

1844  
10 m<sup>o</sup>  
At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 10<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1844. By accounts recieved from each of the preparative meetings the Representatives appointed to attend this m.g. are from the Soth **Benjamin Gidley & George W. Frances.** from the north **Benjamin Potter & Thomas K. Wilbur,** who are all present.

One of the Representatives appointed last m<sup>o</sup> to attend the Quarterly Meeting now reports that they all attended. ~~~~~

*G. Almy Request a copy of minute*  
By the accounts from the north preparative Meeting it appers that **George Almy** requests a Copy of a minute for his two minor Sons **James T. and John Eddy Almy.** directed to **New Bedford M<sup>o</sup> Meeting** of Friends. setting forth thire right of membership, they having gone to reside for a time within the limits of that meeting, with which this meeting has Unity, and the Clerk is directed to forward to that meeting the substance of the above minute. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*I. R. Gifford Request copy of minute*  
Our friend **Isaac R. Gifford** informed this meeting that he & his Wife **Phebe R.** felt willing to stand resigned to accompany our Esteemed friend **Lemuel Gifford** in his proposed religious visit to Friends of **Rhode Island** and **Smithfield** Quarterly M.gs. (as may be expresed in his Certificate of concurence from **Sandwich M<sup>o</sup> Meeting**) which claiming the consideration of this meeting was united with. and they left at liberty & encouraged to procede therein being members in unity with us. And the assistant Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing them with a copy of this minute. -----

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

1844  
11 m<sup>o</sup>  
At a monthly Meeting of friends held at **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 11<sup>mo</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1844. by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Benjamin Gidley & Otis Slocum.** from the North **William Tucker & George Almy.** who are all present. ~~~

The Clerk being absent **Joseph Gifford** is appointed clerk for the day. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Benjamin Fry-attended this M.g.*  
Our Esteemed friend **Benj<sup>n</sup> Fry.** attended this meeting with a certificate of concurence from **Sandwich M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends New hampshire,** his company & Gospel Labors are acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing him with a copy of this minute. ~~~

The Queries with answers to the 1, 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read in this meeting & a summary therefrom directed to our

*Queries ans<sup>d</sup> to Q<sup>r</sup> M.g.-*  
next Quarterly Meeting by **Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley, Abram Russell** and **George Almy.** who are appointed representatives to that Meeting And they are desired to report their attendence to our next M.g and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necess-

=ary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on the behalf of this meeting. ~~~~~

Information was now Rec<sup>d</sup> by the South minute [sic]

Respecting **Henry Smith** (viz) To the preparative & M<sup>o</sup> Meeting

*Henry Smith  
complained of*

Dear friends, **Henry Smith** has so far deviated from the good Order established amongst us. as to keep company and marry to one not a member with us. which We submit to the Meeting

**Dartmouth 11<sup>mo</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1844 sign<sup>d</sup>. Abram Russell }**

**Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley }** overseers

*Disowned }  
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Which being considered and he being gone to sea on a Voiage of some length it is concluded to defer the appointment of a committee to labor with him on that a/c to some future meeting.

**Joseph Gifford** Ck for the day

*12<sup>mo</sup>  
1844*

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth 25<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>mo</sup> 1844** By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to this M.g are from the South **Daniel Howland & Humphrey Anthony** from the North **Caleb Slade & W<sup>m</sup> Potter** and all present. ~~

One of the Representatives appointed last M<sup>o</sup> to attend the Q. M.g. Reports that they all attended. ~~~

*Scholar at }  
School }*

The committee appointed in 7<sup>mo</sup> to make selection of a Schollar to take the priviledge at our Boarding School, **Prov =idence** inform that one has been found who is now at school

*Document  
of Meeting for  
Sufferings  
Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read*

Our preparative meetings inform that they have Rc<sup>d</sup> & read a Document issued by our meeting for sufferings of **New England** Yearly Meeting dated the 6<sup>th</sup> of the present month one of which has also at this time been read. giving an account of a painful Separation which has taken place within the limits of **Rhode Island** Quarterly meeting of Friends, and also giving some Salutary & Satisfactory advice As well as refering friends to several Epistles & Testimonies issued by our Yearly M.g. & the Meeting for Sufferings within the last few years and friends were Exorted to a reperusal of those advices & Doctrines. And to seek for & after the unity of the Spirit & Bond of peace.

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

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*1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1845*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth 22<sup>d</sup> of 1<sup>mo</sup> 1845**. By a/c<sup>s</sup> Rc<sup>d</sup> from each preparative Meeting. the Representatives are from the South **Barret Beard & Josiah Shearman [Sherman]** from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & Daniel Wilbur**, who are all present. ~~~~~

*Richard S.  
Gifford*

The committee appointed in 3<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1842 & Continued as per Old Record Book page 327. in the Case of **Richard S. Gifford** now report that they have attended to their appointment & have had Several oppertunities with him endeavouring to labor in the ability afforded. and although he appeared desirous to remain a member yet he did not manifest an engagement of mind Rightly to support our christian dicipline; & feeling clear of further labor we submit the case to the meeting dated 1<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1845 & sign<sup>d</sup> **Joseph Gifford**

**Abram Russell & Isaac Lawrence }** Comtee

Which being read it was concluded to refer the subject to our next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting for its decision. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Committee for Overseers-* The time for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed having expired. **Abram Russell, Isaac Lawrence, W<sup>m</sup> Potter, Warren Gifford, Otis Slocum & Barret Beard** are appointed to bring forward to our next m<sup>o</sup> meeting. the names of such friends as they may apprehend suitable for that station.  
**Isaac R. Gifford Clerk**

*2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1845* At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1845. By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **George Smith & Benjamin Gidley** from the north **Benj<sup>n</sup> Tucker & George Almy**, who are all present. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*friends* Our Beloved Friend **Samuel Taylor J<sup>n</sup>** is now in attendance with us. A Satisfactory Certificate from **Sidny M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of State of M<sup>e</sup> [Maine?]** held at **Fairfield** 21<sup>st</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1844. Expressive of his being a minister in unity. & of their Concurrence with him in his present Religious prospect, was now Read, his Company & Gospel Labors have been acceptable & Edifying to us ~ ~ and *Samuel Taylor J<sup>n</sup> at this M.g.* and [*sic*] the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our Womens meeting in furnishing him with the substance of this minute. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The Case Referred from our last meeting [*ink blotch*] regard to **Richard S. Gifford**, coming again before us, & after

