform her of the meetings conclusion in her case and report

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1842**

The Clerk being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed for the day.



Representatives being called are present except one no reason given for her absence.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the Answers to 5 of them are in substance as follows

Ansr 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline though a slackness in some the hour nearly observed and not quite clear of sleeping, not so clear as is desirable of other unbecoming behaviour, some care taken.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity are mostly maintained as becomes Sisters some care taken when differences arise to end them, talebearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends appear careful to keep themselves their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our religious profession, yet some are sorrowfully deficient, we trust the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and a care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Ansr Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as appears

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline, although not so season-

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ably in some cases as is desired.

The friends appointed in the case of Maria Brown report they have not attended to it, it is left under their care.

One of the Friends in the case of Deborah Lucas report they have not attended to it it is left under their care.

The friends appointed in the case of Jane Ann Dorland report they have had an opportunity with her, and believe her to be convinced of friends principles, and do not find but her life and conversation is orderly; after a time of consideration thereon it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be received having the unity of men friends, and appoints Susan Dorland and Elizabeth T Haight to inform her thereof and report to next meeting.

The Friends appointed to visit Lydia Haight report a visit to good satisfaction, do not find but her life and conversation is orderly and believe her to be convinced of Friends principles it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be received, having the unity of men Friends therein, we appoint Patty C Dorland and Margaret Garratt to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed in the case of Sarah Garratt report they have attended thereto.

Was forwarded tot his meeting from Ameliasburgh preparative a complaint against Maria Niles formerly Haight for marrying a person not of our society and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, likewise for going out of plainness, this meeting appoints Sophia White and Abigail Hubbs to visit her on that account and report next meeting.

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West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Miller formerly Alesworth for marrying a person not a member of our society, and neglecting the attendance of our meeting which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman, Content Ann Blount, and Elizabeth Branscombe, to visit her on that account and report to next meeting.

Quarterly Collection 3/9 for which the Clerk is desired to produce the Treasurers receipt.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> month 19<sup>th</sup> 1842**

Representatives being called five are absent, no reason given

The Friends appointed in Maria Browns case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

One of the Friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucas report the appointment they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed in the case of Jane Ann Dorland report the appointment answered.

One of the Friends appointed in Lydia Hights case report the appointment answered.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Maria Niles report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Nancy Bowerman to the committee

The Friends appointed in Lydia Millers case report

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they have paid some attention thereto but are not ready to report it is left under their care for two months.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed Marmaduke H Richmond and Lavinia Terrill; Hester Garratt and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to enquire into the young woman's clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting where said Friends are desired to attend for an answer.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt for the Quarterly collection.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 16<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> 1842**

Representatives being called are present except two a reason given for the absence of one.

Two of the Friends appointed in the case of Maria Brown report they have made her a visit to satisfaction, believe her convinced of friends principles and by enquiry and appearance, believe her to be endeavouring to live a Christian life according to ability given, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting, that she be received having the concurrence of men friends. Patience Garratt & Martha W. Rorke are appointed to inform her thereof & report.

One of the friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucas, report they have visited her and that she expressed a wish to be disowned, after a time of consideration thereon, this meeting unites in disown-

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-ing her and having the unity of Men friends Eliz<sup>th</sup> Weeks & Elizabeth T Haight are appointed to prepare a testimony of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

Two of the Friends appointed to visit Maria Niles on account of a complaint against her, report they have visited her, and did not find her in a situation of mind to make friends satisfaction; after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of Friends that her case should lie for three months under the care of the Committee.

Marmaduke H Richmond and Lavina Terril appeared in this meeting and signified their continued intention of marriage with each other-they having consent of surviving parents, and nothing appearing to hinder their further proceeding They are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next Monthly Meeting—Hester Garratt and Mary Valentine are appointed to attend said marriage, see if it is orderly conducted and report.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Loraine Brown desiring to be admitted a member of our society, which this meeting notices and appoints Patty C Dorland and Susan Dorland to visit her on that account, see if she is convinced of friends principles, enquire into her life and conversation, if it is orderly and report

The same preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Sarah Bleecker formerly Leavens for keeping company with and marrying a person not a member of our society, having her marriage accomplished by a priest, and going out of plainness; which this meeting notices and appoints Patience Garratt & Dorcas Garratt to visit her on that account and report.

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The same Preparative forwarded to this meeting a similar complaint against Jane Bonesteel formerly Leavens, which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Cronk, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe & Hannah Garratt to visit her on that account and report

Yonge Street Monthly Meeting forwarded information to this meeting that Martha Conway was not to be found in the compass of their Meeting and have returned the complaint against her

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1842.**

The Representatives being called are present except one:

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the Answers to the usual five from our Preparative meetings which are in substance as follows and are directed to ~~our~~ the Half Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Abigail Hubbs, Susan Dorland, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavens & Elizabeth Cronk.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, though not so fully as is desirable particularly in the middle of the week; the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ans<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are in a good degree maintained, amongst us as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences; Talebearing & detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

Ans<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are not so careful as they should be yet there are many who appear to be striving to keep themselves their own and

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other Friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation, consistent with our religious profession the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and we trust care is extended in these respects towards others under their tuition

Ans<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> We know of no friends who make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes, nor any who frequent taverns, or attend places of diversion.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The friends appointed to inform Maria Brown of her reception into membership report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucas report they have attended to it and have produced the following testimony of denial against her, viz - Inasmuch as Deborah Lucas a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to marry a man not in membership with us and departing from plainness, our labours of love having been extended and not producing the desired effect we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious society until she shall evince sorrow for her outgoings and make satisfaction for the same which she may be favoured to do in our sincere desire which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it. Nancy Robinson & Margaret Potter are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal & report.

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The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Marmaduke H Richmond and Lavina Terril report they attended, and did not discover but it was orderly conducted.

The friends appointed to visit Loraine Brown on account of her request to be admitted a member report they have attended thereto and believe her sincere in her request and measurably convinced of friends principles, and upon enquiry did not find but her life and conversation was orderly after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men friends Margaret Potter and Hannah Haight are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to visit Sarah Bleecker on account of a complaint against her report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.

The Committee appointed to visit Jane Bonesteel report they found her in a sencier disposition of mind willing to make friends satisfaction and have produced an acknowledgement from her, after deliberating thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that it be accepted having the concurrence of men Friends, Nancy Robinson & Sarah Palmer are appointed to inform her thereof & report.

The Friends appointed to visit Lydia Miller on account of a complaint against her, have produced an acknowledgement from her which they consider sincere, it has been read in this meeting and after a time of deliberation thereon it is the judgement of this meeting that her case be left under the care of the same committee with the addition of Elizabeth Haight and Dorcas Garratt for three months.

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West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Lucetta Vanvaulenburg desiring to be admitted a member of our society which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Robinson and Hannah Haight to visit her on that account and report.

The same preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Anna Brown desiring to be admitted a member amongst us which this meeting notices and appoints Eliz<sup>th</sup>. Cronk, Nancy Bowerman and Eliz<sup>th</sup>. T Haight to visit her on that account and report.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed, Patty C. Dorland Eliz<sup>th</sup>. Brainscombe, Dorcas Garratt, Nancy Robinson & Hannah Terril are appointed to consider of and propose suitable friends to our next meeting, to fill that station the ensuing year.

No Quarterly collection at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held 18<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1842.**

The representatives being called two are absent no reason given.

One of the Friends appointed to inform Maria Brown of her reception into membership reports the appointment answered.

One of the Friends appointed to show Deborah Lucas a copy of the testimony of denial against her report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.

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The Friends appointed to inform Loraine Brown of her reception into membership not being present are continued to that service.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Sarah Bleecker report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Susan Dorland to the Committee.

Our esteemed Friends Eli Jones attended this meeting with a certificate of unity and concurrence from China Monthly Meeting, State of Maine held 5<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1842 and endorsed by Vassalboro Quarterly Meeting, State of Maine, held 5<sup>th</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1842 his company and gospel labours have been strengthening, and we find edifying to us.

Our Esteemed Friend Daniel Smiley also attended this meeting as companions to Eli Jones, having a minute of unity from Vassaboro Monthly Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> mo 13<sup>th</sup> 1842. whose company has been acceptable.

The friends appointed to inform Jane Bonesteel of the reception of her acknowledgement report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to visit Lucetta Vanvaulenburg on account of her request report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Anna Brown on account of her request, report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to consider of and propose Friends to act as overseers the ensuing year proposed the following, viz. for West Lake, Nancy Robinson, Margaret Potter, Abigail Hubbs, Nancy Bowerman, and Martha W Rorke, for Ameliastown Eliz<sup>th</sup>. T Haight and Phebe Cronk, for Haildimand, Anna Brundage, Hannah Terril and Hannah Garratt, who have been approved of by this meeting, and appointed for one year.

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Hannah Brook having removed from this Monthly Meeting and settled in the compass of Yonge Street, Lavina Bowerman & Sophia White are appointed to prepare a certificate for her and produce to our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 9<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1842.**

Representative being called only two are present no reason given for the absence of the others.

The Friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucas are continued to that service.

The friends appointed in Loraine Brown's case being absent are continued to the service.

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting reports she did not attend, no report from the other they are desired to report next month.

The Friends appointed to visit Sarah Bleecker report they visited her, but did not find her in a disposition of mind, to make satisfaction to friends but thought herself she had better be disowned and having the concurrence of men Friends, we appoint Eliz<sup>th</sup>. Branscombe, Patricia Garratt & Hannah Garratt to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in the case of Lucetta Vanvauldenburgh not being present are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Anna Brown report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

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The case of Maria Niles being again revived in this meeting one of the Friends appointed in her case report another visit but did not find her in any disposition to make satisfaction, after deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she should be disowned, having the unity of men Friends therein, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight and Lydia Haight are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to prepare a certificate for Hannah Brock have produced one which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it, Patience Garratt & Abigail Hubbs are appointed to take the necessary care respecting it.

The Epistles addressed to our Yearly Meeting and the minutes of that meeting have been read at this time to our instruction and encouragement.



A certificate on behalf of Jesse TB, and Phebe M Haines from Elba Monthly Meeting held at Shelby New York 8<sup>th</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1842 was read at this time and friends are united in the reception of it.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 20<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo. 1842.**

Representatives being called are all present.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five are in substance as follows. viz.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although there is a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior to remark.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity is in a good

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degree maintained as becomes Sisters, no differences known, we trust talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans., 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear ~~careful~~ in some degree careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans., 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none who make use of distilled spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes, nor any who frequent taverns, there have been two instances of attending a place of diversion.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Friends endeavour seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

Two of the Friends appointed to attend the Half Years meeting now report they attended and the other friend that she did not attend and gave a reason for it.

The Friends appointed in Deborah Lucas case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to inform Loraine Brown of her reception into membership not having attended to it are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Sarah Bleecker have produced the following, viz. Whereas Sarah Bleecker has transgressed the good order of society in keeping company with and marrying a man not a member of our society and just the more going out of plainness, and our labours of love being extended towards her and not having any effect we

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thereby testify against her being any longer a member of our religious society until she by amendment of life might be favoured to feel sensible of her outgoings which is our sincere desire.

Which has been read approved in this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign it Dorcas Garratt and Hannah Garratt, are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Lucetta Vanvauldenburgh on account of her request, report some attention but not ready to report, they are continued to that service with the addition of Margt. Potter to the committee

Two of the friends appointed to visit Anna Brown on account of her request, report they have made her a visit to good satisfaction, believe her convinced of friends principles, and sincere in her request, enquired into her life and conversation and did not find but it was orderly after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received, having the concurrence of men Friends therein Margaret Potter and Nancy Robinson are appointed to inform her thereof and report to our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Maria Niles a member of our Society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to marry a man not in membership with us, our labours of love having been extended and not producing the desired effect we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she shall evince sorrow for her outgoings and make satisfac-

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tion for the same, which she may be favoured to do is our desire. It has been read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it, Patty C Dorland & Susan Dorland are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report, to our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to forward Hannah Brock's certificate report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

Oswego Monthly Meeting of Women Friends forwarded information to this meeting that Susan Dorland a member of that meeting now residing in the compass of this meeting, has married a man not in membership with friends, by the assistance of a magistrate, which this meeting notices and appoints Eliz<sup>th</sup>.T Haight and Sophia White to visit her on that account and report.

The case of Lydia Miller being again revived in this meeting, the Friends appointed to visit her report having made her a visit to good satisfaction believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgement enquired into her life and conversation, and did not find but it was orderly, after deliberating thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that her acknowledgement be accepted, having the concurrence of men friends we appoint Jane Young J Maria Elsworth to inform her thereof & report

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed the consideration for friends to fill that station the ensuing year is left for another month.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time a Ameliasburgh

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held at Ameliasburgh the 7<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1842**

Representatives being called three are absent no reason given

The Clerk being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed for the day.

No report from the Committee in the case of Deborah Lucas they are continued to that service.

No report from the friends appointed in the case of Loraine Brown, it is left under their care.

One of the friends appointed in the case of Sarah Bleecker report it has not been attended to it is left under their care.

No report from the Committee in the case of Anna Brown it is left under their care.

The Friends appointed in the case of Maria Niles Report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to visit Susan G Dorland report they have made her a visit to ~~good~~ satisfaction, found her in a tender frame of mind and produced her acknowledgement, and after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of the meeting, that it be received having the unity of men friends therein, we appoint Patience Garratt and Phebe Cronk to inform her thereof and report.

No report from the Committee in Lydia Miller's case they are continued to that service.

A complaint from West Lake preparative Meeting was forwarded to this against Mary Stinson formerly Burlingham for marrying a man not a member and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, and likewise for going out of plainness and neglecting the at-

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tendance of meetings, which this meeting notices and appoints Lavinia Bowerman and Sophia White to visit her on that account and report.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 13<sup>th</sup> 1842.**

Representatives being called are all present.

The Friends appointed in the case of Deborah Lucas not being present the case is left under their care.

The Committee appointed to inform Loraine Brown of her reception into membership, not present they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed in Sarah Bleeckers case report they have not attended to it, it is continued under their care.

The Committee in the ~~the~~ case of Lucetta Vanvaultenburgh not being present are continued to that service

The Committee in Anna Browns case being absent are continued to the service

The Friends appointed to inform Susan C Dorland of the reception of her acknowledgement report the appointment answered, the Clerk is directed to inform the Monthly Meeting from which the complaint came the decision of this meeting in her case.

One of the Friends appointed in Lydia Millers case report the appointment attended to.

The Friends appointed to forward Hannah Brocks certificate report the appointment not answered, they are continued to the service.

The Friends appointed to visit Mary Stinson on account of the complaint against her they did not find her in a suitable frame of mind to make friends satisfaction. After a time of deliberation it appears to be

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the judgement of this meeting that her case be left two months under the care of the committee with the addition of Abigail Hubbs thereto.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed being expired it appears to be the judgement of the meeting that they be continued, they are accordingly appointed for one year.

The Epistle from London Yearly meeting has been acceptably read at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 1 mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1843.**

Representatives being called two are absent, a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to them from our preparative meetings which are in substance as follows and are directed to the Half Years Meeting which the following friends are appointed to attend reg? Sophia White, Nancy Bowerman Susan Dorland and Martha W. Rorke

Ans<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends appear careful to attend our Meetings for religious worship and discipline although a slackness is apparent with some the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping and of other unbecoming behaviour in them

Ans<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences talebearing and detraction are discouraged and we trust mostly avoided.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> We trust most Friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves their own and other

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Friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, and many endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession although deviations are apparent and the want of living faithfully up to our ancient principle is sorrowfully felt we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and care extended in this respect towards others under our tuition some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal, we know of none who frequent taverns several instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> We know of no poor amongst us requiring assistance, or of any children but what are in some way of getting school-learning to fit them for business.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Several instances of keeping company and marrying out of our society, one marriage accomplished by a priest, and one instance of attending such a marriage, no

parents to charge with ~~their~~ conniving at their childrens keeping company with those not of our society, care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear in the several parts of this Query as far as we know.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as become's our religious profession.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> Ans<sup>r</sup> They are

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One of the Friends appointed to shew Deborah Lucas a copy of her minute of denial, report the appointment answered,

A Friends reports to this meeting that Lorraine Brown is informed of her reception into membership

One of the Friends appointed in Sarah Bleeckers case reports the appointment answered

One of the Friends appointed in the case of Lucetta Vanvaulkenburgh report their attention to it and that they consider her measurably convinced of Friends Principles and believe her life and conversation to be orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men Friends, Nancy Robinson Mary Dorland are appointed to inform her thereof and report

The committee in the case of Anna Brown have attended to the appointment.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Sarah Cunningham formerly Waring for marrying a person not of our society who was her deceased Sisters husband which this meeting notices, and finds that the discipline in her case requires disownment, having sent the business to men Friends they have concluded to leave it another month.

No Quarterly collection at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 2 mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1843.**

Representatives being called three are absent a reason given of the absence of one

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The Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they all attended

The friends appointed in the case of Lucetta Vanvaulkenburgh report the appointment answered.

The case of Mary Stinson being revived in their meeting the committee report they have not been able to pay any further attention thereto, it is left another month under their care.

Our esteemed Friend Henry Knowles attended this meeting with a minute of unity and concurrence in his prospect of visiting families and meetings in this province, from

Smyrna Monthly Meeting Chenaugo Co. St. New York held 7<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1842 his company has been satisfactory and edifying.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this Meeting a request signed Eliz<sup>th</sup> Locklin desiring to be admitted a member amongst us, which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman Jr Eliz<sup>th</sup> T. Haight to visit her on that account see if she is convinced of Friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

The case of Sarah Cunningham being again before us it appears to be the judgement of Men & Women Friends that a committee should be appointed to enquire into the justness of the complaint and to inform her that the discipline in her case requires disownment, Elizth Branscombe Lavina T. Bowerman and Patty C Dorland are accordingly appointed to visit her on that account and report to our next meeting

Adjournment to meet at the usual time at West Lake —

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1843.**

The representatives being called 2 are absent a reason given for the absence of one.

The Committee appointed in the case Mary Stinson report they have not attended to it, they are continued to that service.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Locklin on account of her request informs, they have paid some attention to it but are not ready to report they are continued to the service.

The friends appointed to visit Sarah Cunningham report they have visited her and find the complaint just, having the concurrence of men Friends in disowning her, we appoint Sophia White and Patience Garratt to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Hannah Card which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Cronk and Dorcas Garratt to visit her on that account, see if she is convinced of Friends principles enquire into her life and conversation, and report.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Pearson formerly Dorland for keeping company with and marrying a person not in membership with us, and departing from plainness, Susan Dorland and Eliz<sup>th</sup> T Haight are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

The Friends appointed to forward Hannah Brocks certificate report the appointment answered.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 20<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1843.**

The representatives being called five are absent a reason given for the absence of one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the Answers to the usual five from our preparative meeting which are in substance as follows.



Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> — Some friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, though a great slackness with some the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters we know of no differences, we believe talebearing and detraction are ~~avoided~~ discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Some Friends are 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 although there are many deviations apparent amongst us We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families, and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends are clear in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline: —

The Committee in the case of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Locklin report they have made her a visit to pretty good

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satisfaction believe her to be convinced of friends principles, and do not find but her life and conversation is orderly after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received, having the concurrence of men Friends we appoint Phebe Cronk & Sophia White to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Sarah Cunningham have produced the following, Inasmuch as Sarah Cunningham a member of our society, has so far deviated from the good order thereof, as to marry a person not in membership with us who was her deceased Sisters husband; after our labours of love to her —ward have been extended we proceed to testify against her being any longer a member of our religious meeting until she at some future time shall make satisfaction to friends, which she may be favoured to do is our desire. — which has been read and with a little attention approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it, Lavina Bowerman and Rachael Cronk are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report to our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to visit Hannah Card not being present are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Lydia Pearson on account of the complaint against her report they have visited her, but do not find her in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned, having the concurrence of men Friends therein, we appoint Abigail Hubbs & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe to prepare a minute of denial against her and

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produce it to next meeting.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed David V Brown\* and Jane Robinson,+ which this meeting notices and appoints Martha

Hubbs and Lavina S Bowerman to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed Marmaduke Ellis< and Mehetabel Barton^ which this meeting notices and appoints Patty C Dorland & Susan Dorland to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

No Quarterly collection at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

\* Son of Caleb and Anna Brown.

+ Daughter of Thomas and Jane Robinson (the latter deceased)

x Son of George and Anna Ellis(deceased)

x Daughter of Isaac and Deborah Barton (the latter deceased)

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Amelaisburgh 18<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1843.**

Representatives called two absent no reason given

The Clerk being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed for the day.

The Friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Locklin of her reception into membership report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to inform to show Sarah Cunningham a copy of the minuted of denial against her report the appointed answered.

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The friends appointed in the case of Hannah Card report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to produce a minute of denial against Lydia Pearson have produced the following viz. Lydia Pearson a member of the religious society of Friends having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to marry a man not in membership with us, our labours of love not appearing to reclaim her, we accordingly testify against her being any longer a member until she by amendment of life may be favoured to make satisfaction which is our sincere desire.--- which has been approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it, Hannah Garratt and Margaret Terrill are appointed to show her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed to enquire into Jane Robinson clearness of other marriage engagements report they have made enquiry and did not find anything to prevent their further proceeding, she having consent of parents, they are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at a meeting to be appointed for that purpose at Adolofustown 24<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo. Elizabeth T Haight and Lydia Haight are appointed to attend the marriage see if it be orderly conducted and report.

The Friends appointed to enquire into Mehetabel Barton's clearness of other marriage engagements report they have made enquiry and did not find anything to prevent their further proceeding she having consent of the only surviving parent, they are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next monthly Meeting Susan Dorland and Dorcas

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Garratt are appointed to attend the marriage see if it is orderly conducted and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Mary Jane Baker which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman and Elizabeth Branscombe to visit her on that account, see if she is convinced of Friends principles enquire into her life and conversation if it is orderly and report next meeting.

The Friends appointed in the case of Mary Stinson report some further attention but did not find her in any disposition to make satisfaction after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned; having unity of men friends therein we appoint Elizabeth T Haight and Sophia White to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> mo 1843.**

The representatives being called three are absent no reason given.

The Friends appointed to inform Eliz<sup>th</sup> Locklin of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to visit Hannah Card report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.

A Friend informs this meeting that the appointment to show Lydia Pearson a copy of the minute of disownment against her and inform her of her right to appeal have been attended to.

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The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of David V Brown and Jane Robinson report they were prevented from attending they are continued to the service to make enquiry ~~and report~~ concerning it and report.

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Marmaduke Ellis and Mahetabel Barton report they attended and discover but it was conducted in an orderly manner.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Mary Jane Baker reports that in consequence of sickness the appointment has not been attended to they are continued to that service

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Mary Stinson have produced the following which has been read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it, Patty C Dorland and Elizabeth Leavens are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report

Whereas Mary Stinson a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to marry a man not in membership with us & have her marriage accomplished by a priest departing from plainness in its several branches & neglecting the attendance of our religious meetings, our labours of love for her restoration having been extended and not appearing to reclaim, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our meeting untill she shall make satisfaction to friends, which she may be favoured to do is our desire

Men Friends forwarded to this meeting a request from the Friends of Cold Creek for the establishment of a meeting of worship and discipline there to be called Cold Creek preparative

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Meeting and to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of the week preceding the Monthly Meeting men Friends inform they have appointed a committee to inquire into the propriety of establishing such meeting, which we unite with and appoint Abigail Hubbs Patience Garratt Phebe Cronk Susan Dorland Jane Young and Elizabeth Haight, to join men Friends therein.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 7<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1843.**

The Representatives being called are all present.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five from our preparative meetings are in substance as follows and are directed to the Half Years Meeting by our representatives Martha Hubbs, Susan Dorland Jane Cronk, Patience Garratt and Abigail Hubbs.

Ansr 1<sup>st</sup> Some friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline though a slackness with others is apparent, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes sisters we know of no differences, talebearing and detraction are discouraged and we trust mostly avoided

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> Some Friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel and we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversa

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tion consistent with our Christian profession though many deficiencies are sorrowfully apparent. We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and a care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ansr 4<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes, we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline

The Friends appointed to visit Hannah Card not having attended to it are continued to that service with the addition of Sarah Palmer and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cronk to the Committee.

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of David V Brown and Jane Robinson now report they have made enquiry and could not find but it was conducted orderly.

The committee appointed to visit Mary Jane Baker report they have visited her to pretty good satisfaction believe her measurably convinced of friends principles and do not find but her life and conversation are orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received, having the concurrence of men Friends thereon, we appointed Lavina Bowerman and Clara White to inform her thereof and report

The Friends appointed to shew Mary Stinson a copy of the minute of disownment against her report the appointment attended to.

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded to this meeting a request signed Mary Robinson desiring to be admitted a member amongst us, which the meeting notices and appoints Nancy Robinson

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Margaret Potter Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cronk and Hannah Ferris to visit her on that account, see if she is convinced of Friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

The same preparative also forwarded a similar request signed Jane Elsworth, which this meeting notices and appoints Patty C. Dorland, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe and Martha W Rorke to visit her on that account see if she is convinced of Friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

The same Preparative forwarded a complaint against Lucy Morden formerly Burlingham for marrying a man not in membership with us and going out of plainness in Speech and apparel Content Ann Blount, Susan Dorland and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

The Committee appointed to visit the Friends of Cold Creek on account of their request for a preparative meeting to be appointed there report that some of them have attended to it and are united in thinking it right to grant their request, after deliberation thereon, we unite with men Friends in forwarding the request to the Half Years Meeting.

Men Friends inform us they have appointed a committee to visit Haldimand preparative to see whether it is best to discontinue that meeting or alter the place of holding it, which we unite with and appoint Eliz<sup>th</sup> N Dorland Jane Cronk, Abigail Hubbs G Patience Garratt to join men Friends therein

Quarterly Collection 1/10 for which the Clerk is desired to produce a receipt from the treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh the 17<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> 1843.**

Representatives being called are all present.

The Friends appointed in the case of Hannah Card report they have not attended to it, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to inform Mary Jane Baker of her reception into membership reports the appointment answered.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Mary Robinson report they have made her a visit to pretty good satisfaction, and do not find but her life and conversation is orderly and believe she is tolerably well convinced of Friends principles, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men Friends therein we appoint Jane Young and Martha Hubbs to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to see Jane Elsworth on account of her request, report they have made her a visit to pretty good satisfaction, believe her to be convinced of Friends principles, and on enquiry do not learn but that her life and conversation are orderly, after

a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received men friends uniting therewith we appoint Abigail Hubbs and Martha Hubbs to inform her thereof and report.

The committee appointed to visit Lucy Morden on account of the complaint against her report they have attended to it, and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to

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be the judgement of this meeting that she should be disowned, having the concurrence of men Friends we appoint Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight and Susan Dorland to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to next meeting.

“West Lake preparative Meeting forwarded a request signed Asenath Vanvaulenburgh, desiring to be admitted a member amongst us, which this meeting notices and appoints Dorcas Garratt & Phebe Cronk to visit her on that account and report.

The same preparative forwarded a similar request signed Mary Cronkhite, which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Cronk, Susan Dorland and Patience Garratt to visit her on that account and report.

The Committee appointed to visit Haldimand preparative Meeting to see whether it would be best to discontinue that meeting or alter the place of holding it, have attended thereto, an conferred with friends there and believe it would be best to reestablish said meeting to be held all the time at that place, to report once in three months, men friends inform they have united with the report this meeting also unites therewith.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed, the following friends are appointed to consider of and prepose suitable friends to fill that station the ensuing year viz. Phebe Cronk, Lydia Clark, Lavina S Bowerman, Margaret Terril, Patty C Dorland and Conent Ann Blunt.

The Clerk has produced a receipt from the Treasurer for Quarterly Collection as desired.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1843.**

The representatives being called are all present.

The Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they attended and have produced the minutes and Epistles from the Yearly Meeting which have been read at this time to our comfort and instruction.

The Friends appointed in the case of Hannah Card not being present are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to inform Jane Elsworth of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Lucy Morden, have produced the following \_\_\_\_ Whereas Lucy Morden a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to marry a man not in membership with friends and depart from plainness in dress and address also to neglect the attendance of our meetings our labours of love not having the desired effect to reclaim her, we hereby testify against her being any longer a member amongst us till she shall envince sorrow for



her outgoings and make satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire. \_\_ Which has been read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe and Jane Young are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

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One of the friends appointed to visit Asenath Vanvaultenburgh report they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to the appointment.

The Friends appointed to visit Mary Cronkhite report they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to the appointment.

The Friends appointed to consider of and propose friends for overseers, not being ready to report are continued to that service.

We are informed that the Half Years meeting has established the preparative Meeting at Haldimand and also one at Cold Creek as requested for, men Friends have appointed a committee to attend the opening of the latter which we unite with and appoint Patience Garratt, Lydia Haight, Lavina S. Bowerman & Sophia White to join men friends therein.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 19<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1843.**

Representatives being called are present except two a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them from our different preparatives are in substance as follows. viz.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended though a great slackness with some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained in a good degree as becomes Sisters we know of no differences, talebearing and detraction are discouraged

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and mostly avoided as far as we know.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care, in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although deviations are apparent, and ~~and~~ we believe they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, we trust the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families, and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as we know.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline. —

One of the Friends appointed to visit Hannah Card reports she has made her a visit and believes her measurably convinced of Friends principles and did not find but that her life and conversation was orderly after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the

judgement of this meeting that she be received, having the concurrence of men Friends we appoint Nancy Bowerman and Hannah Waring to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to inform Mary Robinson of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to shew Lucy Morden a copy of the minute of disownment against her and inform her of her right to appeal report they have attended to the appointment.

One of the friends appointed to visit Asenath Vanvauldenburgh on account of her request, reports having visited her to ~~the~~ good satisfaction believes her fully convinced of Friends principles and did not find

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but her life and conversation was orderly after deliberating thereon it is the judgement of this meeting that she be received, having the concurrence of men Friends we appoint Susan Dorland and Martha W Rorke to inform her thereof & report.

The Committee appointed to visit Mary Cronkhite, have visited her, but are not ready to report they are continued to the service.

The Friends appointed to propose friends to act as overseers have produced the following names; for Haldimand Rachel Purdy, and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples for Ameliasburgh Eliz<sup>th</sup> T Haight, & Dorcas Garratt, for West Lake, Nancy Robinson, Margaret Potter, Abigail Hubbs, Nancy Bowerman and Martha W. Rorke, for Cold Creek Anna Brundage, J Hannah Terril, which have been approved of by this meeting and are accordingly appointed for one year.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Eliz<sup>th</sup> Prince formerly Dorland for marrying a person not a member of our society having her marriage accomplished by a priest & going out of plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Young and Eliz<sup>th</sup> T Haight to visit her on that account and report.

The Friends appointed to attend the opening of Cold Creek preparative meeting not being ready to report are continued to that service.

No Quarterly collection at this time

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 11<sup>th</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1843**

The Clerk being absent Sophia White is appointed for the day.

Representatives being called are present except one no reason given for her absence.

One of the Friends appointed to inform Hannah Card of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

One of the friends appointed to inform Asenath Vanvauldenburgh of her reception into membership report they have attended thereto

The Committee appointed in the case of Mary Cronkhite now report a visit to satisfaction and by enquiry do not find but her life and conversation is orderly and she measurably convinced of friends principles, after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting appears united in receiving her into membership having the concurrence of men

friends therein, Sophia White and Content Ann Blount are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Prince reports they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to the appointment.

A proposal was forwarded to this meeting from men friends for appointing Paul Vanvaultenburgh to the station of an elder with which we unite.

A request was forwarded to this meeting from Jane Young that her children should be taken into membership viz. Sarah Maria, Eley Diana, David, and Hulda Eliza, men Friends inform us they have received them, with which we unite.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1843**

The representatives being called are all present.

The Friends appointed to inform Mary Cronkhite of her reception into membership report the appointment not attended to they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Prime report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to the appointment.

Ameliasburgh Preparative forwarded to this, a complaint against Rebecca Terry formerly Bowerman for so far deviating from the good order of Friends as to marry a man not in membership with us and going out of plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Patty C Dorland, and Susan Dorland to visit her on that account and report.

The time for which the Clerks were appointed having expired friends appear united reappointing Martha W Rorke as Clerk and Susan Dorland assistant for one year.

Three of the friends appointed to attend the opening of Cold Creek preparative meeting report they attended thereto as directed.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 1<sup>st</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1844**

The Clerk being absent Jane Cronk is appointed for the day.

Representatives being called are present except two

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a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries were all read in this meeting with the answers from our different Preparatives which are in substance as follows and are directed to the Half Years Meeting by our representatives who are Rachel Cronk Phebe Cronk, Sophia White Lavina S Bowerman & Jane Cronk

Ans'r 1<sup>st</sup> All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended although there is a slackness in some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ans'r 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes Sisters as far as we know no differences known talebearing and detraction are discouraged and we trust mostly avoided.

Ans'r 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel we believe they

endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession although deviations are sorrowfully apparent amongst many we trust the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans'r 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query except two friends attending places of diversion.

Ans'r 5<sup>th</sup> We know of no poor who require assistance or any children who are not in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans'r 6<sup>th</sup> One instance of keeping company with a person not of our society on account of marriage and one instance of attending a

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marriage of those that went out from amongst us, We know of no parents who connive at their children keeping company with such nor any who have attended marriages as accomplished by a priest

Ans'r 7<sup>th</sup> Clear in this Query as far as we know

Ans'r 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises of paying their just debts nor of any that extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

Ans'r 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

Ans'r 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

The Friends appointed in Mary Cronkhite's case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Eliz<sup>th</sup> Prince report they made her a visit to good satisfaction and produced an acknowledgement from her, which was read, and after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting appears united in receiving it and having the concurrence of men friends she is accordingly continued a member, Margaret Potter and Jane Brown are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to visit Rebecca Terry on account of the complaint against her report they visited her but did not find her in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction, after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of men Friends, Patience Garratt and Phebe Cronk are appointed to prepare a testimony of denial against her and produce to our next meeting

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West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Susannah R Taggart which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs and Jane Cronk to visit her on that account see if she is convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Matura Hazard formerly Bowerman for marrying a man not in membership with friends and going out of plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Patience Garratt Jane Young's and Lavina Bowerman to visit her on that account and report.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this a request signed Margaret Soper, which this meeting notices and appoints Hester Garratt Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Clapp to visit her on that account and report.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriages signed Wm D Garratt and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Brundage which this meeting notices and appoints Hester Garratt and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

Came to this meeting through men friends a request from friends in Camden, to be allowed to hold a meeting for worship on first day and in the middle of the week, also a preparative meeting with which this meeting unites

No Quarterly collection at this time

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh the 15<sup>th</sup> of 2nd mo 1844**

The Clerks being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed Clerk, and Hannah Waring assistant for the day.

The Representatives being called are all present

The Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they attended.

The Friends appointed in the case of Mary Cronkhite report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Prince of her reception into membership report the appointment answered

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Rebecca Terry have produced the following viz – Whereas Rebecca Terry formerly Bowerman has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to go out of plainness, and to marry a person not a member and having her marriage accomplished by a priest our labours of love having been extended and not appearing to reclaim her we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our society until she by amendment of life may make satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire – which has been read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it, Patience Garrat and Abigail Hubbs are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform here of her right to appeal and report.

One of the Friends appointed in the case of Sussanah McTaggart ~~report~~ have pay'd some attention to it but are not ready to report they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Matura Hazard report that they have made her a visit and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judge

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ment of this meeting that she should be disowned.

Having the concurrence of men Friends therein, we appoint Sophia White and Elizabeth Branscombe to prepare a minute of denial against to produce to our next meeting.

The Committee in the case of Margaret Soper report a visit to good satisfaction believe her sincere in her request and convinced of friends principles and that her life and conversation appeared to be orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the unity of men friends therein, and appoint Rachel Purdy and Hannah Terrill to inform her thereof and report.

Information was forwarded to this meeting from the Half Years meeting, that they were united in establishing a meeting for worship at Camden to be held on the first and fifth days of the week also a preparative meeting to be held the first and fifth day of the month To report once in three months Rachel Cronk Jane Youngs and Abigail Hubbs are appointed to attend the opening thereof in conjunction with friends, and report.

The Friends appointed to enquire into Elizabeth Brundige's clearness of other marriage engagements report their proceeding they having consent of parents and nothing appearing to obstruct they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting Patience Garratt and Hannah Terrill are appointed to attend the marriage see if it be conducted in an orderly manner and report.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of the Women Friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1844**

The Representatives being called are present except two, a reason given for the absence of one.

The Friends appointed in the case of Rebecca Terry report the appointed answered.

The Friends appointed to visit Susan McTaggart report some further attention, and think it best that the case should be liad over three months under the care of the committee, which this meeting unites with and also in adding Sophia White and Elizabeth Branscombe to the committee.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Matura hazard have produced the following – Whereas Matura Hazard a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order of friends. Thereof as to marry a man not in membership with us and gone out of plainness, our labours of love towards her having been extended, and not producing the desired effect that of her restoration in true simplicity, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious society until she make satisfaction Friends which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it. Content Ann Blount and Jane Cronk are appointed tp shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal & report.

The Friends appointed to inform Margaret Soper Of her reception membership report the appointment attended to.

The Committee appointed to attend the opening of a preparative meeting in Camden report they attended and believe it will be held in the simplicity of the Truth this meeting thinking it right that another overseer should be appointed then, and the name of Lorraine

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Brown being proposed has been united with, she is accordingly approved till the time of the other overseers Margaret Potter is expired, the Clerk is directed to inform her thereof.

One of the Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Wm D. Garratt, and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Brundage report they attended it, and did not discover but it was conducted in an orderly manner.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 18<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 1844**

The representatives being called four are absent no reason given.