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*R. S. Gifford Disowned* a time of deliberation hereon. Reading the report of the committee. As also a paper handed in by the S<sup>d</sup> **Richard** & having the Concurrence of the Women herein. We came to the Conclusion to disown him the Said **Richard S Gifford** & no longer consider him a member of our Religious Society & **Isaac Lawrence & Warren Gifford** are appointed to give him this information. making Report of So doing———

*Rebecka A. Winslow Removed* This meeting Unites with the women in approving and Signing a Removal Certificate on behalf of **Rebeca A. Winslow** (wife of **Ezra**) directed to **Swanzey M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends**—

*Overseers Appointed* The Committee to Whom was referred the subject of Overseers now propose **Isaac R. Gifford Benjamin Potter. Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley Barret Beard, Humphrey Anthony, Daniel Howland. Joshua W. Gifford. & Abram Russell.** and after due consideration the proposition was United with & those friends were accordingly appointed to that Service for the Year to Come or untill

another appointment—

*I. R. Gifford*  
*Returned a*  
*a Copy of*  
*Minute*

Our friend **Isaac R. Gifford** now returned a Copy of a minute granted him & his Wife in the Eleventh M<sup>o</sup> last to accompany Our Esteemed Friend **Lemuel Gifford** to friends of **Rhode Island & Smithfield** Quarters. And produced Satisfactory returning minutes from those two meetings held in 11<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> last Expressive of their Company & attendance. ———

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup>*  
*1845*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1845. By accounts received the Representatives appointed to attend the Meeting are from the South. **Osman Wood.** & **Paul Fisher** from the North **Benjamin Potter** & **George Almy** who are all present.-

*Queries*  
*Answered*  
*to*  
*Q. Meeting*

The Queries with answers from each preparative meeting have been read from which Summary answers were proposed & adopted and are directed to be forwarded to Our next Quarterly Meeting by **Isaac Lawrence. William Tucker. Benjamin Potter & Isaac R. Gifford.** whom we have appointed Representatives thereto desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting and

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And the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary a/c from Our minutes Signing the Same on behalf of this meeting. ———

*Stock is*  
*paid in*

Our proportion of Stock is now reported to have been paid to our Treasurer<sup>rer</sup> from each of our preparative meetings for the Year 1844. ———

*Stock is*  
*paid to*  
*Q. M.g*

Our Treasurer also informs that our proportion of Quarterly meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting. & the Clerk is desired to notice the same in our account to that meeting. ———

*Committee*  
*Overseers Poor=*

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired. it is concluded that the present representatives bring forward to Our next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting the names of Friends for that Service———

*Committee*  
*for Clerks*

The time for which the Clerks of this meeting having expired This Subject is also left with the Same Representatives to propose friends for that Service & to report to Our next meeting. ~~~~~

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk——

*4<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup>*  
*1845*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 4<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1845- By the accounts Received. the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **James Wing & Howard Potter** from the North **Caleb Slade & W<sup>m</sup> Potter** who are all present. ———

*Clerks*  
*appointed*

The friends with whom this Subject was left (last month) now propose **Isaac R Gifford** for Clark of this meeting & **George Almy** for an assistant. which being United With

& appearing Satisfactory to the meeting they Were accordingly appointed to that Service for the ensuing Year or untill another appointment.—

*Representatives  
to  
O. M.g. Report*

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting reports that they all attended. ———

*Overseers  
of  
Poor*

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired & the Subject having been left with the Representatives to our last meeting. they now propose **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker William Potter Daniel Howland, Zebedee Gifford, Abram Russell & Barret Beard.** which being Satisfactory to us they were accordingly appointed to that Service for the Year ensuing. or untill another appointment.

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*Rich<sup>d</sup> S. Gifford*

**Isaac Lawrence** Reports that **Richard S. Gifford** has been informed of his denial. —————

*Mary. Hart  
obligation*

The Obligation for two hundred Dollars heretofore held by **Benj<sup>m</sup> Tucker** for the **Mary Hart** bequest, is now directed (as last Year) to be placed in the hands of the Overseers of this meeting & **Isaac R Gifford** is appointed to recieve S<sup>d</sup> Security from **Benj<sup>m</sup> Tucker** & hold the Same on behalf of this meeting & also to hold the income arising therefrom Subject to the trustees as heretofore—————

*Committee  
Allens neck  
Meeting  
House*

It appearing from information now Recieved that our Meetinghouse in **Allens neck** (So called) is insufficient & inadequate for the holding of meetings at the time of Funerals & on days of appointed meetings. whereupon we appoint **Otis Slocum. W<sup>m</sup> Tucker. Daniel Howland. Josiah Shearman, Isaac Lawrence, Barret Beard & Isaac R. Gifford** to examine Said House & take the Subject under Consideration and Then propose such alterations & Repairs as they may think proper & needful, together with an estimate of the probable expence &c- making report hereon when attended to ———

Signd **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk.

*5 M<sup>o</sup>  
1845*

At a M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 28<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1845- By accounts recieved, the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Benjamin Gidley & Otis Slocum** from the north **Rowland Rider & George Almy.** all present

*Meeting  
House  
Allens  
neck*

The Committee appointed last month to examine the Meeting House in **Allens neck** (So called) now repot that they have attended thereto, & came to the conclusion that it had ought to be enlarged, and propose that it be Sawed in two through the middle of it, and be liangthend by putting in twelve feet. ———

The probable expence of doing it will be about two hundred Dalls  
And also propose that there be Thirty cords of wood cut & Sold  
from the wood lot belonging to the M<sup>d</sup> Meeting to defray a  
part of the expence. the committe were all United in the propositi[on]  
Dated 5<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1845- & Said Report was Signed on behalf of the  
Committee by **William Tucker & Isaac R Gifford** which  
being Read Claimed Our attention ~~of the meeting~~ & the M.g-

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Came to the Conclusion to accept the report in both of the propositons  
by which that meeting house is to be enlarged. As also 30 Cords  
of wood to be t Sold from the Woodlot belonging to us. towards defraying  
the expence thereof. and **Zebedee Gifford. Daniel Howland –  
Joseph Gifford Abraham Russell. William Tucker & Abner  
Potter** are appointed to go forward Superintend the repairs  
also to have the wood cut & disposed of & make report  
herein <sup>when</sup> accomplished

**Benjamin Tucker** one of the

**Mary Hart** Trustees of the **Mary Hart** bequest reports that he has  
recieved twelve dollars one years Interest thereon. ———

**Townsend Sutton** notice of  
[written vertically:]  
which was sent  
by Letter in the  
care of **Richard  
Carpenter**  
( & in 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> was  
mail / Received)

This meeting is now informed. (by the South Preparative  
meeting) That **Townsend Sutton** (a member of **Nine-  
Partners** monthly meeting in the State of **New York.**)  
has Joind himself in Marriage with one of Our  
members contrary to the order of Society, & this meeting  
noticing the Complaint came to the conclusion to dir  
=ect the Clerk to give that meeting this information

**B.Ricketson** Dividends  
Rc<sup>d</sup>.

**Abraham Russell** on behalf of the Committee having Charge  
of the **Benjamin Ricketson** Bequest. now reports. that the  
dividends have Been Rc<sup>d</sup> for the past year amounting to  
twenty Dollars, as also the Rents for the Marsh 13\$. ~~Dollars~~  
total 33 dollars. which has been paid to Our Treasurer,  
which Report is satisfactory to Us.

**Report on Births & Deaths**

One of the Committee having the care of  
forwarding to our recorder information respecting Births  
& Deaths of members within Our limits. now make  
a Satisfactory Report.~~~

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk————

6 m<sup>o</sup>  
1845

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 25th of  
6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>d</sup> 1845. The Representatives appointed from the South  
are **Holder Shearman [Sherman] & Barret Beard** from the North **William  
Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all present ~~~~~

We have at this time Recieved & Read to our Satisfaction

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*Y. Meetings  
Committee  
with Us.* A Copy of a minute from our last Yearly Meeting embracing the appointment of a Committee to Visit such Subordinate meetings as may appear to them to Stand in need of assistance &c as containd in Said minute. A part of which Committee are now acceptably in attendance with us. See Sd Minute below

*C<sup>s</sup> Douglass  
attended* Our beloved friend **Cornelius Douglass** attended the meeting with a Certificate of Concurrence from **Vassalboro M<sup>o</sup> Meeting** of friends state of **Maine** held 5<sup>mo</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1845 his company & religious labors have <sup>^</sup>been Satisfactory to us & notice hereof is to be inserted in our a/c to the Q. Meeting

*Queries  
answered  
&  
Representatives  
appointed* The Queries with answers from each of the preparative M.g. to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read from which Summary Answers have been prepared & adopted. which together with extracts from our Minutes are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Joshua W. Gifford. Barret Beard. Abram Russell. Humphry Anthony & William Tucker.** whom we have appointed representatives there too desiring them to report their attin=dance to our next meeting. and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the needful a/c from our Records & Sign the Same on behalf of this meeting. —————

*Committee  
to  
take Care  
of  
Meeting  
houses &c* The subject of appointing a Committee to have & to take all necessary & Suitable Care & oversight of our Meeting houses ~ Burying grounds, (& also at Funerals) comming before us. We accordingly appoint **Abraham Russell. Isaac Lawrence ~ Freeman Lawrence, Abner Potter, Benjamin Gidley— Isaac R Gifford. Barret Beard. William Tucker. George W-Frances. Danil Howland. & William Potter** to those Services for the year ensuing or untill another appointm[ent] who are to act in unison with the views, and under the direction of the overseers of this meeting ~~~—————

*A Copy  
of a  
Minute  
from the  
Y. Meeting* At our yearly meeting of friends for **New England** held on **Rhode Island** from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>d</sup> inclusive of the 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1845= Believing that in regard to the Secession that has now taken place. the appointment of a Committee is called for to visit such Subordinate

meetings as may appear to them to Stand in need of assistance; And to afford Such council & advice as in the meekness & wisdom of the Truth they may be enabled to afford; & that they Should extend a Special care. in the assisting of friends in Sustaining our meetings in the different parts of the Yearly meeting according to our present

organization- We appoint as a committee for these purposes. our friends. **Perez Peck. Estes Newhall, Isaac Lawrence, Thomas Jones, Moses Farnum, John Warren, John D. Lang, David Douglass, Thomas Antho<sup>ny</sup> Rowland Green, George Howland, Samuel Boyce, Daniel Clapp, Paul Taber, Allen Wing, Nathan Pope. Nathan Breed (of Lynn) Jonathan Dame. Timothy Hanson, Benjamin Fry, Lemuel Jones. Joseph Metcoff [Metcalf], Stephen Jones J<sup>d</sup> David Buffum. Samuel Taylor J<sup>d</sup> Abram Russell John Paige & Abijah Johnson.** to act herein on our behalf & make report to this meeting next year – The times & places of holding our Several quarterly meetings being Specified in the book of dicipline, & the circumstances existing in one or more of the Quarters, rendering it probable that a greater discession to be given Such quarterly meetings than is provided in the dicipline. will promote the more Satisfactory accomplish<sup>ment</sup> of the business thereof– it is our conclusion & advice. that for the Year ensuing. Such Quarterly meetings may be at liberty to adjourn their meetings. held at the Specified times. from the place now prov<sup>ided</sup>, to any other place within the limits of such quarterly meeting, Said Quarterly Meeting acting therein in accordance with the advice of the Committee appointed at this time by the Yearly meeting. to Visit, adv<sup>ise</sup> & assist Such of our Subordinate meetings as circumstances may render necessary, & the Same liberty is granted Such preparative and monthly meetings as may be Similarly Situated. From the minutes of the Yearly meeting & Signed by **Abraham Shearman [Sherman] J<sup>d</sup> Ck** \_\_\_\_\_

Womens Committtee for Similar purposes– are **Elizabeth Wing. Susan Howland, Elizabeth Meader Miriam Newhall, Ruth Davis, Alice Rathbun, Anna Macomber. Hannah Dennis, Phebe R. Gifford, Ly<sup>d</sup>ia Allen. Deborah B. Warren, Ann E. Lang, Ruth Fry, Lydia Thom<sup>pson</sup>, Huldah Gifford, Anna Eates [Estes], Olive Wing. Alice Paige. Ruth Sawyer. Hannah Sawyer. Mary Shove, Chloe Douglass, Sephcona[?] Paige, Abigail M. Hanson Sarah Barnard. Eunice J. Rich, Lydia Hussey,— & Hannah Collins.** Apointed 6<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 1845 – **I. R. Gifford.** Clerk