The Queries all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five from our several Preparative Meetings are in substance as follows

viz - Ans' 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two meetings for worship, the hour nearly observed none knows to give way to sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour appears.

Ans' 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are generally maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known talebearing and detraction mostly guarded against.

Ans' 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most Friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other Friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian Profession although deviations are apparent. We believe the Scriptures of Truth and frequently read in most friends

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Families, and care has been extended towards other under our tuition.

Ans' 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distielled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal or of any who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans' 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

One of the Friends appointed to shew Matura Hazard a copy of the minute of denial against her report the appointment answered.

The Clerke reports she has had no opportunity of informing Loraine Brown of her appointed overseer. She is continued to that service

Quarterly collection 1/3 for which the Clerke is desired to produce the treasures receipt.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at Ameliasburgh the 16<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1844**

Representatives being called are present except one, no reason given for her absence.

The Clerke being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed for the day

The Clerk has produced a receipt from the Treasurer fr Quarterly collection.

In consiquence of the decease of one of the overseers of the men, it is the judgment of this meeting that a committee be appointed to bring forward the names of suitable

Friends in each preparative Meeting to fill that station. We accordingly appoint Sophia White, Dorcas Garrett, Hannah Terill, and

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Patty C Dorland, to that service, to report next meeting.

The Clerk has attended to the appointment of informing Lorraine Brown that she was appointed overseer:

{ Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake —

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 6<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1844**

Representatives being called ~~one~~ two are absent a reason given for the absence of one

The Friends appointed to propose names of Friends to act as overseers of the poor not being ready to report are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed in Susan McTaggart's case report further attention to it and feel desirous it should be laid over another month which this meeting unites with.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Polly Terwilligar formerly Dorland for marrying a man not in membership with us departing from plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman and Martha W Rorke to visit her on that account and report.

The same preparative forwarded a similar complaint against Angeline Haight formerly Garratt which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Cronk to visit her on that account and report

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 7 mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1844.**

The representatives being called are all present

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the Answers to the usual five from our different preparative Meetings are in substance as follows, — and are directed to the Half Years meeting by our representatives who are Hannah Garratt, Jane Cronk, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavens, and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by most Friends, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We trust love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, no differences known talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are 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, ~~though~~ but it is apparent there are many deviations, with regard to which some care has been taken; The Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in those respects toward others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness

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and agreeably to discipline.

The Friends appointed to bring forward names of Friends to act as overseers of the poor have brought forward the following, Margaret Terrill, Mary Valentine, Nancy Bowerman, Jane Young, Patty C Dorland, Patience Garratt, Margaret Potter and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples, which appearing to be approved of by the meeting, they are accordingly appointed to that station.

The Friends appointed in the case of Susan McTaggart and not being ready to report are continued to that service

The friends appointed to visit Polly Terwilligar on account of the complaint against her report they have visited her, but did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction to friends, after consideration thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned, having the concurrence of men friends, we appoint Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe, and Lavina S Bowerman are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to visit Angeline Haight report they have visited her and that she did not seem willing to make any acknowledgement at present but it is their judgement that the case should lay 6 months under their care, which this meeting unites with.

Camden preparative forwarded to this meeting a compliant against Lucetta Card formerly Vanvaulkenburg, for so far deviating from the good order of society as to marry a man not in membership with us and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, which this meeting notices and appoints Evy Cole and Nancy Robinson to visit her on that account and report. —

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting a compliant against Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencer formerly Terrill for so far deviating from the good order of our society as to keep company with and marry a man not in membership

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with us, which this meeting notices and appoints Hannah Garratt & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavens to visit her on that account and report.

No Quarterly collection at this time

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 8<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1844.**

The Representatives being called two are absent a reason given for the absence of one.

The Friends appointed in the case of Susan McTaggart not being ready to report are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Polly Terwilligar have produced the following viz — Whereas Polly Terwilligar a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order of society amongst us as to marry a man not in

membership with us. likewise departing from plainness, and our labours of love not appearing to reclaim her, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member of our religious society untill she by amendment of life may evince satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire. — which she has been read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it, Nancy Bowerman and Susan Dorland are appointed to shew her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The Friends appointed to visit Lucetta Card on account of the complaint against her not being present are continued to that service.

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One of the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Spencer reports she has not been unmindful of it but in consequence of sickness has not attended to it. They have continued to that service.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 9th mo 19. 1844.**

The Representatives being called are present except one:

The Committee appointed in Susan McTaggart's case report they have visited her and are of the judgement that she has not come to the knowledge of the Truth as it is professed by us as a people. after deliberation thereon it is the judgement of this meeting that her request be returned, Jane young and Martha W Rorke are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Four of the Friends. appointed to attend the Half Years meeting, attended, the other reports she did not attend.

The Friends appointed to show Polly Terwilligar a copy of the minute of disownment against her report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed in Lucetta Cards case being still absent are continued to that service

The Friends appointed in Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencers case not having attended to it are continued to that service.

The Epistles addressed to our Yearly Meeting and the General Epistle from the London Yearly Meeting have been read at this time we trust to our edification and instruction.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 10th mo 17th 1844**

Representatives being called are present except three

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five from all our preparatives are in substance as follows -

Ans'd 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline, are attended although a slackness remains with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans'd 2nd We believe love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters, no differences known, we trust talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

Ans'd 3rd Most Friends are in some degree careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and many endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession though many deviations are sorrowfully apparent. The Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans'd 4th We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans'd 9th Care has been taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline- - - - -

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The Friends appointed to return Susan McTaggart's request report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed in Lucetta Card's case now report through another friend that they have visited her to good satisfaction, and have sent an acknowledgement from her, which has been read. After a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that it be received, having the concurrence of men friends. We appoint Hannah Haight & Deborah Haight to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to visit Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencer report having visited her and that they found her in a tender frame of mind and unwilling to be disowned and think it best to let the case lie four months, which after deliberation appears to be approved of by friends, it is accordingly for that time under the care of the Committee.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage from Francis Waring son of Joshua and Ann Waring (the former deceased and Mary Ann Hubbs, daughter of Amos & Abigail Hubbs, which this meeting notices and appoints Maria Elsworth and Jane Youngs to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed, Patience Garrat Phebe Cronk Margaret Terrill Jane Elsworth Dorcas Garratt Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavins & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples are appointed to propose suitable friends to our next meeting for that service.

Sophia White and Martha W. Rorke are appointed to settle with the treasurer and report

No quarterly collection at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Amieliasburgh.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Amieliasburgh 11 mo 21st 1844**

Representatives being called two are absent no reason given.

The friends appointed to inform Lucetta Card of the reception of her acknowledgement not being present are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to enquire into Mary Ann Hubbs clearness of other marriage engagements report they have made enquiry and find nothing to prevent their further

proceeding and she having consent of Parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting.

Patience Garratt & Jane Youngs are appointed to inform them thereof, attend the marriage and see if it is conducted in an orderly manner and report.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of Friends to act as overseers, have produced the following, for Ameliasburgh Dorcas Garratt. Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight & Rachel Cronkkite for Cold Creek Margaret Terril & Hannah Garratt, for Haldimand Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples & Eunice Clark, for West Lake Nancy Bowerman Abigail Hubbs & Jane Young for Camden Margaret Potter & Loraine Brown who have been approved of by this meeting and are appointed to that station for one year.

The Friends appointed to settle with the Treasurer report they have attended to it and find a balance in her hands of £1.14.1 for which she has given a receipt and had the old receipts given up to her. Sophia White is appointed to take charge of the receipts.

Adjourned to the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1844.**

The Representatives being called two are absent a reason given for the absence of one.

The Friends appointed in Lucetta Cards case being still absent, are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Francis Waring and Mary Ann Hubbs report they attended and did not see but it was conducted in an orderly manner.

West lake preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage from Adam Henry Garratt son of Caleb and Dorcas Garratt and Abigail Leavens daughter of Peter and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavens (the former deceased) which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Clark and Hester Garratt to enquire into the young womens clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed, it appears to be the judgement of the meeting, that the same friends should undertake the business again, they are accordingly appointed for one year.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held West Lake 1<sup>st</sup> mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

Representatives being called are present except two.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to them from our five preparative meetings are in substance as follows \_\_\_ and are

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directed to the Half Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Jane Cronk, Rachel Cronk, Hannah Haight, and Hester Garratt.

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although a sorrowful neglect of this important duty is apparent, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken.



Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are generally maintained as becomes Sisters, when differences arise care is taken to end them, talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear measurably careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel and we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession although many deviations are apparent and some care taken, We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and a case extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are clear of the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes also of frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion.

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected some relief afforded and some advice given, we do not know of any children but what are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans. 6<sup>th</sup> We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, no parents to charge with conniving at their children keeping company with such way who attend the marriage of those who go out from us or marriage accomplished by a priest.

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Ans. 7<sup>th</sup> No delinquency appears relative to this Query

Ans. 8<sup>th</sup> we know of none who are deficient in performing their promises, or paying their just debts nor any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken in good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

Ans. 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

One of the friends appointed to inform Lucetta Card of the reception of her acknowledgement reports they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.

The Committee in Angeline Hights case report they have made her a visit to good satisfaction and have produced an acknowledgement from her after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that it be accepted, having the unity of men Friends therein we appoint Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight & Sophia White to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to enquire into Abigail Leavens's clearness of other marriages engagements report they have made the necessary enquiry and nothing appearing to hinder their proceeding they having consent of parents, the young people are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight are appointed to inform them thereof, attend the marriage, see if it is conducted in an orderly manner and report.

Quarterly collection 5/7 for which the Clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh,

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

The Clerk and assistant being absent Jane Cronk is appointed as Clerk and Frances Waring assistant for the day.

The Representatives being called one absent no reason given.

The Friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they attended.

The friends appointed to inform Lucetta Card of the reception of her acknowledgement report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed in Angeline Hights case report the appointment answered.

Our beloved Friend Nathan C Hoag attended this meeting with a certificate from Ferrisburgh Monthly meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> mo 27<sup>th</sup> 1844 whose company and gospel Labour have been comforting and edifying to us. Also James Barton companion to our friend Nathan C Hoag, with a minute from Ferrisburgh Monthly Meeting held at Monkton 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1<sup>st</sup> 1845 whose company is acceptable.

The Friends appointed to attend the marriage of Adam Henry Garratt and Abigail Leavens report they attended and did not see but it was conducted in an orderly manner.

The Clerk has produced the Treasurers receipt as desired.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

The representatives being called four are absent no reason given for the absence of two

The case of Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencer being again revived in this meeting and neither of the Friends appointed to visit her being present it is left another month under their care.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 4<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

The Representatives being called 5 are absent no reason given for the absence of two.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five from our preparatives are in substance as follows. viz

Ans'r 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended although a slackness with some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans'r 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, if differences arise care is taken to end them talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans'r 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech, behaviour & appearance and some their children, we believe some do endeavour by example and precept to train them

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up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our religious profession, we trust the Scriptures of Truth are read their families and a care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans'r 4<sup>th</sup> We know of no breach of this Query.

Ans'r 9<sup>th</sup> Care appears to be maintained to deal with offenders seasonably in the spirit of meekness and according to discipline.

The Friends appointed in Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencers case have paid some attention to it but not ready to report they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Patience Yerex? desiring to be admitted a member amongst us, which this meeting notices, and appoints Hannah Terril and Hannah Garratt to visit her on that account and report.

Hannah W. Ferris being removed from this Monthly Meeting and now residing in the compass of Leeds having requested our certificate, we appoint Martha W. Rorke and Hannah Baker to make the necessary inquiry respecting her and prepare one to produce to our next meeting.

Eliz<sup>th</sup> Brook having removed within the compass of Yonge Street Monthly Meeting and requesting our certificate, particular circumstances requiring haste it has been decided that one may be written at this time which being done and approved has been signed by the clerks, Hannah Terril and Patience Garratt are appointed to see that it is regularly signed recorded and forwarded and report to our next meeting.

Quarterly collection one shilling and three pence for which the Clerk is desired to produce a receipt from the treasurer

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 5<sup>th</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

Representatives being called are present except two, a reason given for the absence of one.

The Friends appointed in Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencers case report they have visited her again but did not find her in a situation to make satisfaction to friends, it is their opinion that she should be disowned which after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting unites with but as the complaint is not present it is left another month under the care of the meeting

The Friends appointed to visit Patience Yerex on account of her request report they have made her a visit, and believe her convinced of friends principles, and found on enquiry that her life and conversation was orderly after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that She be received, having the concurrence of men Friends therein we appoint Abigail Hubbs Patty Dorland & Margaret Terrill to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to prepare a certificate on behalf of Hannah W. Ferris have produced one which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it, Susan Dorland and Martha W. Rorke are appointed to see that it is signed, recorded, and forwarded and report.

The Friends appointed to attend to forwarding Eliz<sup>th</sup> Brocks certificate report the appointment answered.

The Clerk has produced a receipt from the treasurer as directed  
Adjourned to the usual time.

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 6 mo 19<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

The Representatives being called 1 absent no reason given

Our beloved Friend Esther Deane attended this meeting with a minute from Yonge Street Monthly Meeting expressing unity with her prospect of attending some of our meetings her company has been acceptable to us.

One of the Friends appointed in Patience Yerexs case has attended to the appointment.

The Friends appointed to forward Hannah W. Ferris certificate report the appointment answered.

Men Friends now uniting with us in disowning Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spencer, we appoint Eliz<sup>th</sup> Clapp and Anna Brundage to prepare a minute of denial against her to produce to our next meeting.

A minute from the meeting of sufferings held in New York signed by its Clerk has been read at this time.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 7<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1845**

Representatives being called are present except one from four of our preparative meetings, no minute from Camden at this time.

The Queries have all been read at this time and are in substance as follows they are directed to the Half years Meeting by our

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representatives who are Patience Garratt, Jane Cronk, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples & Deborah Brown.

— Answer 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, though sorrowful to say there remains a great slackness with some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes sisters, we know of no differences, we trust talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends ~~endeavour~~ are 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, although deficiencies sorrowfully prevail amongst us, we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none who make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal or any who frequent taverns one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in some measure seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

— The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spenser have produced the following, viz.

Whereas Elizabeth Spenser formerly Terrill having so far deviated from the good order of Friends as to keep company with and marry a man

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not in membership with us, and being laboured with and not feeling willing to make satisfaction we testify against and disown her from being any longer a member with us untill she through amendment of life shall make satisfaction to friends which she may do is our sincere desire — which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it, Patience Garratt J Margaret Terrill are appointed to inform her thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded a request signed Phebe Burlingham, which this meeting notices & appoints Eliz<sup>th</sup> T. Haight & Jane Haight to visit her on that account and report.

The same preparative forwarded a compliant against Mary Nash for so far deviating from the order of our society as to go out of plainness and join herself in profession with another society. Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Also a similar one against Mary Boone for so far deviating from the good order of society as to absent herself from meetings and go out of plainness Eliz<sup>th</sup> Cronk J Dorcas Garratt are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Cold Creek preparative meeting forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage from Simon Terrill son of James and Margt Terrill ( the latter deceased) and Mary Valentine daughter of John & Ann Valentine (the former deceased), which this meeting notices and appoints Rachel Cronkhite & Eliz<sup>th</sup>

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Branscombe to enquire into the young woman's clearness of other marriage engagements and report to our next meeting.

Quarterly collection 1/3 for which the clerk is desired to procure a receipt from the treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 8<sup>th</sup> mo 21<sup>st</sup> 1845**

The Representatives being called are all present.

The Friends appointed in Eliz<sup>th</sup> Spensers case report the appointment attended to.

One of the Friends appointed in Phebe Burlinghams case; report having made a visit with another Friend, and they believe her to be convinced of friends principles and found her life and conversation orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men Friends therein, Patty C Dorland & Patience Garratt are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to visit Lydia Yerks report having visited her to pretty good satisfaction believe her to be convinced of Friends principles but not long enough but not long enough to make proof of her life and conversation after deliberating thereon it is the judgement of this meeting that her case lie six months under the care of the committee.

The Friends appointed to visit Mary Nash report they visited her and found that she had no wish

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to remain a member of our society and acknowledged the complaint to be just & after a time of deliberation it is the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of men friends, Phebe Cronkhite and Eliz<sup>th</sup> N Dorland are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

The Friends appointed to in Mary Browns case not being present it is left under their care another month.

The Friends appointed to enquire into the clearness of Mary Valentine from other marriage engagements, report that they found nothing to hinder their proceedings, and they having the consent of parents, are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting, Anna Brundage and Jane Cronk are appointed to inform them thereof and attend said marriage see if it is conducted in an orderly manner and report.

The clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as requested

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1845.**

Representatives being called three absent a reason given for the absence of two.

The Friends appointed to attend the Half years meeting report they attended, and produced the minutes and epistles from the Yearly Meeting which have been acceptably read at this time.

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The Friends appointed to inform Phebe Burlingham of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Mary Nash have produced the following, viz. - Whereas Mary Nash a member of the Society of Friends, having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to depart from plainness likewise to join in profession with another society, our labours of love having been extended and not appearing to reclaim we therefore testify against her being any longer a member amongst us until she shall make satisfaction to friends which she may be favoured to do is our desire - which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it. Nancy Bowerman and Abigail Hubbs are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The Friends appointed in Mary Boone's case not being ready to report are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Simon Terrill and Mary Valentine reports they both attended and believe it to have conducted in an orderly manner.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting an acknowledgement from Meribeth Lazier which this meeting notices and appoints Nancy Bowerman and Martha W. Rorke to visit her on that account enquire into her life and conversation and see if her acknowledgement is sincere and report

Adjourned to next at the usual time at West Lake if permitted



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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 10th mo 16th 1845**

The representatives being called are present except three no reason given for their absence.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five are in substance as follows. viz.

Ansr 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended though there remains a slackness in some the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ansr 2nd We believe love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences talebearing and detraction discouraged and we believe mostly avoided.

Ansr 3rd Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends children under thier care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation, although deficiencies sorrowfully prevail amongst us and some care taken we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition.

Ansr 4th We know of none who make use of distilled spiritous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any who frequent taverns, some instances of attending places of diversion

Ansr 5th Care has been taken to deal seasonably with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The Friends appointed in Mary Nash's case report the appointment is not answered they are continued

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to that service.

One of the Friends appointed to visit Mary Boone reports having visited her and that she expressed a wish to be disowned after a time of deliberation thereon it is the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of men Friends therein Susan Dorland and Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

The friends appointed in Meribeth Laziers case report having made her a visit and believe her to be sincere in her acknowledgment and did not find but her life and conversation was orderly, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men friends. Susan Dorland & Sarah Southard are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Ella Kingston formerly Swetman for marrying her first Cousin and going out of plainness which this meeting notices and concludes best to disown her having the concurrence of men friends thereon and appoint Patty C. Dorland & Hannah Waring to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

West Lake preparative meeting of ministers and elders offered to this meeting the consideration of appointing Margaret Potter to the station of a minister and Martha W.

Rorke to that of an elder. Lavina Bowerman & Nancy Bowerman are appointed to hear and consider objections if any should appear and report in conjunction with men friends to our next meeting.