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This meeting apprehending that some further action to be needful at this time in relation to the **Mary Hart** beq[?] (Viz) to Cause the Overseers of this meeting to be & to bec[o]me the trustees of or to Said bequest & fund. now revie[w?] & revise the minute of 5<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 1823. As also that of 4<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 184[?] with refference also to the minute made by us in 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1844- And are united in the proposition for the over<sup>seers</sup> of this meeting to be in future the Trustees of or to sa[id?] fund which appearing Satisfactory to us. They the overseers for the time being & in accordance with the will of the

*Mary Hart's  
bequest  
in Trust of  
the  
Overseers*



Donor are hereby appointed trustees to S<sup>d</sup> fund to hold, & to a[?] therein agreeable to the will of the Donor & also accountable to this meeting. making Report annually. \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaac R. Gifford Clk**

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 23<sup>d</sup> of 7<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 184[5]  
*7 m<sup>o</sup>*  
*1845*  
by accounts recieved from each of the preparative meetings the representatives therein appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Barrett Beard & Joseph Gifford** from the north **William Potter & William Tucker** all present

*A minute from Q.<sup>r</sup> Meeting Rc<sup>d</sup>*  
We have at this time Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read the ~~Satisf~~ following Satisfac[t] =tory minute from our last Quarterly meeting. & also Read again at this time the Minute Rc<sup>d</sup> at our last meeting from Our Yearly m.g. Sevaral friends of the Committee from both those meetings are now with us. thier company & Services are Verry acceptable

*Copy of a Minute from Q.<sup>r</sup> Meeting*  
The Copy of the minute of **Sandwich** Quarterly meeting (Viz) The Sorrowful work of Secession from our religious Society being now in progress within the limits of thier Quarterly meeting. We have believed that the appointment of a committee is called for on the part of this meeting to Visit such of Our Monthly Meetings as may Seem to them to Stand in need of assistance. Also preparative meetings Should the necessity of the case require it- & therein to labour as way may open for it, in the ability that may be afforded them, to enable such meeting to Sustain our Dicipline reputably to the cause of Truth; acting herein on our behalf in concert with

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the committee appointed by our late Yearly meeting to Visit Subordinate meetings. to make report to a future meeting. To which Service we appoint **Isaac R. Gifford, Abram Shearman [Sherman] J<sup>u</sup>, Newell Hoxie, Daniel Swift. W<sup>m</sup> C. Taber, Abram Russell, Stephen Dillingham [Dillingham], David K. Akin. Zeno Kelly, Moses F. Roggers [Rogers], W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell & Samuel Slaid [Slade]. From the minutes of **Sandwich** Q<sup>t</sup> Meeting held at **Nantuckett** 7<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1845- & Sign<sup>d</sup> by-**

**W<sup>m</sup> C. Taber** Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

*The Separation [five fingers pointing up]*  
This Seceding & Separating Spirit having for some time manifes =ted itself within our limits, **Seth Davis** a disaffected member & also on our minutes as an offender now proposed the app =ointment of another Clark, whilest ours were at the Table **John Wilbur** who having been regularly disowned by our Society in **Rhode Island** Quarter, & a few others who had for Some time manifested a discordant & Separating Spirit Uni =ted therewith; And **T.K. Wilbur** being named (by **S. Davis**) to act as their Clerk & urged to procede by the Same individuals; The meeting now Seeing the Sorrowful work of Secession & Separation in progress. admonished all those who were taking an active part,

or in any way encouraging such disorder, The Clerk on behalf of this meeting now desired & warned the individuals under dealing & those accompanied by **John Wibur [Wilbur]** together with himself who had already been disowned by their respective meetings. to withdraw and leave friends Select; Notwithstanding all those intreaties by many concerned friends including those of the committee in attendance from Our Yearly & Quarterly meeting, as well as the Clerks on their own & also on behalf of the meeting; **Thomas K. Wilbur** accepted of their appointment as Clerk who commenced & continued for some time in writing & reading very much to the dissatisfaction and also to the disturbance of the Meeting. (causing friends deep Sorrow of heart.)

They having been repeatedly Cautioned & admonished from taking Such a Step and from Such disorder. during which time paragraphs of Our Christian discipline together with an Epistle of advice from Our last Yearly meeting were read. in which their condition was feelingly Spoken too, Yet they remained With us in this manner until near five O'clock P.M. When **John Wilbur** & those who had been disowned by their meetings, With the individual under dealing & nine 9. Others of Our members withdrew

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And left the meeting; When we Quietly & in much harmony proceeded to transact the business of our M<sup>o</sup> Meeting-

*Y. Meeting*  
Epistle An acceptable Epistle of advice from our last Yearly meeting was now produced & Read which is to be placed on file & Coppies thereof distributed to all our members

*report to*  
Q. M.g. One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Q. Meeting Reports they all attended except one for whose absence a Satisfactory Reason was assigned. ~~

The following complaint was forwarded to this meeting from the overseers through our South preparative meeting respecting **Seth Davis**. (Viz) To the Preparative & M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends

*Seth Davis*  
*complained*  
of the overseers feel it to be a painful duty to inform that **Seth Davis** who Standing in the Station of an Elder has for a length of time manifested a want of that Unity which is So essential too, and which has ever been a distinguishing tract in our Christian Brotherhood, on which account labor has been bestowed by the Select members without producing the desired effect, And at our last Yearly meeting he was found joining & remaining with those who Seceded from us and Set up what they called a Yearly meeting under Our name. And also at our last Quarterly meeting He took a very prominent Stand in promoting a Separation

within the limits of this Q<sup>r</sup> Meeting. (Viz) In the appoin-  
 =tment of Clerks of Said meeting at that time in a  
 manner Contrary to the order & dicipline of our religious  
 Society. which was then accomplished by the disaffected  
 part of that body. He also joining again in the Sepa-  
 =ration, Whereupon we in company with some of the  
 Yearly & Quarterly meetings Committee Saught for an  
 interview (leaving the time & place with him) when  
 he in a very positive manner declined it, Saying that  
 he did not recognise us as the overseers of **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** M<sup>o</sup> M.g-  
 of friends; So that all oppurtunity for any further labor  
 by us Seems to be closed. Signed by the Overseers \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dated 7m<sup>o</sup> 2 15<sup>th</sup> 1845 **Abram Russell Isaac R Gifford**  
**Benjamin Gidley & Barrett Beard.** the S<sup>d</sup> Overseers —

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Which being read we appoint **Warren Gifford, Isaac Lawrence**  
**Joseph Gifford & George Almy**, to endeavour & if way opens  
 for it to treat with him for & on account of his offences  
 & make report to this meeting next month. \_\_\_\_\_

*Q. Meetings  
 Stock  
 is 126.00*

A minute from our last Quarterly meeting was now Read by which  
 it appears that Our proportion of Yearly & Q<sup>r</sup> meeting Stock  
 is One hundred & Twenty Six Dollars. which Our treasurer is direc-  
 =ted to pay to the treasurer of that m.g. whin in funds. ~~

*Committee  
 to attend  
 the north  
 Q. Meeting*

In our tried & painful situation in refference to the Secession which  
 has taken place it is thought advisable to look into the propriety  
 of Uniting our preparative meetings in order that friends may  
 be reputably sustained in their meetings for dicipline. & to this  
 Service we appoint **Otis Slocum, Benjamin Gidley, Barrett**  
**Beard, Joseph Gifford, Benjamin Potter. & William Tucker.**  
 who are also desired to attend the next north Preparative  
 meeting & Render Such assistance as may be by them thought  
 needful, making Report hereon next month. \_\_\_\_\_

*8 m<sup>o</sup>  
 1845*

Isaac R Gifford Clerk ~

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 8<sup>mo</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> /45  
 By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to attend this m.g-  
 are from the South **Benjamin Gidley. & Abner Potter** from the  
 north **Caleb Slade & William Tucker.** who are all present. —

*a Committee  
 to attend  
 Both  
 Preparative  
 meetings*

The Committee appointed last month in regard to our North  
 preparative m.g. now Report that they have given attention  
 thereto & that although there are a number of that meeting  
 who have Seceded & Separated from us. Yet it appeared to be  
 their united judgment that a preparative meeting be contin-  
 =ued there untill way opens for further action thereon. And  
 also that usefulness would arise for a Committee to be appoi-  
 =nted by this meeting to attend as way may open for. Both the  
 preparative meetings. & extend Such advice & labour as truth  
 may direct; which being approved; & agreeable to their prop

=osition, the Same friends now under appointment (Viz) **Otis Slocum, Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley. Barrett Beard, Joseph Gifford. Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & William Tucker** together with the addition of **Isaac Lawrence. George Smith, George W. Frances. & Isaac R. Gifford** are continued & appointed to the above Service & to Report to a future meeting.

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14<sup>th</sup>

The Committee in the case of **Seth Davis** now Report that they have paid attention thereto & have not been able to obtain an interview with him for the reason that he said he could not set any time & the committee living so remote from each other it has not been obtained, they are accordingly continued to this charge & Report next month.

*S.Davis  
Committee  
Continued*

Satisfactory Extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting was now Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read Containing an account of our Boarding School at **Providence**, by which it appears that we have the priviledge of the Schooling of one scholar 6 months either in the next winter or summer terms. & we appoint **George Almy, Humphrey Anthony, Joshua W. Gifford, & Abner Potter J<sup>u</sup>** to unite with the women in making a selection of a scholar to take this priviledge. & to whom application is to be made for Certificates for all Scholars going from us to that School.

*Committee  
to  
select Scholar  
& grant  
Certificates*

We have also Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read an account from the Same meeting (in printed form) giving a Statement of the appointment of corispondents in each of the M<sup>o</sup> Meetings within this Yearly Meeting, which is also satisfactory. —

*Corispond<sup>t</sup>  
noticed --*

The following Communication from **Vassalboro** Monthly meeting of friends together with a complaint by their oversee[r]s against **William H. Hobbey** were now Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read (Viz) To **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends Dear friends: ”**East Vassalboro** preparative meeting forwarded the following complaint against **William H. Hobbey**” (to witt) to the preparative for the Monthly Meeting in 7<sup>mo</sup> 1845. **W<sup>m</sup> H. Hobbey** a member of this meeting has so far deviated from the good order of Friends as to marry a woman not of our Society. concerning which we had a previous opertunity with him, he appear’d sensible of his intended deviation. **Nymphas Toby, Levi Gardner. James Pope** overseers <sup>^Dated</sup> **Vassalboro** 7 m<sup>o</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> 1845. ”He being within the limits of **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting we have concluded to request that meeting to labor with him on our behalf, and Report to this meeting the result, & the Clerk is directed to transmit to s<sup>d</sup> M.g. the Complaint with a Copy of this minute From the minutes of **Vassalboro** M<sup>o</sup> M.g. of friends held at **East Vassalboro** 7<sup>mo</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1845. & signd by **Joseph H. Cole** Clerk

*from  
Vassalboro  
M<sup>o</sup> Meeting*

*Respecting  
W<sup>m</sup> H. hobby*

*& Committee  
appointed  
for*

W<sup>m</sup> H. Hobby & this meeting accepts the proposed Service and appoints

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EXTRACT  
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE  
Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New-England**,  
Held on **Rhode-Island**,  
From the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 23d, inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1845.

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The Annual Report of the Committee of this Meeting having the government and superintendence of the Boarding School at **Providence**, was produced and read, and being satisfactory to us, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. Extract from the Minutes of said Meeting,  
**A. SHEARMAN, Jun.** Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavored during the past year, to discharge the duties entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the concerns of the Boarding School. The average number of scholars has been eighty. Meetings have been regularly held in the house, except during the vacations; and harmony has prevailed.

Our friends **Allen** and **Olive Wing**, who have acceptably served the Institution as Superintendents for several years past, having requested to be released at the close of the last summer term, we engaged our friends **Olney** and **Lydia Thompson** to take their places, and they entered upon the duties of that station in the 10th month last. **Charles Atherton**, **William Nicholson** and **Edward Hoag** are engaged as Teachers in the Boys' School, and **Mary Atherton**, **Gertrude E. Whittier**, and **Elizabeth Prosser**, in the Girls'. **Elizabeth J. Aldrich** has been employed as Teacher in the Girls' school the past year.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School from all sources, the past year, has been \$9,380 40-100, and its expenditures \$11,134 47-100, including \$1,542 59-100, paid for land purchased from a donation, and in accordance with the will of our late friend **Moses Brown**. And there is now a balance in the Treasury of \$4,469 4-100.