The Epistle from the Yearly Meeting of London has been read at this time we trust to our

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edification and encouragement.

Quarterly collection 2/6 for which the clerk is desired to produce the treasurers receipt.

Adjourned to the usual time at Ameliasburgh

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 11th month 20th 1845**

The representatives being called are present except one no reason given.

The Clerk being absent Rachel Cronkhite is appointed for the day.

It appears by the minutes from our preparative meetings that the Epistles and Extracts have been read in them.

The Friends appointed in Mary Nash's case report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to prepare a testimony of denial against Mary Boone have produced the following viz. - Whereas Mary Boone a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order thereof as to absent herself from meetings and go out of plainness, our labours of love not appearing to reclaim her we testify against her being any longer a member till she shall evince sorrow for her outgoings and makes satisfaction to friends, which she may be favoured to do is our desire. - which has been read and approved and the clerk directed to sign it Jane Young and Sarah Southard are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed in Meribeth Laziers case inform the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to prepare a testimony

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of denial against Ella Kingston have produced the following viz – Whereas Ella Kingston formerly Swetman a member of our society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to form a connexion in marriage with her first cousin and having also departed from plainness it becomes our duty to testify against her being any longer a member of our society hoping she may be favoured to see her errors and make satisfaction to friends- which has been read and approved and the clerk directed to sign it Rachel Cronkhite & Lavina S Bowerman are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The Committee appointed to hear and consider objections if any should arise to appointing Margaret Potter as a minister, and Martha W. Rorke to the station of an elder report none have appeared they are accordingly appointed.

The Clerk has produced the treasurer's receipt as desired.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> 1845.**

The representatives being called are all present.  
The Friends appointed in Mary Boones case report the appointment attended to.  
One of the Friends appointed to shew Ella Kingston a copy of the minute of disownment against her report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Phebe Cronk to the committee

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The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that they be appointed again for one year.

The time for which the overseers were appointed having expired the following friends are appointed to bring forward to our next meeting the names of Friends to fill that station the ensuing year. viz Lavinia S Bowerman, Sophia White, Dorcas Garratt, Hannah Terrill, Lydia Haight & Nancy Bowerman

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1846.**

Representatives being called 3 absent a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers from our different preparative meetings are in substance as follows and are directed to the Half Years Meeting by our representatives who are Martha W. Rorke, Patience Garratt Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples and Jane Cronk.

1<sup>st</sup> Answer Friends are generally careful to attend all our Meetings for religious worship and discipline yet we acknowledge remissness in this incumbered duty, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken.

Ans'r 2 We believe love and unity is generally maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters and the exception of some deficiency in one meeting talebearing and detraction is discouraged and

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we believe mostly avoided.

Ans'r 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and to endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession although deviations are apparent and the want of living more closely to our ancient principles is sorrowfully felt, We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans'r 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none who make use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes or any who frequent taverns some instances of attending places of diversion which are under care.

Ans'r 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have in most cases when required been inspected and means provided for their relief, friends children appear to be in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans'r 6<sup>th</sup> One instance of keeping company with and marrying a person not of our society, no parents to charge with conniving at their children or keeping company with such. one instance of attending a marriage contrary to discipline

Ans'r 7<sup>th</sup> No delinquency appears relative to this query.

Ans'r 8<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends are careful in the performance of their promises and payment of just debts, or extending their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

Ans'r 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken season-

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ably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline

Ans'r 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

The friends appointed in Ella Kingstons case have paid some attention to it, but are not ready to report, they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to bring forward the names of suitable Friends for overseers have produced the following, viz. for Haldimand Lydia Clark & Eliz<sup>th</sup> Staples for Ameliasburgh Elizabeth I Haight & Rachel Cronkhite, for Cold Creek Hannah Garratt & Hannah Terril, for West Lake, Jane Young, Abigail Hubbs & Sophia White for Camden, Loraine Brown, Meribah Vanvaulkenburgh which have been approved to that station for the ensuing year.

The Friends appointed in Lydia Yorks' case report they have paid further attention to it and believe her to be sincere and endeavouring to obtain an inheritance amongst those who have washed themselves and made them white in the blood of the Lamb, after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be received having the concurrence of men Friends therein. Meribeth Lazier & Jane Cronk are appointed to inform her thereof and report

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Amy Southard which this meeting notices and appoints Lavina S Bowerman and Sophia White to visit her on that account and report.

Quarterly Collection 8/1 for which the Clerk is desired to produce a receipt from the treasurer

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh the 19<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> mo 1846.**

The Assistant Clerk being absent Rachel Cronk is appointed for the day.

The Representatives being called are all present.

The Representatives appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they all attended.

The friends appointed in Ella Kingston's case report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed in Lydia Yerks case report the appointment attended to.

The Friends appointed to visit Amy Southard report they have visited her but did not find her in any disposition to make satisfaction to friends after a time of deliberation

thereon to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of men friends therewith. Martha W. Roke and Rachael Cronk are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and produce to our next meeting.

The Clerk has produced a receipt from the Treasurer for Quarterly collection as required.

A certificate on behalf of Mary O Hoag from Peru Monthly Meeting of Friends held Ausable New York 1<sup>st</sup> mo 22<sup>nd</sup> 1846 has been read and received at this time.

Also one on behalf of Rebecca Hudson from Peru Monthly Meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1837. which has been read and received in this meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 19<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 1846.**

The Representatives being called are present except one.

The Friends appointed in Ella Kingstons case report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Amy Southard have produced the following — Whereas Amy Southard a member of our religious Society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and depart from plainness our labours of love having been bestowed and proving ineffectual to reclaim her; hereby testify against her being any longer a member until she shall see her errors and make satisfaction to friends which she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire. — which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign it, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Branscombe and Phebe Cronk are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

West Lake Preparative Forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage from Thomas Bowerman, son of Vincent and Nancy Bowerman and Mary V. Hoag, daughter of Elijah and Lydia Hoag (the latter deceased) which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs and Martha w Rorke to enquire into her clearness of other marriage engagements and report to our next meeting.

The same preparative forwarded proposals of marriage from Thomas D Haight, son of Joel and Bathsheba Haight (deceased) and Mary Ann White, daughter of Moses and Jane White(the latter deceased) which this meeting notices and appoints Lavina Bowerman and Patricia Garratt to enquire into the

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young woman's clearness of other marriage engagements and report to our next meeting.

Ameliasburgh Preparative meeting forwarded to his a complaint against Eliza Johnson formerly Fieldhouse for marrying a person not in membership with us and departing from plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Deborah Brown and Lavina Bowerman to visit her on that account and report.

Cold Creek preparative meeting forwarded a complaint against Hannah Richmond for so far deviating from the good order of our society as to neglect the attendance of our meetings, go out of plainness and attend places of diversion, Hannah Haight and Elizabeth Haight are appointed to visit her on that account and report.

Matura Haight having removed in the verge of Norwich Monthly Meeting and requesting our certificate Martha W Rorke and Patience Garratt are appointed to make the necessary enquiry, and prepare one to produce to our next meeting

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West Lake the 16<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1846.**

The Assistant Clerk having informed this meeting that she wished to resign this meeting appears united in appointing Rachel Cronk to serve the remainder of the year.

The representatives being called 4 are absent no reason given.

No minutes from Camden at this time.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting

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and the answers from our preparatives to the usual five are in substance as follows.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our religious meetings for worship and discipline though a slackness with some the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior to remark.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained in a good degree as becomes Sisters as far as appears no differences known talebearing and detraction is discouraged and we believe avoided by most friends.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel and some their children, we believe some do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession; we believe the scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and a care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe clear in this Query.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken to deal seasonably, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The friends appointed in Amy Southards case report the appointment answered.

The Friends appointed to enquire into the clearness of Mary V Hoag from other marriage engagements report they find nothing to prevent their proceedings and they having consent of parents are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting, Martha Hubbs and Hannah Waring are appointed to inform them thereof, attend said marriage, see if it is conducted in an orderly manner & report.

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The Friends appointed to enquire into Mary Ann Whites clearness of other marriage engagements report they find nothing to prevent their further proceeding; and they having consent of the surviving parents are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting, Elizabeth Haight and Rachel Cronk are appointed to inform them thereof attend the marriage see if it is conducted in an orderly manner and report.

The Friends appointed to visit Eliza Johnson report they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.



The Friends appointed to visit Hannah Richmond, report they have not attended to it they are continued to the service.

The Friends appointed to prepare a certificate on behalf of Matura Haight have produced one which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign it, Patty C Dorland & Patience Garratt are appointed to see it regularly and report.

Susan Lapp having removed within the compass of Pickering Monthly Meeting, Jane Young and Phebe Cronk are appointed to make enquiry respecting her and prepare a certificate for her to produce to our next meeting.

Quarterly collection 1/3 for which the clerk is desired to produce a receipt from the treasurer.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

**[Meeting minutes from the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Months of 1846 are missing]**

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-tendance of our meetings going out of plainness and conducting herself in a manner so as to bring disgrace upon herself and society, Mary Ann Valentine ~~and~~ Lavina S Bowerman and Jane Cronk are appointed to visit her on that account and report

Adjourned to to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 16<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1846**

The representatives being called are present except one.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five from our different preparatives are in substance as follows which are directed to our Half years meeting by our representatives who are Phebe Burlingham Hannah Waring Lydia Haight and Margaret Potter.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, although not so fully as is desired particularly in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming to remark and some care taken.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters no differences known. talebearing and detraction is discouraged and avoided by most Friends.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel but deficiencies among some of the children are very apparent we trust many endeavour by example and precept to train them up in

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a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession. we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and a care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes, we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

— One of the friends appointed to visit Jane Ann Hazard reports it is not attended to they are continued to that service with the addition of Hannah Terril to the committee.

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded a compliant against Patience Perkins formerly Blount for so far deviating from the order of society as to keep company with and marry a man not in membership with us neglecting the attendance of our meetings and departing from plainness, which this meeting notices and appoints Margaret Potter & Nancy Bowerman to visit her on that account and report.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 8<sup>th</sup> mo 20<sup>th</sup> 1846**

Representatives being called are present except one.

The Friends appointed in Jane Ann Hazards

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case not being present are continued to that service

The friends appointed to visit Patience Perkins having been unable to attend to the appointment they are continued to the service with the addition of Martha W. Rorke to the committee

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 9<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1846**

The representatives being called are present except one, a reason given for her absence.

Two of the Friends appointed to attend the Half years meeting report that three of them attended and have produced the minutes and epistles from the Yearly Meeting, which have been read at this time, we trust to our comfort and edification.

The Friends appointed in Jane Ann Hazards case report the appointment not attended to they are continued to that service.

The Friends appointed to visit Patience Perkins have attended to it and report that they did not find her in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction but preferred being disowned after a time of deliberation it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of men friends therein, Eliz<sup>th</sup> Leavens and Hannah Haight are appointed to prepare a minute of denial against her and report to our next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 15<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1846.**

The Representatives being called are present except two a reason given for the absence of one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting and the Answers to five of them from three of our preparatives (there being no minutes from Camden or Haldimand at this time) are in substance as follows.

Ans'r 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, although a slackness in some the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans'r 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is not so fully maintained by all as is desired, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided as far as appears.

Ans'r 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, we trust they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our ~~religious~~ Christian profession, although deficiencies still prevail amongst us, and some care taken we trust the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Ans'r We believe clear in the several parts of this Query.

Ans'r 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken to deal with offenders

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we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline though not so seasonably in all cases as is desirable.

The Friends appointed to visit Jane Ann Hazard report having made her a visit and that she evinced sorrow for her ~~outgoings~~ conduct and acknowledged the complaint to be just after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting concludes it best to disown her having the concurrence of men Friends therein Martha W Rorke and Hannah Garratt are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against her and produce to our next meeting.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Patience Perkins have produced the following viz – Whereas Patience Perkins formerly Blount having so far deviated from the good order used amongst us as to keep company with and marry a man not in membership with us and to neglect the attendance of our meetings and depart from plainness, our labours of love having been bestowed without the desired effect, we testify against her being any longer a member of our Society untill by an amendment of life she shall make friends satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire – which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk is directed to sign it. Hester Garratt & Hannah Terril are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Eliz<sup>th</sup> Ferguson formerly Bowerman for so far deviating from the good order amongst us as to marry a man not in membership with us and departing from plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Cronk

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and Dorcas Garratt to visit her on that account and report.

Mary Clark having moved from this monthly Meeting and now residing in the compass of Pickering Monthly Meeting and requesting our certificate Patty C Dorland and Patience Garratt are appointed to prepare one for the approval of our next meeting.

The case of Eliza Johnson being revived in this meeting the committee reports that it is their judgement that it should be left three months longer under the care of the committee which this meeting unites with.

The General Epistle from London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time, we desire to acknowledge its contents have been comforting to us.

No Quarterly collection at this time  
Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 19<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1846.**

The representatives being called three absent no reason given.

The clerk and assistant being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed clerk for the day & Patience Garratt assistant.

No report from the friends appointed to shew Patience Perkins a copy of the minute of disownment it is left under their care.

The Friends appointed in Eliz<sup>th</sup> Fergusons case report a visit to good satisfaction and produced her acknowledgement which has been read in

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this meeting and after a time of deliberation thereon it appears to be the judgement of this meeting that she be continued a member having the unity of men friends therein. Lydia Garratt and Sarah Garratt are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The Friends appointed to prepare a minute of denial against Jane Ann Hazard have produced the following – viz. Whereas Jane Ann Hazard having so far deviated from the good order of society as to conduct herself in a manner so as to bring disgrace upon herself and society also neglecting the attendance of our meetings and going out of plainness, although our labours of love extended toward her have not been all together ineffectual yet the circumstances of the case require that we should testify against her being any longer a member of our society that she may be favoured to see her error in their true light is our sincere desire. – which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it. Elizabeth Haight and Dorcas Garratt are appointed to shew her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal & report

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> mo 17<sup>th</sup> 1846**

The Clerks being absent Jane Cronk is appointed as Clerk and Hannah Waring assistant for the day.

Representatives being called 3 absent a reason given for the absence of one.

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No report from the Friends appointed to show Patience Perkins a copy of the minute of disownment against her, it is left under their care.

One of the friends appointed to inform Elizabeth Ferguson of the conclusion of the meeting in her case report the appointment answered.

One of the Friends appointed in Jane Ann Hazard's case report the appointment not answered they are continued to the service.

The Friends appointed to prepare a certificate of removal for Mary Clark have produced one which has been read and approved and the clerk directed to sign it Lydia Haight and Phebe Cronk are appointed to see it regularly forwarded and report.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1847.**

The representatives being called are present except two no reason given for their absence.

The Queries are answered from four of our preparatives (there being no account from Haldimand) have been read in this meeting which are in substance as follows and are directed to the Half Years Meeting by our representatives who are Hannah Garrett, Phebe Cronkhite, Rachel Cronkhite and Elizabeth Dorland.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ans. 2 Love and Unity are generally maintained amongst us, one exception and care taken, talebearing

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talebearing and detraction is discouraged and we believe avoided by most friends.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care, in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, and we trust they endeavour, by example and precept, to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, although deviations are sorrowfully apparent; and care is taken. We trust the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and that care is extended towards others under our care.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We know of no friends who make use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes, or who frequent taverns or places of diversion except one instance of attending a place of diversion and this under care.

Ans. 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded we know of no children amongst us but are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans. 6<sup>th</sup> We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage or any parents who connive at their children keeping company with such, or any who attend marriages contrary to discipline.

Ans. 7<sup>th</sup> We trust friends are clear of bearing arms or complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof.

Ans. 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts, or of any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

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Ans. 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

The friends appointed to show Patience Purkins a copy of her disownment report the appointment answered.

One of the friends appointed in Jane, Ann, Hazards case report the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to forward a certificate for Mary Clark report the appointment not answered they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed in the case of Hannah Buck (formerly Richmond) inform they have paid some attention to her case but are not ready to make a full report, they are continued to that service.

The case of Elisa Johnson coming again before this meeting one of the committee reports no farther attention has been paid to it, it is concluded to leave it two months longer with the addition of Abigail Hubbs to the committee.

The time being expired for which the Clerk and assistant were nominated, Hannah Waring is appointed clerk and Rachel Cronkhite assistant for one year.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed, Sophia White, Phebe Cronkhite, Elizabeth T Haight, Jane Young, Hannah Garret, and Margaret Terrel are appointed a committee to propose names for the approval of our next meeting to fill that station for the ensuing year.

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at Ameliasburgh 19 of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 1847.**

The representatives being called all were present but one no reason assigned for her absence.

The Clerk being absent Abigail Hubbs is appointed for the day

The friends named to attend the Half Years Meeting report

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that they attended, the committee in the case of Hannah Brock report they have made her a visit and it is their judgement that her case remain under their care four months longer which this meeting unites with

The friends appointed to forward Mary Clark's certificate report the appointment answered,

The friends appointed to bring forward names to fill the station of Overseers have proposed the following for Cold Creek Hannah Terrill and Hannah Garrett For West Lake Nancy Bowerman Abigail Hubbs and Jane Young, for Ameliasburgh Dorcas Garrett and Rachel Cronkhite, being separately read and considered they are united with and appointed to that service for one year.

There being no names forwarded for Camden or Haldimand it is left with the committee another month

West Lake preparative having forwarded a complaint against Mary Blount for neglect of the attendance of Meetings and departure from plainness in its several branches Elizabeth Branscombe Nancy Bowerman and Dorcas Garret are appointed to visit her see if the complaint is just and report to next meeting,

Men friends inform that they have taken into consideration the state of Haldemand preparative and it is their judgement that a joint committee be appointed to visit that meeting which is united with and Phebe Cronkhite Dorcas Garrett Hester Garrett and Elisabeth T Haight named to join mens friends thereon and report

The clerk has produced the treasurer's receipt as desired.

Adjourned to meet at West Lake as usual



### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1847.**

The representatives being called are all present.

The names of Lorraine Browne and Mary Cronkhite as overseers for Camden being proposed

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and united with in this meeting they are appointed to that service for one year. Jane Young is appointed to inform them thereof and report.

There being no names brought forward for Haldimand it is concluded to leave it to some future time.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Mary Blount report they have made her a visit and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make friends satisfaction after a time of deliberation it is the conclusion of the meeting that her case be left six month under care of the committee

Two of the friends appointed to join men friends to visit Haldimand meeting inform they have paid some attention to it but are not ready to bring in a full report.