We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last year, viz: \$30 per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, \$45 for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and \$50 for those of other Yearly Meetings. — Books and Stationery being furnished as at present. We also deem it safe to propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense, for one term; and that they may occupy this privilege either during the next winter term, or during the summer term of *next year*, according to the discretion of the Monthly Meeting; but that if the Monthly Meeting desires to occupy the privilege in the summer term, as now proposed, it shall inform the Acting Committee thereof at their meeting in the 10<sup>th</sup> month, [held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day thereof.]

The Schools have been examined at the close of each term by a committee appointed for that purpose, and by their reports it appears that they have been generally satisfied with the evidence afforded by the diligence and application of the children to their studies, of their orderly deportment, and of the faithfulness and ability of the Teachers. Instruction continues to be given in the Languages when desired, on the same terms as heretofore, viz: \$5 additional for the term.

The object that Friends had in view in the establishment of this Institution, and the lively concern the Society has felt and continues to feel, that the youth among us may have the advantages of a good school, without exposure to those associations which in a greater or

less degree tend to alienate their tender minds from the simplicity of our profession, may, we trust, in good degree be realized by placing our children in this Institution. And we would affectionately encourage Friends to be willing to make some sacrifice, if sacrifice be required, to afford those under their care an opportunity to acquire a sound and guarded education.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

**JONATHAN L. SLOCUM**, Clerk

Boarding School, 5th month 2d, 1845.

[The next Winter term will commence on second-day, 3d of 11th month. The next Summer term on second-day, 5th mo. 4, 1846.]

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**YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND, SIXTH MONTH, 1845.**

A secession from our Religious Society having to some extent taken place within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, and divers meetings set up, bearing the name of, and claiming to be meetings of the Society of Friends, we have deemed it a prudent measure, (though we trust not actually called for in many of our meetings, on account of any disaffection towards Society within their borders,) in order to relieve our Friends abroad from any embarrassment in the acceptance of Certificates and other papers from **New-England**, to appoint correspondents in *all* our Monthly Meetings, whose duty it shall be to sign all certificates and other papers issued by those Meetings respectively, in addition to the usual signing of the Clerk. And any one of whom within the limits of their respective Quarterly Meetings, may sign any document issued by such Quarterly Meeting.

In case of removal by death or otherwise, of any of the correspondents now appointed, Quarterly Meetings are authorised to supply any vacancies that may occur till the time of our next Yearly Meeting. From the Minutes of said Meeting,

**ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun.**, Clerk.

**CORRESPONDENTS OF NEW-ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING,  
[APPOINTED SIXTH MONTH, 1845.]  
RHODE-ISLAND QUARTERLY MEETING.**

|                                      |  | Correspondents.            | Post Office Address.    |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Rhode-Island</b> Monthly Meeting, |  | <b>Jethro F. Mitchell,</b> | <b>Newport, R. I.</b>   |
| <b>Greenwich</b> do. do.             |  | <b>Rowland Greene,</b>     | <b>Fiskville, "</b>     |
| <b>Swansey</b> do. do.               |  | <b>Oliver Earle,</b>       | <b>Swansey, Mass.</b>   |
| <b>Providence</b> do. do.            |  | <b>Samuel Boyd Tobey,</b>  | <b>Providence, R.I.</b> |

**SALEM QUARTERLY MEETING.**

|                               |  |                              |                    |
|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Salem</b> Monthly Meeting, |  | <b>Nathan Breed,</b>         | <b>Lynn, Mass.</b> |
| <b>Seabrook</b> do. do.       |  | <b>Moses Huntington, Jr.</b> | <b>Amesbury, "</b> |
| <b>Weare</b> do. do.          |  | <b>Abijah Johnson,</b>       | <b>Weare, N.H.</b> |

**SANDWICH QUARTERLY MEETING.**

|                                  |  |                          |                             |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Sandwich</b> Monthly Meeting, |  | <b>Maltiah Gifford.</b>  | <b>West Falmouth, Mass.</b> |
| <b>Pembroke</b> do. do.          |  | <b>Calvin Shepherd,</b>  | <b>Pembroke, "</b>          |
| <b>Nantucket</b> do. do.         |  | <b>Cromwell Barnard,</b> | <b>Nantucket, "</b>         |

|                    |     |     |                      |                                     |   |
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| <b>Dartmouth</b>   | do. | do. | <b>George Almy,</b>  | <b>North Dartmouth, P.O., Mass.</b> |   |
| <b>Westport</b>    | do. | do. | <b>Samuel Slade,</b> | <b>Westport,</b>                    | “ |
| <b>New-Bedford</b> | do. | do. | <b>John Howland,</b> | <b>New-Bedford,</b>                 | “ |

**FALMOUTH QUARTERLY MEETING.**

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| <b>Falmouth Monthly Meeting,</b> |     |     | <b>John W. Minot,</b> | <b>Westbrook, Stephen's Plains P.O. Me.</b> |   |
| <b>Durham</b>                    | do. | do. | <b>Thomas Jones,</b>  | <b>South Durham,</b>                        | “ |
| <b>Windham</b>                   | do. | do. | <b>Nathan Pope,</b>   | <b>Windham,</b>                             | “ |

**SMITHFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.**

|                                    |     |     |                          |                              |  |
|------------------------------------|-----|-----|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>Smithfield Monthly Meeting,</b> |     |     | <b>Arnold Aldrich,</b>   | <b>Wainsoaket P.O., R.I.</b> |  |
| <b>Uxbridge</b>                    | do. | do. | <b>Benjamin Wheeler,</b> | <b>Northbridge, Mass.</b>    |  |
| <b>Richmond</b>                    | do. | do. | <b>Levi Wheeler,</b>     | <b>Richmond, N.H.</b>        |  |
| <b>Bolton</b>                      | do. | do. | <b>James N. Fry,</b>     | <b>Bolton, Mass.</b>         |  |

**VASSALBOROUGH QUARTERLY MEETING.**

|                                       |     |     |                           |                              |   |
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| <b>Vassalborough Monthly Meeting,</b> |     |     | <b>Daniel Taber,</b>      | <b>Vassalborough, Maine.</b> |   |
| <b>China</b>                          | do. | do. | <b>Stephen Jones, Jr.</b> | <b>Palermo,</b>              | “ |
| <b>Unity</b>                          | do. | do. | <b>Joseph Taber,</b>      | <b>Albion,</b>               | “ |