Ameliesburgh Preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Allen M. Dorland, son of Arnoldi and Elizabeth Dorland, and Patty G. Cronkkite, daughter of John and Phebe Cronkkite which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth T. Haight and Patience Garratt to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

The case of Eliza Johnson being again brought before this meeting, it is concluded to leave it one month under care of the same committee.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 4 mo 15 1847**

Representatives being called six were absent reasons given for the absence of two

The queries and advices with the answers to the usual five from the different preparatives have been read the answers are as follows

Ansr 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended although a great slackness of attendance

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with some in the the middle of the week the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

Ans 2nd We believe love and unity is mostly maintained as becometh sisters when difference arise care is taken to end them Talebearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

Ans 3rd We believe most friends are 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 christian life and conversation consistent with our profession although deficiencies exist and some care has been taken We believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards other under our tuition

Ans 4th        We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for strictly medicinal purposes or that frequent taverns or places of diversion

Ans 9th        Care has been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

No report from the friends appointed to visit Haldimand Meeting

The committee to enquire into Patty G. Cronkhite's clearness of other marriage engagements ~~report~~ ~~report~~ they find nothing to prevent their proceedings and they having consent of parents are allowed to accomplish their marriage at some convenient time between this and our next meeting Dorcas Garrett and Phebe Burlingham are to inform them thereof attend the marriage see if it be conducted in an orderly manner & report

The committee in the case of Eliza Johnson report no further attention they are continued

Cold Creek preparative forwarded ~~to this meeting~~ a complaint to this meeting against Juliann Terril formerly Outwater for going out of plainness and having her marriage accomplished contrary to the order of our society Elisabeth T Haight and Rachel Cronkhite are appointed to visit her on that account and report

The friends appointed to inform Lorrain Brown and Mary

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Cronkhite of their appointment as overseers report it has been attended to

Quarterly Collection 1/3c for which the clerk is to produce the Treasurers receipt

This Meeting adjourns to meet as usual at Ameliasburgh

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at Ameliasburgh 20th of 5th Month 1847**

The representatives being called two are absent a reason given for one.

The committee appointed to visit Haldimand meeting inform they are not ready to report

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Allen M Dorland and Patty G Cronkhite report they attended and that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

One of the committee appointed in Eliza Johnsons case reports having again visited her and not finding their labours availing after a time of deliberation it is the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the unity of men friends therein Elisabeth Haight and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against her and produce for the approval of our next meeting.

The friends appointed in the case of Julian Terrell former Outwaters, report they have not attended to it, they are continued to that service.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 17th of 6th Month 1847**

Representatives being called are present with one exception.

The committee appointed to visit Haldimand Meeting inform they are not ready to report.

The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Eliza Johnson have produced the following, viz Whereas Eliza Johnson, a member of our society, having

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so far deviated from the good order established among us as to marry a person not in membership with us and departed from plainness Our labours of love not having the desired effect tho we hope not wholly lost, we have to testify against her being any longer a member of our society untill she becomes more sensible of her outgoings and willing to make friends satisfaction which that she may be favoured to do is our desire Which being read and approved in this meeting and the Clerk directed to sign it Rachel Cronkhite and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed to visit Julian Terrel report having made her a visit and did not find her in a situation of mind to make friends satisfaction it is therefore the conclusion of this meeting, that she be disowned having the concurrence of men friends therein Hannah Waring and Patience Garratt are appointed to produce a minute of disownment against her for the approval of our next meeting.

Our esteemed friend Henry Widderfield attended this meeting with a minute of unity from Yonge Street Monthly Meeting whose company amongst us has been satisfactory and comforting (we hope) to many minds.

The committee in the case of Hannah Brock report having made her a visit to pretty good satisfaction, and it appears to be the judgment of this meeting that she be continued a member Lavina Richmond and Hester Garratt are appointed to inform her thereof and report

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Elisabeth Anderson formerly Terry for so far deviating from the good order of our Society as to marry a man not in membership with friends which this meeting notices and appoints Hester Garratt and Phebe Cronkhite to make her a visit on that account and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1847.**

The representatives being called two are absent no reason given.

The Queries and advices with the answers to the usual five from our different preparatives have been read at this time. and are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Ans All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, although a sorrowful neglect in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of sleeping no unbecoming behavior that we know of and some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. We believe love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences, talebearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Most friends appear careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children, under their care in plainness of speech behavior and apparel we believe they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, although deviations are apparent, we believe the

Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and a care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal, or of any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is taken mostly seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

which are directed to the Half Years Meeting by our representatives who are Hannah Terrel, Phebe Cronkhite, Elizabeth T Haight and Maria Ellsworth.

Quarterly collection 2/3 for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasures receipt.

The friends appointed in Eliza Johnson's case inform they have not attended to it, they are continued to that service.

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The friends appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against Julian Torrel have produced one which being read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it Hannah Terrel and Elisabeth Staples are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The committee to visit Elizabeth Anderson formerly Terry report having made her a visit and that it is their judgement her case remain under care, which this meeting uniting with it is left three months in care of the same friends.

The committee in the case of Haldimand Meeting report it to be their judgement that, that meeting be continued and more friends inform they have concluded to leave it in its present form which this meeting unites with.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Elizabeth Cadman, formerly Haight, for departing from plainness and marrying contrary to the order of our society which this meeting notices and appoints Margaret Potter and Lorraine Brown to visit her on that account and report.

Cold Creek preparative also forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Rachel Hazard for attending Millous' meetings and being baptized by them which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth T Haight, Elizabeth Clark and Jane Young to make her a visit and report.

A complaint was forwarded from Haldimand against Lydia Black formerly Purdy, for departing from plainness and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, which this meeting notices and appoints Patience Garratt, and Lydia Bowerman to visit her in that account and report.

This meeting adjourned to meet the 23<sup>rd</sup> of next month at West Lake.

### **West lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 23<sup>rd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1847.**

Representatives being called are present except one, a reason

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given for her absence.

A minute from our late Yearly Meeting informing of our appointment being made to visit the meetings in Canada was received and read, Elizabeth U Willis and Mary Ann Fisher as part of the committee were present.

The clerk has produced the treasures receipt as desired.

The friends appointed in Elisa Johnsons case report they have attended to it.

The committee appointed to bring forward overseers for Haldimand meeting have named Elizabeth Staples, and Lydia Clark, which this meeting unites with and appoints Hannah Waring and Phebe Cronkhite to inform them thereof and report.

The committee appointed to visit Elisabeth Cadman formerly Haight inform they have attended to it and it is their judgement her case should remain under care six months which this meeting unites with.

The committee appointed in Rachel Hazards case report having visited her and finding her in an unsettled state of mind it is the judgement of friends her case be left under care of the same committee to report when prepared.

One of the friends appointed in the case of Lydia Black formerly Purdy reports they have not attended to it they are continued to that service.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

#### **West lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1847.**

The representatives being called are present except one a reason given for her absence.

A minute of unity from Nine Partners Monthly Meeting on behalf of Elisabeth Thorne was received and read in this meeting whose company was acceptable to us.

The friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting inform that sickness prevented their attending the Epistles

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and minutes have been produced.

The friends named to inform Lydia Clark and Elisabeth Staples of their appointment as overseers report the appointment not answered.

One of the friends appointed in Lydia Blacks case inform they made her a visit and did not find her in a state of mind to make satisfaction to friends it is therefore the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the unity of men friends therein Hannah Waring and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment and produce for approval of our next meeting.

Mary Blounts case being again brought before this meeting two of the committee report no farther attention has been paid to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Hester Garratts name.

The epistle from the London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time we hope to the edification of some minds.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1847.**

Representatives being called three are absent no reason given and no account from Camden at this time.

The Queries and advices with the answers to the usual five from four of our Preparatives have been read in this meeting and are in substance as follows

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by most friends, though a slackness with some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is mostly maintained as becomes Sisters, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, we believe talebearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged and some care taken.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends Children under their care, in plainness of speech, behavior, and apparel

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likewise endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, although deficiencies exist amongst us and some are taken, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition.

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal or of any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans' 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken mostly, seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The friends appointed to inform Lydia Clark and Elizabeth Staples of their appointment as overseers inform it has been attended to

The friends appointed to produce a minute of disownment against Lydia Black have produced the following Whereas Lydia Black formerly Purdey having so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry a person not in membership with us and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, she having also departed from plainness against her being any longer a member amongst us until she may be favoured to do is our desire. which being read and approved in this meeting the Clerk is directed to sign it, Elizabeth Staples and Abigail Leavens are appointed to show her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal, and report.

The Committee appointed in Mary Blounts case report having again made her a visit and did not find her in a situation of mind to make satisfaction it is therefore the judgement of this meeting that she be disowned having the unity of men friends therein, Patty C Dorland and Jane Young are appointed to prepare a minute of disownment against her for the approval of our next meeting

The Committee appointed in the case of Rachel Hazard, report having again visited her and find she had had gone astray from

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The principles of friends, after a time of deliberation it is the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the concurrence of men friends therein, Hannah Waring and Nancy Bowerman are appointed produce a testification against her for the approbation of our next meeting



The Committee appointed in the case of Elizabeth Anderson formerly Terry report having made her another visit and produced an acknowledgment which being read it is the conclusion of this meeting her case remain six months under care of the same friends.

The Epistles and minutes are again referred to next month the meeting being much worn.

Quarterly Collection two shillings and one penny for which the clerk is requested to produce the treasures receipt.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at Ameliasburgh 18 of 11 mo 1847**

The representatives being called two were absent no reason given

No report from the friends appointed in Lydia Blacks case they are continued to that service

The friends appointed in M<sup>y</sup> Blounts case have produced the following testification.

Whereas Mary Blount a member of our Religious Society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to depart from plainness in its several branches & neglect the attendance of Meeting our labour of love having been bestowed without the desired effect We testify against her being any longer a member with us until by amendment of life make satisfaction. Which being read and approved in this meeting the clerk is directed to sign it Phebe Cronk and Elizabeth Clark are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report

The friends in Rachel Hazard's case have produced the following testification  
Whereas Rachel Hazard a member of our Society having

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So far deviated from the good order thereof as to neglect the attendance of our Meetings and joined those called Millentes being baptized by them our labour of love being bestowed and proving ineffectual to reclaim We testify against her being any longer a member amongst us until she may see her error in its true light and make satisfaction which that she may be fav'd to do is our desire

It being read and approved the clerk is directed to sign Eliz<sup>th</sup> T Haight & Dorcas Garret are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report

The clerk has produced the Treasure's receipt as desired

The Minutes and Epistles from New York are directed to be handed down and read in our preparative meetings

Adjourned to meet at West Lake

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 12 Month 1847.**

The representatives being called five are absent a reason given for one.

A friend on behalf of the committee appointed in Lydia Blacks case report the appointment has been attended too.

One of the committee in Mary Blounts case reports the appointment not answered.

No report from the committee to show Rachel Hazard a copy of her disownment they are continued to that service.

This meeting adjourned to the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 20<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1848.**

The representatives being called four are absent no reason given

The queries and advices with the answers from our different preparatives have been read in this meeting which are in substance as follows

Ans' 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by most friends although a slackness with some the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour that we know of and some care taken.

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Ans' 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is mostly maintained as becomes sisters tho some differences have arisen and some care taken to end them, we trust talebearing and detraction are discourages and mostly avoided.

Ans' 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, likewise endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, although deficiencies still prevail amongst us and some care taken, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans' 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal or of any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans' 5<sup>th</sup> We know of no poor amongst us that require assistance, or of any children that are not in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

Ans' 6<sup>th</sup> None known to keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, or of parents conniving at keeping company with such, or of any who attend the marriages of those who go out from us, or marriages accomplished by a priest.

Ans' 7<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

Ans' 8<sup>th</sup> Friends are careful in performing their promises and paying their just debts we know of none who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

Ans' 9<sup>th</sup> We trust care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness tho not at all times as seasonably as is desired.

Ans' 10<sup>th</sup> They are.

Which are directed to the Half Year Meeting by our representatives who are Elizabeth Clark, Patience Garratt, Patty C Dorland, and Jane Cronk.

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No quarterly collection.

The Epistles and minutes from the Yearly Meeting have been read in most of our preparatives.

The committee in Mary Blounts case report the appointment has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

One of the committee in Rachel Hazards case reports the appointment answered.

A Friend on behalf of the committee appointed to show Julia Terrel a copy of the minute of disownment against her informed the meeting it has been attended too.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Jane Southard, for deviating from plainness and neglecting the attendance of meetings, which this meeting notices and appoints Hannah Waring and Phebe Cronkhite to make her a visit and report.

The time for which the overseers were appointed being expired Lavinia T Bowerman, Anna Brunditch, Patience Garratt, Patty C Dorland, Elizabeth T Haight, Jane Young, Mary Haight, Susan Dorland and Susan Bowerman are appointed a committee to consider of and bring friends names to fill that station the ensuing year, for the approbation of our next meeting.

The time for which the Clerk and assistant Clerk are appointed being expired, they are continued to that service for one year.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 17<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1848**

The representatives being called are present except one, no reason given for her absence.

The friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they attended.

The committee appointed in Mary Blounts case report it has been attended too.

The committee in Lydia Jane Southards case report having

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made her a visit, and did not find in her any desire to make satisfaction and that it is their judgment that she be disowned which this meeting unites with having the approbation of men friends therein and appoints Elizabeth Branscome and Patience Garratt to produce a testification against her for the approval of our next meeting

The committee appointed to bring forward names of friends to fill the station of overseers for the ensuing year have produced the following viz for Ameliasburgh Elizabeth T Haight and Phebe Cronkhite, Cold Creek, Hannah Terrel, and Hannah Garratt, for Haldimand, Lydia Clark and Elizabeth Staples, for Camden, Lorraine Brown and Lucetta Card, for West Lake, Abigail Hubbs and Jane Young, which being read and separately considered and having the unity of the Meeting they are appointed to that service. Hannah Terrel and Elizabeth Clark are appointed to inform Lydia Clark, Elizabeth Staples and Hannah Garratt thereof, and Hannah Waring to inform Lorraine Brown and Lucetta Card these friends not being present.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> month 1848.**

Representatives being called are present except two, no reason given for their absence.

The friends appointed in Lydia Jane Southards case have produced the following testification Whereas Lydia Jane Southard a member of this meeting, having so far

deviated from the good order of our society as to neglect the attendance of meetings and deviating from plainness, our labours of love having been bestowed without the desired effects we testify against her being any longer a member of our Society till she by amendment of life make friends satisfaction which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Which has been read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed

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to request Maribeth Lazier and Phebe Burlingham are appointed to show her a copy thereof, inform her of her right to appeal and report.

No report from the friends appointed to inform Lydia Clark Elizabeth Staples and Hannah Garratt of their appointment as overseers.

The friend appointed to inform Lorraine Brown and Lucetta Card reports it has been attended too.

A certificate on behalf of Hannah Hoag from Peru Monthly meeting held at Ausable 12<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>th</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> 1847 was read and accepted in this meeting.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lucy Ann Richmond for neglecting the attendance of meetings and going out of plainness of speech and apparel and attending places of diversion which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Cronk, Phebe Cronkhite and Susan Bowerman to make her a visit and report.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting a request to be received into membership signed Mary M. Swetmen, which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Cronk, Abigail Hubbs and Hannah Waring to make her a visit on that account see if she be convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

West Lake preparative also forwarded a request signed Sophia Cook which this meeting notices and appoints Hester Garratt and Phebe Cronkhite to make her a visit on that account see if she be convinced of friends principles, inquire into her life and conversation and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Henry Lapp and Hannah son of Jeremiah and Sarah Lapp, and Hannah Hoag, daughter of Elijah and Lydia Hoag. Hannah Waring and Deborah Brown are appointed to inquire into her clearness of other like engagements, and report to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 20<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1848**

The representatives being called 4 are absent a reason given for two.

The Queries and advices with the answers to five of them from our different preparatives have been read in this meeting and are in substance as follows viz.

Ans' 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been been attended with the exception of one for worship where no women friends were present the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken.

Ans'r 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and Unity is not so well maintained by all as is desired, differences have arisen, and some care taken to end them, talebearing and detraction is discouraged tho we fear not so carefully avoided by all as our high and holy profession calls for.

Ans'r 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are generally 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, yet there is a departure from the simplicity of our profession, it is believed the scriptures of truth are read in friends families, and some care ~~taken~~ extended towards others under their tuition.

Ans'r 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query, as far as appears excepting one instance of attending places of diversion which is under care.

Ans'r 9<sup>th</sup> We trust care has been taken in most cases to deal with offenders seasonably in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

No Quarterly at this time.

The friends appointed in Lydia Jane Southards case report they have attended to it.

The friends to inform Lydia Clark and Elizabeth Staples of their appointment as overseers report attention has been paid to it.

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The committee appointed to visit Lucy Ann Richmond report they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed in the case of Mary M Swetman report having visited her to good satisfaction and consider her to be sincere in her request and find on enquiry her life and conversation to be orderly, it is therefore the judgment of this meeting that she be received having the unity of men friends therein, Jane Young and Sophia White are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to visit Sophia Cook on account of her request inform the meeting sickness has prevented their attending to it, they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to enquire into Hannah Hoag's clearness of other marriage engagements informs she has done so and did not find anything to prevent her proceeding and having the consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting Amy Lear and Frances Waring are appointed to inform her thereof attend said marriage see if it be ~~orde~~ conducted in an orderly manner and report.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded to this meeting a request signed Emerilla Garratt which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Cronkhite and Jane Young to make her a visit on that account see if she be convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

The committee in the case of Elizabeth Anderson report having again visited her and it is concluded ~~her case~~ it should remain two months longer under their care with the addition of Sophia White and Jane Young to the committee.

The meeting of ministers and Elders forwarded a minute proposing the names of Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Cronkhite to fill the station of elders which claiming the attention of this meeting we appoint Jane Cronk and Jane Young to join a committee of men friends to hear

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consider objections should any be made.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 18<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1848**

The representatives being called are present.

The committee appointed in the case of Lucy Ann Richmond report sickness has prevented their paying attention to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Dorcas Garratts name.

One of the friends appointed to inform Mary M Swetman of her reception into membership reports the appointment answered.

The Committee appointed to visit Sophia Cook report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Henry Lapp and Hannah Hoag report they attended it and believe it to have been conducted in an orderly manner.

One of the friends appointed to visit Emerilla Garrett on account of her request informs the meeting sickness has prevented their attending to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Elizabeth Haight to the committee.

No report from the Committee appointed to hear and consider objections to the proposal of Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Cronkhite to fill the station of elders they are continued to that service with the addition of Elizabeth Branscome and Hester Garratt.

West Lake Preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Levi Varney and Eliza H Jones which this meeting notices and appoints Frances Waring and Rachel Cronkhite to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

No report from the committee continued in care of Elizabeth Cadmans case they are continued to that service with the addition of Rachel Cronkhite and Lydia Garrett.

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Margaret Terrel having removed within the compass of Pickering Monthly meeting and requesting our certificate for herself and children we appoint Lavina S Bowerman and Hannah Waring to make the necessary enquiry respecting her and produce one for the approval of our next meeting.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> Month 1848**

The representatives being called are present with one exception no reason given.

Two of the committee appointed in Lucy Ann Richmonds case report having made her a visit and think it advisable her to leave it three months for further care, which this meeting with unity

The committee appointed to visit Sophia Cook report having made her a visit to satisfaction and it is their judgment she be received which this meeting unites with and having the concurrence of men friends Elizabeth Leavens and Elizabeth T Haight are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Two of the friends appointed to visit Emerrilla Garratt on account of her request have visited her and it is their opinion her case remain six months which this meeting unites with leaving it under care of the same committee.



The committee appointed to hear and consider objections to the appointment of Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Cronkhite to fill the station of elders, report none have come to their knowledge they are therefore appointed to that station.

The friends appointed to enquire into Eliza Jones's clearness of other marriage engagements report they have not found anything to prevent her proceeding and having consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable opportunity before our next meeting Sophia White and Hannah Waring are appointed to inform them thereof, attend the marriage see if it be conducted in an orderly manner and report.

One of the committee appointed to visit Elizabeth Cadman reports they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service

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The friends appointed to prepare a certificate on behalf of Margaret Terril and her children have produced one which being read and approved and the clerk directed to sign it Patience Garratt and Sophia White are appointed to see that it is ~~signed~~ recorded ~~and~~ signed by the correspondant and forwarded to Pickering Monthly Meeting and report.

The committee appointed in the case of Elizabeth Anderson report it has not been attended to they are continued to that service

This meeting concludes to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 20<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1848**

The representatives being called three are absent no reason given.

The queries and advices have been read at this time and the answers to the usual five which are in substance as follows and are directed to the Half Years Meeting by our representatives who are Patience Garratt, Susan Bowerman, Maria Ellsworth, and Hester Garratt.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and dicipl[ine] have been attended although a slackness with some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is in some degree maintained amongst us when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them talebearing and detraction discouraged, but not so carefully avoided as would be desirable.

Ans<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel likewise endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession although deficiencies are apparent and some care taken We believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care extended towards others under our tuition.

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Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal or of any that frequent taverns, or attend places of diversion.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken in most cases, seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

~~No quarterly~~ The friends appointed to inform Sophia Cook of her reception into membership, report it has not been attended to they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Levi Varney and Elisa Jones reports they did so and consider it to have been conducted in an orderly manner.

The committee appointed to visit Elizabeth Cadman report that she had joined another society and evinced no desire to make satisfaction to friends, it is therefore the judgment of this meeting she be disowned having unity of men friends therein, Mary Robinson and Patience Garratt, are appointed to prepare a testification against her and produce to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to forward Margaret Terrel's certificate reports it has not been attended to they are continued in care of it.

One of the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Anderson reports they have not been able to pay attention to it they are continued to that service.

Ameliasburgh forwarded to this meeting a request to be received into membership signed Mintche Haight which this meeting notices, and appoints Jane Young and Abigail Hubbs, to visit her on that account, see if she is convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

This meeting adjourned to meet at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

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#### **West Lake Minthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 17<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Mo 1848 —**

The clerk being absent, Jane Cronk is appointed to serve for the day.

Representatives being called 3 are absent no reasons assigned.

Our esteemed friend Bridget Haight attended this meeting with a minute from Pickering Meeting whose company and Gospel labours are truly satisfactory and edifying to us.

One of the friends appointed to inform Sophia Cook of her reception into membership reports the appointment attended to

The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Elizabeth Cadman have produced the following

Whereas Elizabeth Cadman, one of our members has so far deviated from the good order used amongst us as to marry a man not in membership with us likewise for going out of plainness, and labour having been extended to her without the desired effect, now for the support of our testimony we feel it incumbent on us to disown the said Elizabeth Cadman formerly Haight from being a member of our religious society, nevertheless we sincerely wish for her that she may be favoured to see the inconsistency of her conduct herein and by condemning the same be restored to the unity of friends. Which being read and approved the clerk is directed to sign it Elizabeth Church Nancy Robinson are appointed to their her a copy thereof inform her of her right of appeal and report to our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to ~~in~~ forward Margaret Terr[ell] certificate report it has not been attended to that she knows of they are continued in care of it.

One of the friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Anderson report some attention but not ready to make a full report it is left under their care

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No Report from the friends appointed to visit Mintche Haight they are continued to that service.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1848 —**

The representatives being called are present from three of our preparative meetings there being no account from Haldimand or Camden at this time.

The Queries and advices have been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five which are as follows and are directed to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Abigail Hubbs, Hannah Waring, Mary Anne Valentine and Patience Garratt.

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended although there appears a slackness in some the hour nearly observed mostly clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour appears.

Ans. 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe Love and Unity are mostly maintained as becomes sisters, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them also believe talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged.

Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own, and their friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, likewise endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession although deficiencies prevail amongst us, and some care taken, We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition.

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal, or any that ~~attend~~ frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

Ans. 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in most cases to deal with

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offenders seasonably in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

Quarterly collection 1/10p for which the clerk directed to produce the treasurers receipt.

\* The friends appointed to show Elizabeth Cadman a copy of the testification against her inform the meeting it has been attended to.

The friends appointed concerning Margaret Terrel's certificate report it has been forwarded.

One of the committee appointed in C Andersons case reports having made her a visit and did not find her in a suitable frame of mind to make satisfaction to friends it is therefore the judgment of this meeting that she be disowned having the unity of men friends therein Abigail Hubbs and Phebe Cronkhite are appointed to prepare a testification against her and produce for the approval of our next meeting.

The friends appointed to visit Mintche Haight report having done so to good satisfaction and believe her life and conversation is orderly this meeting appears to be united in receiving her having the concurrence of men friends and appoints Hannah Baker and Elizabeth N Dorland to inform her thereof and report. \*

Most of the Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meeting have been read at this time and we hope the good counsel and advice contained in them may be edifying to us.

This meeting is adjourned to meet at the usual time if permitted.

\*The friends appointed to attend the Half Years Meeting report they attended and have produced the minutes and epistles.

\*Men friends forwarded to this a minute from the meeting of Ministers and Elders recommending Hester Garratt be acknowledged as a minister which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs and Clara White to hear and consider objections should any be made, and report in conjunction with men friends

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Woman Friends held at West Lake 10<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1848**

The representatives being called, three are absent a satisfactory reason given for one, no account from the others.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired.

The friends appointed to prepare a tistification against Elisza<sup>th</sup> Anderson have produced the following

Whereas Eliza<sup>th</sup> Anderson has so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to marry a man not in membership with friends, our labours of love not having the desired effect we therefore testify against her being any longer a member until she may be brought to a sense of her error and make satisfaction to friends, which she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire.

Which being read and approved the clerk is directed to sign it Elisabeth T Haight and Jane Young, are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal, and report

One of the friends appointed to inform Mintche Haight of her reception into membership report it has been attend to

The friends appointed to hear and consider objections to Hester Garratts being acknowledged a minister inform the meeting they have not yet made our a report they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed in care of Lucy Ann Richmond case report they have paid no further attention to it, they are continued to that service.

A memorial concerning our friend Thomas Robinson decaasd, was laid before this meeting and being read, unity was expressed with it and the Clerk was directed to sign it on behalf of the meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at Ameliaburgh if permitted.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliaburgh 16<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1848.**

The representatives being called are present.

A certificate from Starksborough Monthly Meeting on behalf of our esteemed friend Joel Battey, was read in this meeting and we can feelingly acknowledge that his company and gospel labours have been comforting and satisfactory to us.

The friends appointed to show Eliz<sup>th</sup> Anderson a copy of the testification against her, inform the meeting they have attended to it.

The committee appointed in the case of Hester Garratt's being acknowledged a minister are continued to that service to report next month.

The friends appointed to the care of Lucy Ann Richmonds case report some further attention has been paid but wish more time they are continued to that service.

Our friend Jane Cronk returned the minute furnished her under a prospect of accompanying Bridget Haight on her religious visit, and produced one from Ferrisburgh Quarterly, also from Farnham Monthly Meeting expressive of their unity on her behalf which were satisfactory to us.

The meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 14<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Month 1848.**

Representatives being called are present, no minutes from Haldimand at this time.

The Queries and advices have been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five which in substance as follows and are directed to the Quarterly meeting by our representatives who are Hannah Waring, Jane Cronk, Jane Young and Hannah Garratt.

Ansr 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended yet not so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed tho not as much so as the important occasion required, mostly clear of sleeping not quite clear

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of other unbecoming behaviour and some care taken.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and Unity are generally maintained as becomes Sisters when differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them, talebearing and detraction are guarded against tho not by all as much as is desired.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, likewise endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition, although deficiencies exist in the above respects and some care taken.

Ansr 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal or of any that frequent taverns, three instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken.

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken in some measure seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

No quarterly collection at this time.

The committee appointed to hear and consider objections to Hester Garratts being acknowledged a minister report they know of none which this meeting uniting with she is accordingly acknowledged to that Station.

The friends appointed in L A Richmonds case report no further attention they are continued to that service.

Emerrilla Garratts case being again brought before this meeting the committee inform they have paid some further attention but are not ready to bring in a full report.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1849.**

The representatives being called are present.

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Two of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended, the others did not and gave reasons therefore.

The friends appointed in Lucy Ann Richmonds, case inform they have not been able to attend to it; they are continued to that service.

The committee in Emerilla Garratts case report no further attention has been paid to it they are continued in care thereof.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lavinia Clark (formerly Bowerman) which this meeting notices and appoints Elizabeth T Haight and Elizabeth N Dorland to visit her on that account and report.

The same preparative also forwarded a request signed Maria Lattey which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Mactagart, Elizabeth Leavens, Eliza Mullett and Hannah Terrel, to make her a visit on that account, see if she be convinced of friends principles; enquire into her life and conversation, and report.

The time for which the clerk and assistant clerk were appointed being expired Hannah Waring is continued to this service; and Sarah Maria Young appointed assistant for one year.

This meeting adjourned to meet at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

**Westlake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 2 mo 15<sup>th</sup> 1849.**

Representatives being called four were absent no reason given

The Queries have been read and answered in this meeting a summary of which is as followeth, the advices have also been read \*

Answer 1<sup>st</sup> All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended by most friends but not by all as frequently as is desireable the hour nearly observed not quite clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark Care taken

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Answer 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters We know of no differences talebearing and detraction avoided and mostly discouraged the deficiencies in this respect are noticed in the answer from our preparative

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear Careful to keep themselves in plainness and Some their Children and those under their Care We believe they endeavour by example and precept to train up in a religious life & conversation consistent with our profession tho deviations



appear Some care taken the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards those under our tuition

Answer 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of distilled Spirituous liquors except for Strictly Medicinal purposes as far as appears we kno of none who frequent Taverns one instance of attending a place of diversion & care taken

Answer 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and Relief afforded when it appeared necessary. Friends Children and others under care appear in a way to get School learning to fit them for business

Answer 6<sup>th</sup> Four instances of keeping Company with and marrying persons not of our Society We know of no parents conniving at there Children keeping company with such two instances of attending marriages accomplished by a priest

Answer 7<sup>th</sup> We believe Clear in the several parts of this query

Answer 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or in paying just debts or of any that extend their business beyond their abilities to manage as becomes our religious profession

Answer 9<sup>th</sup> Care has mostly been taken to deal with offenders

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Seasonably we trust in the Spirit of meekness and agreably to discipline

Answer !0<sup>th</sup> They are

Quarterly Collection 1/3 for which the clerk is desired to obtain the Treasurer's receipt

A minute on behalf of our friend Tho<sup>s</sup> Smith from Norwich Monthly Meeting was read at this time Whose company and Gospel labours have been Satisfactory

The committee appointed in L A Richmond's case report having again visited her and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction we therefore their judgment that she be disowned which this meeting uniting with, and having the concurrence of men friends therein and appoints Patience Garratt and Rachel Cronkite to prepare a testification against her and produce for our approval at next meeting

The committee remaining in the care of Emerilla Garratt case report having visited her and believe it best to return her request which this meeting unites with and appoints Susan Bowerman & Patty Terry to inform her thereof and report

The committee on behalf of Lavina Clark having visit her have produced an acknowledgment which was read in this meeting and after deliberation thereon it is the conclusion of the Meeting that her case remain Six months under care of Same committee

One of the committee to visit Maria Latta on account of her request inform they have attended to it but under sense of the report it seems best to leave her case under care of the?

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committee with the addition of Hester Garrett, to report at some future time,

This meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake if permitted

They are directed to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Jane Young, Hester Garratt, Hannah Baker and Abigail Hubbs.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West Lake 15<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1849.**

The representatives being called two are absent, no reason given

The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

The Clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired.

The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Lucy Ann Richmond has produced the following, viz Whereas Lucy Ann Richmond a member of our meeting has so deviated from our society as to neglect the attendance of our meeting and going out of plainness of speech and apparel and attended places of diversion, our labours of love having been extended and not appearing to reclaim, we testify against her being any longer a member until by amendment of life she may make satisfaction to friends which she may be favoured to do is our desire.

Which being read and approved in this meeting and the clerk directed to sign it Elizabeth Leavens and Elizabeth T. Haight are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal and report.

One of the friends appointed to return Emerrilla Garratts request informs the meeting it has been attended to.

The time for which the overseers were appointed being expired, Patience Garratt, Elizabeth T. Haight, Abigail Hubbs

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Elizabeth Leavens, Jane Young, and Maria Ellsworth, are appointed to consider of and bring forward names to fill that station the ensuing year, for the approbation of our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 10<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1849**

The representatives being called three are absent, no reason given

One of the friends appointed to shew Lucy Ann Richmond a copy of her testification against her informs the meeting it has been attended too.

The committee appointed to bring forward names for overseers having produced them, and the following being read and considered are appointed to fill that station for one year viz for West Lake Lavina T Bowerman, Maria Ellsworth, and Hannah Waring for Ameliastown Phebe Cronkhite Elizabeth N Dorland and Patience Garratt, for Cold Creek Hannah Garratt and Mary Ann Valentine for Haldimand Lydia Clark and Elizabeth Staples for Camden Lorraine Brown and Lucetta Card.

The committee appointed on account of Maria Latteys request inform it is their judgment that her case requires further attention which this meeting uniting with it is left under their care to report at some future time as they may see fit.

This meeting adjourns to meet at Ameliastown if permitted.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Woman friends held at Ameliastown 17<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1849**

Representatives being called are present except one for which

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absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

This meeting adjourned to meet at West Lake the 2nd 5th day in next month if permitted

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West Lake 14th of 6th Month 1849**

Representatives being called are present with one exception no accounts from Haldimand at this time.

The queries and advices have been read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five; the sorrowful deficiencies marked in some of them called forth much seasonable advice which we hope may have due weight in our hearts. A summary of which are as follows \*

Ansr 1st Friends are generally careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, tho a slackness with some in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, other unbecoming behaviour remarked and some care taken.

Ansr 2nd We believe love and unity are mostly maintained as becomes sisters tho a deficiency remarked in one of the answers when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, talebearing and detraction, discouraged and avoided as far as appears

Ans 3rd Friends are in a degree careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, tho many deficiencies are sorrowfully apparent, we believe some endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ansr 4th We believe friends are careful avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion.

Ansr 9th We believe care has been taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

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which are directed to the quarterly meeting

We appoint Margaret Potter, Abigail Hubbs, Jane Young and Maria Ellsworth to attend said meeting therewith and report.

Quarterly collection 2/6 for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt

Camden preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Jane Jackson formerly Cronkhite for so far deviating from the good order of our society as to marry a person not in membership with us, and having her marriage accomplished by a priest which this meeting, notices, and appoints Jane Young and Jane Cronk to visit her on that account and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 19th of 7th month 1849.**

The representatives being called are present.

One of the friends appointed to attend the quarterly meeting, reports three of them attended the other informed ~~the meeting~~ she could not consistently leave home.

The clerk had produced the treasurers receipt as desired.

No report from the committee appointed to visit Jane Jackson on account of the complaint against her they are continued to that service.

The Epistle from the London Yearly Meeting was received and read at this time we hope its valuable contents have been edifying to those present.

This Meeting concluded to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 16th of 8 month 1849**

The representatives being called are present the accounts from our preparatives mention the receipt of the London Yearly Meeting Epistle and its being read to comfort and edification.

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The friends appointed to visit Jane Jackson on account of the complaint against her report they have not been able to attend to it tho not unmindful of it; it is left under their care.

The committee on behalf of Lavinia Clark report having visited her satisfactorily and it is their judgment she be continued a member which being united with Elizabeth Branscome and Hannah Baker are appointed to inform her of the conclusion of the meeting in her case and report.

This meeting concluded to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 20th of 9th Month 1849.**

The representatives being called four are absent no reason given.

The queries and answers to five of them from our different preparatives have been read at this time and are in substance as follows. The advices were also read, we appoint Jane Cronk, Phebe Burlingham, Susan Dorland and Patty C. Dorland our representatives to attend the quarterly meeting therewith and report.

1st Ansr        All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness in some friends the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2nd Ansr        We believe love and unity are mostly maintained amongst us becomes sisters tho an exception in one of our answers in this particular. When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them and friends we trust do avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction.

3rd Ansr        Most friends are careful to keep themselves and some their children 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 We believe the scriptures of truth are frequently in friends families and some care extended towards other under their tuition.

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4th Ansr Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears, except one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

9th Ansr Care is mostly taken seasonable to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

No quarterly collection at this time.

The friends appointed in the case of Jane Jackson inform the meeting they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to inform Lavinia Clark of the conclusion of the meeting in her case it answered.

A part of the committee appointed in Maria Lattey's case report having again visited her but do not consider her to be fully convinced of friends principle (tho seeking after the right way) after deliberating thereon it seems to be the conclusion of the meeting that her case remain on our minutes under care of the committee with the addition of Jane Young thereto.

Our friend Hester Garratt laid before this meeting a prospect that had attended her mind to attend the quarterly meeting of Yonge Street to be held at Pickering the ensuing week which she also informed men friends of who uniting therewith have forwarded ~~to us~~ a minute to that effect and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as way opens.

West Lake preparative of ministers and elders forwarded to this a proposal to appoint Jane Cronk to the station of elder we appoint Jane Young and Rachel Cronkhite a committee in conjunction with men friends to hear and consider objections should any be made and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 18th of 10th month 1849**

The representatives being called are present with one exception, no reason assigned for her absence.

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The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended and have produced the minutes and epistles from the Yearly Meeting.

The committee in the case of Jane Jackson report having visited her and did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction it is therefore the judgment of this meeting she be disowned which men friends uniting with we appoint Rachel Cronkhite and Patience Garratt to prepare a testification against her and produce for the approval of our next meeting

Hester Garratt informed this meeting she had accomplished her visit to Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting and returned the minute granted her for that service.

The committee to hear and consider objections should any be made to Jane Cronk being appointed to the Station of Elder report nothing appears to prevent she is therefore appointed to that station.

Camden preparative forwarded to this meeting a request to be received into membership signed Elizabeth Switzer which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Young

and Hannah Waring to visit her on that account see if she be convinced of friends principles, enquire into her life and conversation and report.

The same preparative also forwarded a request signed Sophia Vanvalkenburg which this meeting notices and appoints Phebe Cronkhite, Martha Hubbs and Elizabeth T Haight to visit her on that account ~~and~~ see if she be convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

The Epistles addressed to the Yearly Meeting have been read at this time we trust to the comfort and consolation of those present they are directed to the preparative meeting.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 15<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Month 1849.**

The representatives being called are present except one no reason given for her absence.