**DOVER QUARTERLY MEETING.**

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| <b>Dover Monthly Meeting,</b> |     |     | <b>Joseph Tuttle,</b> | <b>Dover, N.H.</b>           |  |
| <b>Berwick</b>                | do. | do. | <b>John D. Lang,</b>  | <b>North Berwick, Maine.</b> |  |
| <b>Sandwich</b>               | do. | do. | <b>Benjamin Fry,</b>  | <b>Centre Sandwich, N.H.</b> |  |

**FAIRFIELD QUARTERLY MEETING.**

|                                |     |     |                           |                                      |   |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>Sidney Monthly Meeting,</b> |     |     | <b>Samuel Taylor, Jr.</b> | <b>Fairfield, Maine.</b>             |   |
| <b>Litchfield</b>              | do. | do. | <b>Elijah Pope,</b>       | <b>Hallowell Cross Roads, Maine.</b> |   |
| <b>St. Albans</b>              | do. | do. | <b>David Douglas,</b>     | <b>East St. Albans,</b>              | “ |

It is requested, in order that Certificates from other Yearly Meetings, may duly reach the Meetings to which they are directed within the limits of this, that they be addressed or sent to one of these Friends.

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**Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter** to treat with the said **W<sup>m</sup> H. Hobbey** on account of his deviation & make Report hereon to this meeting when accomplished.

Our meeting at this time after the shutters being closed was disturbed in a similar manner to that of last m<sup>o</sup> although not as many of the disaffected from other meetings present yet **Thomas K Wilbur** presented to officiate as their Clerk, read an opening minute, Call<sup>d</sup> their representatives, & soon commenced to read a document purporting to come from a yearly meeting whose Clerk was **Thomas B. Gould**, & which reflected darkly on our society. Friends in a cool but firm manner opposed this disorderly & unbecoming procedure, endeavouring to show them from our dicipline that they had no ground for their position. Neither any Yearly Meeting which could be sustained by the provisions thereof. And after much advice tender admonition & christian counsel having been administered by concerned friends to them. (And they as it appeared feeling a check) attempted (as they called it) an adjournment. first to our galery which was objected them, then into one corner of the present occupied room to which they them

*The /  
Separation /*

*[up-raised  
hand]*

elves could not agree, & lastly to the yard to which place they retired & left us at about half past three oclock P.M. When friends proceeded harmoniously to transact their business, And we believe that silent yet fervent petitions assended from the alter [*sic*] of many of our hearts to Our Father in heaven that he would not only preserve this meeting in unity with our ancient & well known Doctrines in their purity, but also preserve us in Christian fellowship & unity one with another; And a fervent desire was also begotten (as many of us can testify) that those once our dear & near friends who have seceded & separated themselves from us, may yet come to a sense of their error in pursuing the cause they have taken & finally return to their friends & into the bosom of our society. ~~~~

At a m<sup>o</sup> M.g. of friends held at. — **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk  
*9 m<sup>o</sup> }  
 1845 }* **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]** 24<sup>th</sup> of 9 M<sup>o</sup> 1845, by a/ct<sup>s</sup> Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **Abner Potter** & **Freeman Lawrence**. from the north **George Almy** and **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** who are all present. ~~~~~

*Representatives  
 to  
 Q.M.g  
 appointed* The Queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read from which summary answers have been prepared and adopted & are directed to our next Q<sup>r</sup> Meeting by **Otis Slocum<sup>m</sup>** **Abram Russell** & **Georg Almy**, whom we have appointed

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Our representatives to attend said meeting, desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting And the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the needful account from our minutes signing the same on behalf of this meeting. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Seth  
 Davis  
 disowned*

The committee in the case of **Seth Davis** now made the following report. (viz) To **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting, we your committee appointed in the 7<sup>th</sup> Month last to treat with **Seth Davis** Report that we have <sup>^sought to</sup> have an opportunity with him on account of his deviations.

Which he declined unless we would give him a copy of the complaint against him. This we thought would be improper form without the consent of the Monthly Meeting; but we repeatedly offered to read it to him, believing that any further attention from us will be fruitless, we submit the case to the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting signed

9 m<sup>o</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> } **Isaac Lawrence, Warren Gifford** }  
 1845 } **Joseph Gifford & George Almy** } Committee

which being read & weightily considered was accepted. And believing that all had been done by friends that could be availingly. we came to the conclusion (with the unity of the womens meeting herein) to disown him & we do here[by?] disown him the said **Seth Davis** & we do ~~not~~ no longer consider him a member of our religious society, Feeling desirous that he may come to a sense & sight of the error of the course which he has taken &



make friends satisfaction & Return rightly to us again & **Georg W. Frances** and **William Tucker** are appointed to give him this information & report hereon when done. ~ ~ ~ ~

This Meeting also unites with the women in making a minute of Denial in the case of **Mary Davis**, wife of **S.D.**

*Mary Davis disownd*

The Committee in the case of **William H. Hobbey** now report as followeth, "To **Dartm**<sup>o</sup> **M**<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends. The Committee in the Case of **W<sup>m</sup> H. Hobbey** report that we have had a satisfactory oppertunity with him in which he appeared in a good degree sensible of his transgression & convinced of the impropriety of such a course & we also believe him to be sincere in his acknowledgment (which here follows a copy)" To **Dartm**<sup>o</sup> **M**<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends. Dear friends, Having so far deviated from the good order of our Society, as to Marry with one not in membership with us I can say that in looking at the consequences, attendant on such a course, And at our Dicipline, I sincerely feel

*Report of Committee W<sup>m</sup> H. Hobby & his acknowleg<sup>mt</sup>*

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to condemn such a practice, And I hope friends will pass it by, & let me retain my membership in Society, (signd) Dated 9<sup>mo</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1845... **William H. Hobbey** All of which we submit to the meeting, dated 9<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1845= ^& signd Isaac R. Gifford & Wm Potter Committee Which this meeting after a time of deliberation thereon feels willing to accept, & the Clerk is directed to transmit the same. With the acknowledg<sup>ment</sup> from the s<sup>d</sup> **Hobbey** which has also been read, to **Vassalboro M**<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends State of **Maine**. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The following Information from the Overseers respecting **John Mitchell J<sup>n</sup>** To **Dartm**<sup>o</sup> (South) Preparative & **M**<sup>o</sup> Meeting. Dear f<sup>ds</sup> **John Mitchel J<sup>um</sup>** has withdrawn himself from our religious Sos=  
=iety. and Identified himself in a meeting not in unity with us; for which he has been laboured with without the desired effect, We submit his case to the meeting, Sign<sup>d</sup> **Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley, Barrett** }  
9<sup>m</sup><sup>o</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1845 - **Beard & Abram Russell** Overseers }  
Whereupon we appoint **Joseph Gifford, Otis Slocum, & Joshua W. Gifford** to endeavour after & if way opens for it to treat with him for his deviation making Report hereon to this M.g. next Month. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*John Mitchell Complained of~~*