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The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Jane Jackson have produced the following, viz.

Whereas Jane Jackson (formerly) Cronkhite a member of our religious Society having deviated from our good order so far as to marry a man not in membership with us and having her marriage accomplished by a priest our labours of love not having the desired effect in reclaiming her we testify against her being any longer a member untill she may be brought to a sense of her error which she may be favoured to do is our desire. Which being read an approved the clerk is directed to sign it

Abigail Hubbs, Hester Garratt and Hannah Baker are appointed to show her a copy thereof; inform her of her right to appeal and report.

The friends appointed to visit Elizabeth Switzer report they have not been able to pay attention to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Sophia White to the committee.

The committee in the case of Sophia Vanvalkenburg inform they have paid some attention to it but wish her case left under care to report when prepared which the meeting united with.

This meeting adjourned to meet at West Lake if permitted.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 13<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Month 1849.**

Representatives being called are present except three no reason given for their absence no account from Camden at this time.

The Queries and advises with answers to five of them have been read a summary of which are as follows and are directed to the Quarterly Meeting We appoint Jane Cronk, Anna Brundage, Hester Garratt and Abigail Leavens to attend therewith and report.

Quarterly collection 2/0 for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt.



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Ansr 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and dicipline are attended although a deficiency with many in this respect particularly in the middle of the week the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour remarked on

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is pretty generally maintained amongst us as becomes sisters when differences arise care is taken to end them; tale bearing and detraction discouraged and mostly avoided.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparell and endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in their families and some care extended in these respects toward others under their tuition.

Ansr 4<sup>th</sup> We believe Friends avoid the unnecessary use of distilled spirituous liquors, frequenting taverns, and attending places of diversion.

Ansr 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to dicipline but not as seasonably in all cases as desirable.

The committee appointed to show Jane Jackson a copy of the testification against her report it has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

The committee in the case of Elizabeth Switzer inform they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Lydia Philips (formerly) Bowerman for marrying contrary to the order of our Society and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, which this meeting notices and appoints Sophia White and Phebe Cronkhite to visit her on that acccount & report

The same preparative also forwarded proposals of marriage signed Judah H Bowerman son of Judah and Lavinia Bowerman and Abigail Ellsworth daughter of

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Job and Maria Ellsworth. We appoint Deborah Brown ~~and~~ and Hannah Baker to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

West Lake preparative also forwarded proposals of marriage signed Vincent Bowerman son of Thomas and ~~Maturah~~ Sarah Bowerman (both deceased) and Deborah Haight daughter of Wm and Mary Mullett the latter deceased which this meeting notices and appoints Jane Ellsworth and Jane Cronk to enquire into her clearness of other like engagments and report to our next meeting.

The meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 17<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1850.**

The representatives being called are present.

The Camden minutes were produced at this meeting and one of the representatives is present.

Three of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended the other did not and gave a reason for her absence

The clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired.

The committee appointed to show Jane Jackson a copy of the testification against her; report it has ~~been~~ not been attended to they are continued to that service.

The committee to visit Eliza<sup>th</sup> Switzer report they have not attended thereto they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Lydia Philips inform they have paid some attention to it but desire more time which being united with they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to enquire into Abigail Ellsworths clearness of other like engagements report they have done so and do not find anything to prevent their proceeding and having the consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next Monthly Meeting Abigail Hubbs and Patience Garratt are appointed to attend see if it be conducted in an orderly manner and report.

The committee appointed to enquire into Deborah Haight's clearness

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of other marriage engagements inform they have not found anything to prevent their proceeding and having consent of the only surviving parent they are left at liberty to accomplish their intentions at some suitable time previous to our next meeting we appoint Hannah Waring and Susan Dorland to attend said marriage see if it be conducted in an orderly manner and report.

West Lake preparative forwarded ~~to with~~ a complaint against Sarah Wycot (formerly Bowerman) for marrying contrary to the order of our society which this meeting notices and appoints Sophia White and Phebe Cronkhite to visit her on that account and report.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded proposals of marriage signed Henry S Bowerman son of Amos and Sarah Bowerman the latter deceased and Mary Ann Garratt daughter of Townsend and Hannah Garratt, we appoint Hannah Terril, and Lavinia Richmond, to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report.

Cold Creek preparative also forwarded proposals of marriage signed Reuben Garratt son of Thomas and Hester Garratt the former deceased and Mary Elizath Haight daughter of Rowland & Hannah Haight we appoint Anna Brundage and Mary Ann Valentine to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 21<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1850.**

The assistant clerk being absent Jane Cronk is appointed for the day

The representatives being called four are absent no reason given.

The queries and advices with the answers from our different preparatives have been read in this meeting they are in substance as follows and are directed to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Susan Dorland, Rachel Cronkhite Sophia White, Abigail Leavens and Jane Young.

1<sup>st</sup> Ans - All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although a slackness yet remains with some; the hour nearly observed; mostly clear of sleeping, no other unbecom

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ing behaviour remarked.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans - We believe Love and Unity are mostly maintained amongst us ( tho one of our answers mentions a deficiency in this respect) when differences arise care is taken to end them. Talebearing and detraction are not so fully avoided as is desireable and some care taken.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans - Friends are generally careful to keep themselves, and some their children; 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, the deficiencies are sorrowfully apparent and some care extended. We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families, and some care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans - We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes, and are clear of frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion.

5<sup>th</sup> Ans - The circumstances of the poor, and of those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief afforded tho this answer from one of our meetings was deficient friends children and those under their care, appear in a way to get school learning to fit them for business.

6<sup>th</sup> Ans - Six instances of keeping company with and marrying persons not of our society, We know of no parents conniving at their children keeping company with such, one instance of attending a marriage of one that went out from us accomplished by a priest. and care extended in these deficiencies.

7<sup>th</sup> Ans - We believe friends are clear in the several parts of this querie,

8<sup>th</sup> Ans - We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts, or of any that extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9<sup>th</sup> Ans - Care is taken to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness, but not in all cases as seasonably as would be agreeable to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> They are .

Quarterly collection 1/ 3 for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt.

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The committee appointed in the case of Jane Jackson not being ready to make a full report are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Eliza<sup>th</sup> Switzer report having done so satisfactorily and the meeting uniting in receiving her having the concurrence of men friends therein Mary Dorland and Jane Young are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The committee appointed to visit Lydia Phillips on account of the complaint against her inform the meeting they have attended therto and have produced an acknowledgment with which the meeting ~~being~~ was satisfied ~~with~~ and men friends uniting with was accepted and Lavinia S Bowerman and Hannah Baker appointed to inform her thereof and report.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of J H Bowerman and Abigail Ellsworth report they attended and did not discover but that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Vincent Bowerman & Deborah Haight report they did so and believe it to have been conducted in an orderly manner.

The committee appointed to enquire into Mary Ann Garratts clearness of other marriage engagements report they did not find anything to prevent their proceeding and having the consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting Patience Garratt and Angeline Haight are appointed to attend see if it be conducted in an orderly manner and report.

One of the friends appointed to enquire into Mary Eliz<sup>th</sup> Haight's clearness of other marriage engagements inform they have done so and did not find anything to prevent their proceeding, and having the consent of parents they are at liberty to fulfil their intentions at some suitable time before our next Monthly Meeting we appoint Abigail Leavens and Deborah Bowerman to attend said marriage see if it be conducted in an orderly manner and report. \*

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Mary Jane Noxen (formerly Baker) for marrying contrary to the order of our society which this meeting notices and appoints Dorcas Garratt and Patience Garratt to visit her on that account and report.

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West Lake preparative also forwarded a complaint against Fanny Derbyshire, (formerly Robinson) for marrying contrary to the order of our society, we appoint Jane Young Jane Cronk to visit her on that account and report.

Ameliasburgh preparative forwarded a complaint against Catherine Gerow (formerly Hutchinson) for going out of plainness in dress and address and marrying one not in membership with us and having her marriage accomplished by a priest which this meeting notices and appoints Susan Dorland, Dorcas Garratt and Patty C Dorland to visit her on that account & report

\*The committee to visit Sarah Wycot inform they have done so and have produced an acknowledgment which this meeting unites in accepting having the concurrence of men friends therein We appoint Hannah Waring and Clara White to inform her thereof and report

A Part of the committee appointed to visit Maria Latta report having done so to good satisfaction and believe her to be sincere in her request after a time of deliberation it is the judgment of the meeting she be received and men friends uniting therewith, we appoint Hester Garratt and Anna Brundage to inform her thereof and report.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 21<sup>st</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1850.**

The representatives being called three are absent a reason given for one.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report[t] they attended.

The clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired.

One of the friends appointed to inform Elizath Switzer of her reception, informs it is not answered, they are continued to the service.

The committee to inform Lydia Phillips of the conclusion of the meeting in her case report they have attended to it.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Henry

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Bowerman and Mary Ann Garratt reports they attended and that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Reuben Garratt and Mary Eliza<sup>th</sup> Haight informs she attended and believes it to have been conducted in an orderly manner.

One of the committee to inform Sarah Wycot of the reception of her acknowledgment reports it have been attended to.

The committee appointed to ~~to~~ inform Maria Latta of her reception into membership ~~into membership~~ report the appointment answered.

One of the friends appointed to visit Mary Jane Noxon; on account of the complaint against informs they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to that service.

One of the committee to visit Fanny Derbyshire, informs they have not attended to it, they are continued to that service.

No report from the committee appointed to visit Catherine Gerow on account of the complaint against her the are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Deborah McCoy (formerly Mullett) for marrying contrary to the order of our Society and not conforming to plainness or attending meetings: which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Hubbs, and Rachel Cronkhite, to visit her on that account and report.

The time for which the clerks were appointed being expired Hannah Waring is continued to that service and Patty G Dorland appointed assistant for one year.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> month 1850.**

The representatives being called two are absent no reason assigned.

The friends appointed to inform Eliza<sup>th</sup> Switzer of her reception into membership it is not answered they are continued to that service.

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manner and report.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed, the following friends are appointed to propose names to our next Monthly meeting to fill that station for the ensuing year viz

Abigail Hubbs, Hannah Terril, Rachel Cronk, Patty G Dorland, Anna Brundage and Jane Cronk.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 13<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> Moth 1850.**

The representatives being called three are absent no reason given

The Queries and advices with the answers to five of them from our different preparatives ~~from our different~~ have been read at this time and are in substance as follows they are directed to the quarterly meeting, [transcribers note: the word meeting is followed by a word that has been stroked out in such a manner as to make it unreadable]

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there are deficiencies especially in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed by most friends not quite clear of sleeping some other unbecoming behaviour remarked, and some care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe Love and Unity are generally maintained as becomes sisters talebearing and detraction are mostly avoided and discouraged.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves and some their children 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 We believe the Scriptures of Truth are read in most friends families and some care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal, we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

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We appoint Fanny Waring, Deborah Bowerman, Mary Dorland, Phebe Burlingham and Susan Dorland to attend therewith and report.

Quarterly collection 1/3/2 for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt.

~~No report~~ One of the friends appointed to inform Elisa<sup>th</sup> Switzer of her reception into membership ~~in friends~~ reports it has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to inform Mary Jane Noxen of the reception of her acknowledgment informed it has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Fanny Derbyshire are not present they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to show Deoborah McCoy a copy of the testification against her inform they have attended to it.

The friends appointed to attend the marriage of Edward B Swetman and Margaret Terril report they attended and that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of friends to fill the Station of overseers the present year have produced the following which with one addition have been united with, being separately read and considered they are as follows, for West Lake, Sophia White, Hannah Waring and Lavinia S Bowerman for Ameliasburgh Phebe



Cronkhite and Elisa<sup>th</sup> N Dorland for Cold Creek Anna Brundage and Mary Anne Valentine for Haldiman Elisabeth Staples and Elisabeth Clark for Camden, Lorraine Brown and Mary Robinson, who are accordingly appointed to that Station.

Camden preparative forwarded to this meeting a request to be received into membership signed Susannah Scamahorn which this meeting notices and appoints Sophia White and Clara White to visit her on that account, enquire into her life and conversation, see if she be convinced of friends principles and report.

Camden preparative also forwarded a request signed Esther Oliver we appoint Phebe Cronkhite and Susan Dorland to visit her on that

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account ~~enquire into~~ see if see if she be convinced of friends principles ~~and report~~ enquire into her life and conversation and report.

Was also forwarded from the same meeting a request signed Sabrina Meeks, this meeting appoints Eliza<sup>th</sup> Branscome Mary Dorland and Deborah Bowerman to see if she be convinced of friends principles, enquire into her life and conversation and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> Month 1850.**

The representatives being called are present.

One of the friends appointed to inform Eliza<sup>th</sup> Switzer of her reception into membership reports she has not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service.

The friends named to inform Mary Jane Noxen of the reception of her acknowledgment report the appointment answered.

The committee appointed to visit Fanny Derbyshire inform they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Patience Garratt thereto.

The committee appointed to visit Susannah Scamahorn report they have not been able to attend to it, they are continued to that service

One of the friends appointed to visit Esther Oliver report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service.

Two of the committee to visit Sabrina Meeks report it has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

Our beloved friend Eliza Brewer attended this meeting with a minute from Leeds Monthly Meeting endorsed by the Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with a prospect which had for some time attended her mind of visiting the principal meetings of friends in Canada, most of the meetings comprising Ohio Yearly Meeting and some of the meetings composing Indiana Yearly Meeting, her company and gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

Our esteemed friend Hester Garratt produced at this meeting minutes from LeRay Quarterly and Western Monthly Meetings expressive of their satisfaction with her company and Gospel labours

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amongst them, Also minutes on behalf of Mary Anne Valentine who accompanied her which have been satisfactory to us.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 10<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1850**

The clerk being absent Rachel Cronkhite is appointed for the day.

Representatives being called are present.

The friends appointed to inform Eliza<sup>th</sup> Switzer of her reception into membership report the appointment answered.

The committee appointed to visit Fanny Derbyshire report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued.

The committee appointed to visit Susannah Scamahorn report they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Esther Oliver inform they have paid Some attention to it but are not ready to make a full report.

The committee to visit Sabrina Meeks report it has not been attended to tho they have not been unmindful of it, they are continued.

The committee appointed to visit Sophia Vanvaltenburgh have visited her satisfactorily and believe her to be sincere in here request and convinced of friends principles, and on enquiry find her to be of an orderly life and conversation, after a time of deliberation this meeting appears united in receiving her having the concurrence of men friends therein, Patience Garratt and Sophia White are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The committee appointed to visit Catherine Gerow on account of the complaint against her have again done so, but did not find her in a disposition of mind to make satisfaction and this meeting appears united in disowning her having the approbation of men friends therein. Angeline Haight and Rachel Cronkhite are appointed to prepare a testification against her for the approval of our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

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**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1850**

The representatives being called four are present, no reason assigned for the absences of one, no report from the others.

The Queries and advices with the answers to five of them from our different preparatives have been read in this meeting they are in substance as follows.

1<sup>st</sup> Ans'r All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, tho many are deficient in this respect particularly in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed by most friends not quite clear of sleeping, some unbecoming behaviour remarked amongst the youth which has been attended to

2<sup>nd</sup> One instance of breach of love and Unity which is under care, where differences have arisen care has been taken to endeavor to end them one instance of talebearing and detraction which is also under care.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves, and their children, and the friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, and some endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian tho deficiencies are sorrowfully apparent and some care extended we believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and some care extended towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal, we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

They are directed to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives we appoint Elizabeth White Lorraine Brown Abigail Hubbs Jane Young and Rachel Cronkhite to attend therewith and report.

Quarterly collection 2/8 for which the clerk is directed to

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produce the treasurers receipt.

One of the committee appointed to visit Fanny Derbyshire reports having done so accompanied by a friend satisfactorily and have produced an acknowledgment which was read in this meeting and the unity of friends being expressed therewith it is concluded to continue her a member, Lorraine Brown and Margaret Potter are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The committee to visit Susannah Scamahorn report they have not been able to it on account of the indisposition of one of them they are continued to that service.

One of the committee appointed to visit Esther Oliver inform only one of them have visited her they are continued to report when prepared.

One of the committee to visit Sabrina Meeks reports having done so satisfactorily, believe her to be convinced of friends principles and on enquiry find her life and conversation to be orderly it is therefore the judgment of this meeting she be received and men friends uniting therewith we appoint Sophia White and Lorraine Brown to inform her thereof and report.

The Committee appointed to inform Sophia Vanvalkenburgh of her reception into membership inform they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to the service

The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Catherine Gerow have produced the following, Whereas Catherine Gerow (formerly Hutchinson) having so far deviated from the good order of our Society as to go out of plainness in dress and address and marrying a person not in membership with us and having her marriage accomplished by a priest, our labours of love failing to reclaim her we testify against her being any longer a member thereof until she be brought to a sense of her error which that she may be favored to do is our desire, which being read and approved the clerk is directed to sign it Susan Bowerman and Rachel Cronkhite are appointed to show her a copy thereof

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inform her of her right to appeal and report

Our dear friend Esther Garratt laid before this meeting a prospect which had for some time attended her mind of visiting Yonge Street Quarterly Meeting to be held at Pickering and some of the meetings Composing that quarter which this meeting expressed much unity with. our friend Jane Young also expressed a willingness to accompany her which this meeting also unites with and they are left at liberty to pursue their prospect.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded a complaint against Hannah Haight for having so far dishonoured the truth as to have spread an evil report concerning a friend calculated to promote disunity which the meeting notices and appoints Rachel Cronkhite Jane Young and Sophia White to visit her on that account and report

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West Lake 17<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1850.**

The representatives being called are present.

Three of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting attended no report from the others.

The clerk has produced the treasurers receipt as desired.

No report from the friends appointed to inform Fanny Derbyshire of her reception of her acknowledgment, they are continued to that service.

The friends appointed to visit Susanah Scamahorn report having paid some attention to her case and request an addition to the committee, Jane Young and Mary Ann Valentine are added to report when prepared.

One of the committee to inform Sabrina Meeks of her reception into membership reports the appointment answered.

The friends appointed to inform Sophia Vanvalkenburgh of her reception report it has been attended to.

No report from the friends appointed to show Catherine Gerow a copy of the testification against her, they are continued.

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2 of The committee appointed to visit Hannah Haight on account of the complaint against her inform they have done so and that she had made an acknowledgment to the parties concerned which appeared satisfactory and was concluded to be sufficient.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Stephen Hubbs and Lydia Bowerman which this meeting notices and appoints Abigail Leavens and Elizabeth Branscome to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements and report to our next meeting.

The minutes and Epistles from the Yearly Meeting also the London epistle have been received and are referred to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 21<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>th</sup> 1850.**

The representatives being called are present.

One of the friends appointed to inform Fanny Derbyshire of the reception of her acknowledgment report it has been attended to.

One of the committee appointed to show Catherine Gerow a copy of the testification against her informs the appointment is answered.

The friends appointed to enquire into Lydia Bowermans clearness of other marriage engagements report they do not find anything to prevent her proceeding and having consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time previous to our next meeting. Lydia Haight and Sarah Southard are appointed to inform her thereof, attend the marriage see if it be conducted in an orderly manner, and report.

The Epistle from the London Yearly Meeting has been read at this time we hope its valuable contents have been satisfactory and encouraging to those present.

The Epistles and minutes from New York have also been received and are directed to be handed down to our preparative meetings.

This meeting concludes to meet at West Lake the 2<sup>nd</sup>. 6<sup>th</sup> day in next month if permitted.

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Month 1850.**

The representatives being called four are absent no reason given

The Queries and advices with the answers to five of them from our different preparative meetings have been read at this time and are in substance as follows and are directed to the Quarterly Meeting, We appoint Jane Cronk, Rachel Cronkhite, Anna Brundage and Jane Young to attend therewith and report.

1<sup>st</sup> Ans<sup>r</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended except two which neglect was caused partly by ill health and partly by the inclemency of the weather, not quite clear of sleeping some disorderly conduct in which care has been extended.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and Unity are generally maintained as becomes sisters One instance of disunity and some care taken we believe friends avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves and some their children in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel, and we believe they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and some care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> Care has not been taken in all cases so seasonably to deal with offenders as would be desirable where it has been extended we trust it has been done in the spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our discipline.

No Quarterly collection at this time.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Stephen Hubbs and Lydia Bowerman reports she attended

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and that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

Our beloved friend Margaret Potter laid before our last Meeting a prospect that had long attended her mind of visiting in gospel love most of the meetings comprising Indiana Yearly Meeting the southern part of Ohio and some of the meetings of New York and Pennsylvania, after deliberating thereon, unity was expressed with her concern ~~and her proposal~~ which was also laid before men friends who have furnished us with a minute on her behalf which this meeting directs the clerk to sign and furnish her with a copy of.

Our beloved friend Jane Young informed this meeting she believed it would be her duty to accompany our friend Margaret Potter in her intended visit with which much unity was expressed.

This meeting concludes to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1851.**

The representatives being called are present.

Two of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended the other two assigned reasons for their non attendance.

Our beloved friend Hester Garratt expressed in this meeting a prospect which rested with her of visiting in Gospel love the Quarterly meetings of Pelham and Yonge Street and most of the meetings comprising these quarters which after deliberating upon the meeting united with and desires were expressed that she might be favoured with the direction of best wisdom and return with the reward of Peace.

Our beloved friend Hannah Terril ~~informed~~ expressed a belief that she should find peace in accompanying our friend Hester Garratt which was also united with.

The committee appointed to visit Hester Oliver inform they have done so and believe her to be sincere in her request and measurably convinced of friends principles and that her life and conversation is orderly unity was expressed with the report and men friends concurring therewith it is concluded to receive her into membership Hannah Baker and Elizabeth Bran[s]

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come, are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

Men friends forwarded a minute on behalf of Jane Young which the meeting directs the clerk to sign.

This meeting concludes to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 20<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1851.**

The representatives being called four are absent a reason assigned for two.

The Queries and answers from our different preparative meetings have been read at this time the substance of which is as follows they are directed to the Quarterly Meeting, the advices have also been read, We appoint Sophia White, Hannah Waring, Frances Waring and Mary Ann Valentine as our representatives to attend therewith and report. Ansr 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although a great want of diligence is observable in this important duty, the hour nearly observed by most friends, not quite clear of sleeping, some other unbecoming behaviour remarked, and



care extended.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and Unity are not so fully maintained amongst us as becometh Sisters, when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, tale bearing and detraction are not so fully avoided and discouraged as would be desirable, some care taken in these deficiencies.

3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are 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 although many deficiencies are sorrowfully apparent and some advice given We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and some care extended in these respects to others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors

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excepting for purposes strictly medicinal, we know none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and relief offered we believe their children and others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business .

6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of keeping company with and marrying persons not of our society no parents to charge with conniving thereat; one instance of attending a marriage contrary to discipline.

7<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises a paying their just debts or of any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession.

9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders we believe in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> They are.

One of the friends appointed to inform Hester Oliver of her reception into membership inform it has been attended to.

Two of the committee appointed to visit Susannah Seamahorn inform they have done so with much satisfaction and believe her to be under conviction this meeting approving the judgement of the committee is united in receiving her having the concurrence of men friends therein we approve. Elizabeth T Haight Patricia Garratt and Jane Young to inform her thereof and report.

This meeting concludes to meet at the usual time at west Lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 20<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1851.**

The representatives being called are present with one exception

Two of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended

Two of the committee appointed to inform Susannah Seamahorn of the conclusion of the meeting in her case inform they have paid some attention to it they are continued to that service.

Our beloved friends Hester Garratt and Hannah Terril re-

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turned at this meeting the minutes granted them at our last Monthly Meeting and produced minutes on their behalf from Pelham and Yonge street which are satisfactory to us.

A certificate on behalf of Mary Robinson was read and accepted in this meeting.

One of the overseers of Camden meeting being deceased this meeting is united in appointing Mary Robinson to that service for one year; Sophia White and Jane Young are appointed to inform her thereof and report.

The time being expired for which the clerks were appointed, Hannah Waring is continued and Abigail Hubs appointed to that service for one year.

This meeting concluded to meet at the usual time at West lake if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Woman Friends held at West Lake 17<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 1851.**

The representatives being called are present except one no reason given for her absence.

The friends appointed to visit Susannah Seamahorn not being ready to report are continued to that service.

Men friends forwarded a request from Cold Creek preparative meeting to hold the Monthly Meeting at that place four times in the year viz in first fourth seventh and tenth months and inform they have concluded to leave it for further consideration in which this meeting unites

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 15<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Month 1857.**

The representatives being called two are absent no reason given.

The committee to inform Mary Robinson of her appointment as overseer inform it has not been attended to they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Susannah Seamahorn

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inform they are not ready to report her case is continued under their care.

Men friends inform they have concluded to appoint a joint committee to take into consideration the proposition from Cold creek to hold the Monthly Meeting there four times in the year to report in 8<sup>th</sup> mo<sup>th</sup> with which this meeting unites Sophia White, Patience Garratt, Jane Young, E. A. Dorland, Hannah Waring, Abigail Hubbs, Elisa<sup>th</sup> T Haight and Lavinia S Bowerman are appointed to join men friends therein.

Our beloved friend Hester Garratt laid before this meeting a prospect which attended her mind of visiting some of the meetings of Ferrisburgh and LeRay Quarterly Meetings, which she also laid before men friends unity was expressed with her concern and she is left at liberty to proceed as truth may open the way.

This meeting concluded to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day in 6<sup>th</sup> Mo<sup>th</sup> if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 12<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> Mo 1851.**

The representatives being called five are absent a satisfactory reason given for one no report from the others.

The Queries and advices with answers to five of them from our different preparatives have been read at this time they are in substance as follows and are directed to the Quarterly Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Ans. Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worships and discipline the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping or other unbecoming behaviour in these

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Love and unity are not so fully maintained by all as becomes Sisters when differences arise care is taken to endeavour to end them talebearing and detraction are not so fully avoided an discouraged by all friends as would be for the honour of truth and some care extended,

3 Ans. Most friends appear careful to keep themselves, and some their children and others under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel and we trust are endeavouring by example an precept to train them up in a

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religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession although deviations are sorrowfully apparent we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended to those under their tuition and some care extended in the above deficiencies.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal we know of none who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

We appoint Jane Young, Susan Bowerman Patience Garratt and Abigail Hubbs as our representatives to attend therewith and report.

Quarterly collection one shilling and ten pence halfpenny for which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt.

One of the committee appointed to inform Susannah Seamahorn of her reception into membership it answered.

The committee to inform Mary Robinson of her appointment as overseer report having paid attention to it.

Our beloved friend Hester Garrat returned the minute made out for her at our last Monthly Meeting way not opening for her to proceed in her prospect at this time.

Camden Preparative forwarded to this meeting a request to be received into membership signed Lois Card which this meeting notices Eva Cole and Nancy Robinson to visit her on that account and see if she be convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation if it be orderly and report.

The Preparative meeting of ministers and elders forwarded for the consideration of this meeting a proposal to acknowledge Jane Young as a minister Lavinia Bowerman and Susan Dorland all appointed in conjunction with men friends to hear and consider objections should any be made and report.

Our Friend Jane Young returns the minute given her under the prospect of accompanying Margaret Potter on her religious visit the health of the latter not being sufficient for the undertaking at this time.

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LeRay Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> mo forwarded to this a complaint against Elizath Gouldthrite? formerly a member of that meeting but now living within the verge of this stating that she has so far deviated from the good order of friends of as to be guilty of reproaching and slandering others, and also for upholding her daughters in studying musick. We believe also she has not at all times observed that due moderation in her manner of living which is to the honour of truth or the welfare of others. This meeting appoints Jane Young, Abigail and Nancy Robinson to make the necessary enquiry concerning her and report

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time if permitted.

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 17<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup> mo 1851.**

The representatives being called are present except one a satisfactory reason given for her absence.

Three of the friends appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they attended.

No report from the friends appointed to visit Lois Card they are continued to that service with the addition of Sophia White to the committee.

The committee appointed to hear and consider objections should any be made to Jane Young being acknowledged a minister report that none have been made and unity being expressed therewith she is accordingly acknowledged to that station.

Two of the committee appointed to make enquiry concerning Eliza<sup>th</sup> Gouldthrite inform there had been no way a at present for their attending to they are continued to that service.

West Lake preparative meeting forwarded a complaint against Abigail Blount for so far deviating from the paths of rectitude as to bring disgrace upon the cause of truth and friends which this meeting notices and appoints Dorcas Garratt and Phebe Cronkhite to visit her on that account and

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report.

Extracts of the Epistles addressed to the Yearly meeting have been satisfactorily read at this time and are directed to be handed to our preparative meetings.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted

### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 21<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Mo 1851.**

The assistant clerk being absent Mary Ann Valentine was appointed for the day.

The representatives being called are present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

One of the committee appointed to visit Lois Card reports they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to make enquiry concerning Eliza<sup>th</sup> Gouldthrite informs they had not yet paid attention to it they are continued to that service.

The committee appointed to visit Abigail Blount report having done so and that she acknowledged the complaint to be just, after deliberating thereon it is the judgment of this meeting she be disowned having the concurrence of men friends therein Hannah Waring and Deborah Brown are appointed to prepare a testification against her for the approval of our next meeting.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting a complaint against Caroline Nash for neglecting the attendance of our meetings and uniting herself with those not professing as we do, also for departing from plainness which this meeting notices and appoints Lavinia S Bowerman and Sophia White to visit her on that account and report.

West Lake preparative also forwarded proposals of marriage signed George N Holway and Maria A Ellison this meeting appoints Jane Young and Abigail Leavens to enquire into her clearness of other like engag

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To West Lake Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends

Maria A Elison having removed and settled within the limits of your meeting requests our certificate. This may certify on her behalf that she is a member of this meeting and by enquiry her outward affairs are settled, and she clear of marriage engagements amongst us as far as appears. We therefore recommend her to your Christian care and regard.

We are your friends

Signed on behalf of Nine Partners Mo— Meeting of friends held 21<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> 1851

Nathan Swift

Maria Ann Haviland clks

Isaac Thorne Correspondent.

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ments and report to our next meeting.

The time being expired for which the overseers were appointed Eliza<sup>th</sup> Outwaters Hannah Terril, Phebe Burlingham, Amy Lear, Sophia White, Patience Garratt, and Dorcas Garratt are appointed a committee to consider of and forward names of friends to fill that station the ensuing year for the approbation of the meeting.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of holding the Monthly Meeting at Cold Lake part of the year report they have given attention thereto but are not ready to bring in a final report.

Men friends forwarded a request from Huntingdon signed by several friends desiring to be brought under the care of this meeting unity being expressed with them therein ~~onnda? the following~~ Jane Young, Phebe Cronkhite, Dorcas Garratt Sophia White and Eliza<sup>th</sup> N Dorland are appointed to join a committee of men friends to take into consideration the request and report in three months.

This meeting concludes to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted

**West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 18<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1851.**

The representatives being called 3 are absent no reason given,  
no account received from Camden at this time

Quarterly collection three shillings and four pence halfpenny fee which the clerk is directed to produce the treasurers receipt

The queries and advices have been read at this time with answers to five of them, they are directed to the Quarterly Meeting by our representatives who are Abigail Leavens, Patty C Dorland, Martha Hubbs and Lydia Haight.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended but not as dilligently by some as is desired the hour pretty nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Love and Unity are generally maintained as becomes sisters when differences have arisen care has been taken to endeavour to end them talebearing and detraction are not as fully avoided and discouraged as is desirable, some care taken.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech, behaviour, and apparel although many deficiencies with regard to their children and those under their care are apparent, we believe some do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession.

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal, clear of frequenting taverns, several instances of attending a place of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has mostly been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

The committee appointed to visit Lois Card report they have done so and believe her to be convinced of friends principles and in enquiry find her life and conversation to be orderly, after deliberating thereon it is the judgement of this meeting she be received having the concurrence of men friends we appoint Clara White and Maria Ellsworth to inform her thereof and report.

The friends appointed to make enquiry concerning Eliza<sup>th</sup> Gouldthrite inform sickness has prevented their paying attention to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Amy Lear to the committee.

The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Abigail Blount have produced the following,

Whereas, Abigail Blount a member of our religious society has so far deviated from the good order thereof as to forsake the path of rectitude and conduct herself in a manner to being reproach against the cause of

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Truth and friends, we therefore testify against her being any longer a member amongst us until she may see the error of her ways and make satisfaction therefore which she may be favoured to do is our sincere desire which being read and approved the clerk is directed to



sign it on behalf of the meeting, Sophia White and Hannah Baker are appointed to show her a copy thereof inform her right to appeal and report.

The committee to visit Caroline Nash on account of the complaint against her inform they have not been able to attend to it they are continued to that service with the addition of Jane Young.

A certificate on behalf of Maria A Ellison has been read and received in this meeting.

The friends appointed to enquire into Maria A Ellison's clearness of other marriage engagements inform they have done so and find nothing to prevent their proceeding and having the consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage, men friends inform they have allowed a meeting for that purpose, we appoint Susan Dorland and Patty B Dorland to attend, see if it be conducted in an orderly manner, and report.

Our friend Hester Garratt having requested the unity of this meeting in a prospect of attending the Quarterly Meeting of Yonge St to be held at Pickering, and also laying her concern before men friends they were united in liberating her and furnished her with a minute for that purpose.

West Lake preparative forwarded to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Wm L Hubbs and Margaret J Bowerman which this meeting notices and appoints Patience Garratt and Jane Young to enquire into her clearness of other like engagements, and report to our next meeting.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted

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#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women friends held at West Lake 16<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> mo 1851.**

The representatives being called are present.

The friends appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting report they attended.

One of the friends appointed to inform Lois Card of her reception into membership reports they have attended to it.

The committee appointed to make enquiry concerning Eliz<sup>th</sup> Gouldthrite inform they have paid some attention to it but are not prepared to make a full report, they are continued.

One of the friends appointed to show Abigail Blount a copy of the testification against her inform they have attended to it.

Two of the committee to visit Caroline Nash report they have been prevented attending to it by sickness they are continued to that service.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Geo. Holway and Maria Ellison reports she attended and that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

The friends appointed to enquire into Margaret Jane Bowermans clearness of other marriage engagements report they have done so and do not find anything to prevent her proceeding and having consent of parents they are left at liberty to accomplish their marriage at some suitable time before our next Monthly Meeting we appoint Deborah Bowerman and Maria Ellsworth to attend see if it be conducted in an orderly manner & report.

The minutes from Camden preparative meeting have been received and read at this time.

The committee appointed to bring forward names of friends to fill the station of overseers have produced the following for Cold Creek Mary Ann Valentine and Anna Brundage, for Ameliasburgh Phebe Cronkhite & Eliz<sup>th</sup> N Dorland to which Eliz<sup>th</sup> T Haight was added for West Lake Abigail Hubbs, Hannah Waring, Frances Waring, and Lucy Ann Baker which being

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separately read and considered were united with and accordingly appointed for one year.

No names being brought up for Haldimand and Camden the following were named and approved of for Haldimand Eliza<sup>th</sup> Clark and Eliza<sup>th</sup> Staples, for Camden Mary Robinson and Eliza<sup>th</sup> Switzer and friends appointed to inform them thereof.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time at Ameliasburgh if permitted

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of Women Friends held at Ameliasburgh 20<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>th</sup> mo 1851.**

The representatives being called are present except one.

Part of the committee appointed to make enquiry concerning Eliza<sup>th</sup> Gouldthrite; report no further attention they are continued to report when prepared.

One of the friends appointed to visit Caroline Nash inform they have done so and that she acknowledged the complaint to be just but expressed no desire to make satisfaction it is therefore the judgment of this meeting she be disowned having the unity of men friends therein we appoint Deborah Bowerman and Susan Dorland to prepare a testification against her for the approval of our next meeting.

One of the friends appointed to attend the marriage of Wm Hubbs and Margaret Jane Bowerman reports having done so and that it was conducted in an orderly manner.

Our beloved friend Hester Garratt returned the minute of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 18<sup>th</sup> liberating her to attend the Quarterly Meeting of Yonge street and produced a returning minute from that meeting which was satisfactory to us

This meeting adjourned to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> day in next mo at West Lake if permitted.

#### **West Lake Monthly Meeting of women Friends held at West lake 11<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> Month 1851.**

Representatives being called five are absent no reason given.

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The queries and advices have been read in this meeting and answers to five of them from our preparatives ~~me~~ with the exception of Camden a summary of which are as follows and are directed to the Quarterly Meeting by our representative who are Amy Lear, Clara White Eliza Mullett and Hannah Waring.

Ansr 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, but not as diligently by all our members as is desired, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour remarked.

Ansr 2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are generally maintained as becomes sisters when differences arise care is taken to end them, talebearing and detraction discouraged

although not so fully guarded against as desirable.

Ansr 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel but not so careful in these respects as regards their children and some endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession. We believe the Scriptures of Truth are read in friends families and some care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> We know of no friends who make use of distilled Spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal nor of any frequenting taverns, several instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken.

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness tho not at all times as seasonably as could be agreeable to discipline.

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The friends appointed to prepare a testification against Caroline Nash have produced the following.

Whereas Caroline Nash a member of our society having so far deviated from the good order established amongst us as to neglect the attendance of our meetings and unite herself with those not professing with us and for being out of plainness in dress and address she having been laboured with for her restoration and recovery without the desired effect we testify against her being any longer a member of our society untill by an amendment of life she shall make friends satisfaction for these her outgoings which she may be favored to do is our desire, which being read and approved the clerk is directed to sign on behalf of the meeting. We appoint Eliza Mullett and Clara White to show her a copy thereof inform her of her right to appeal, and report.

Cold Creek preparative forwarded to this meeting a request to be received into membership signed Mary Maybee we appoint Phebe Cronkhite and Jane Young to visit her on that account see if she be convinced of friends principles enquire into her life and conversation and report.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake if permitted.

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