The following Communications from the Overseers respecting **Benjamin Tucker & Thomas K. Wilbur** were forwarded to this m.g through the North preparative meeting. (viz) To the preparative & monthly Meeting. Dear friends, the Overseers feel it to be a painful duty to inform that **Benj<sup>n</sup> Tucker** has for some time manifested a want of that unity which is so esential too. And which has ever been a distinguishing ~ trait in our Christian Brotherhood, And whilest in attendance of our last Yearly meeting (although a representative there from our Quarterly Meeting) He was found, taking an active part in the Secess =ion which then took place, Joining & remaining with those who set up a separate meeting under our name, since which time he has been

*Benjamin Tucker Complained of~~*

using his influence in promoting the separations which have since occurred within the limits of our Quarterly meeting not only there but was aiding & assisting in producing a separation from our M<sup>o</sup> Meeting in the seventh month & preparative in the 8<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> In which & at other times he has been tenderly advised & admonished in order to diswade him from such a violation of our Christian Dicipline, And at the time an interview was had with him by us, he appeared satisfied with the course he had taken, which we submit to the meeting signd **Isaac R Gifford** } Overseers of **Dartmo Dart<sup>m</sup>** 17<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>mo</sup> 1845 **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** } M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Fr[?]

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To the preparative & M<sup>o</sup> Meeting, Dear friends, We the overseers feel it to be our painful duty to inform that **Thomas K. Wilbur** a member of our meting has Joined in a secession from our religious Society, Taking an active part therin encouraging and aiding in the setting up of separate meetings under our name in opposition to regularly established meetings in violation of our Christian dicipline, We took took an opportunity with him on the account in which he did not recieve us (as he said as the Overseers of **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends, Yet he appeard satisfied in the course which he had taken, we therefore submit his case to the meeting. Signed dated 9<sup>mo</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1845 -

*Thomas K. Wilbur Complained of~~~*

**Isaac R. Gifford** } Overseers of **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** } **Dart<sup>m</sup>** M<sup>o</sup> M.g. of [?]

Both which being Read & considered we appoint **George Almy Isaac Lawrence, Barratt Beard,** and **Abner Potter** a committee if way opens for, to treat with the s<sup>d</sup> **Benj<sup>n</sup>** & **Thomas** on account of their deviations & make report heron to this meeting next month.

*No Disorder*

At this time we have been spared from with[ess] any disorder or unbecoming behaviours as those who Seceded and Separated themselves from our meeting have not met with us neither in our Public meeting or this for dicipline~~~~~ but are holding (as we understand) a separate Meeting this day at the house of our late friend **James Tucker**~~~~~

*London Epistle Rc<sup>d</sup>*

We have Rc<sup>d</sup> previous to this time the **London** general printed Epistle a sufficient number of Coppies for all our families which have been distributed As also 140 ~~of the~~ copies of the Narative of the facts & circumstances which have tended to produce a secession from the Society of friends in **New England** Yearly Meeting, which have also been distributed & well Rc<sup>d</sup> by all who are in unity

*Narrative of Facts &c Rc<sup>d</sup> ~~~~~*

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 22<sup>d</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup>

10<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1845  
1845. by accounts R<sup>c</sup> from each of the Preparative meetings  
the friends appointed to attend this meeting are from the  
South **Humphrey Anthony & Zebedee Gifford** from the N<sup>o</sup>  
**Caleb Slade & William Tucker** who are all present -  
except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason  
was assigned.

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*Representatives* One of the representatives appointed last month to  
*to* attend the Quarterly meeting now reports that they all attended  
*Q. M. report*

The Committee in the case of **John Mitchell J<sup>n</sup>** now made the following  
report (viz) To **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting of friends. We the committee in the  
case of **John Mitchell Jur** have attended to our appointment have made  
him two visits, he declined going into any conversation on the subject  
unless we would give him a copy of the complaint, which we did  
not feel authorised to do without the direction of the M<sup>o</sup> meeting. We  
offered to read the complaint to him, which he also declined hearing,  
& feeling clear of further labour, we submit the case to the meeting  
10 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1845- (& sign<sup>d</sup>) **Joseph Gifford, Otis Slocum, Joshua W. Gifford Ctee**

*John  
Mitchell  
disowned*

Which being read & weightily considered & having the unity of the  
women herein we came to the conclusion to disown him And we  
do hereby disown him the said **John Mitchell J<sup>n</sup>** & no longer con  
sider him a member of our religious Society & **Abram Russell** and  
**Warren Gifford** are appointed to give him this information, making  
report of so doing to this meeting next month. ~~

*Seth Davis  
informd*

One of the friends appointed to inform **Seth Davis** of his  
denial reports that they have given him this information.~~~~~

*T. K. Wilbur  
disowned*

The committee in the case of **Thomas K. Wilbur** now made the  
the following Report (viz) To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends  
The committee appointed to treat with **Thomas K. Wilbur** inform that  
they have had an interview with him. he said he did not ackn  
-owledge us as a committee from **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of  
friends, and seemed to fully Justify the course those have taken  
that have seceded from us, believing that further attention from  
us will be unavailing we submit the case to the meeting ~~~

**Dartm<sup>o</sup> 10<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1845, & Sign<sup>d</sup> Abner Potter, Barret Beard, George Almy }  
& Isaac Lawrence, Committee }**

which being Read & weightily considered by us & believing that all has been  
done that can be availingly, we come to the conclusion to disown him the  
wright of membership & having the unity of the womens meeting herin  
we do hereby disown him the said **Thomas K. Wilbur** & do no longer  
consider him a member of our Religious Society & **Abner Potter**  
& **William Potter** are to give him this information & they also <sup>inform</sup>

*B. Tucker }  
Continued }*

that they have given attention in the case of **Bj<sup>n</sup> Tucker**, but are not  
Ready to Report, they are continued in charge therof until next month

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*S.R. Wilbur }  
Disowned }*

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in disown the wright of Membership to **Sylvia R. Wilbur**, wife of **Thomas**

*Othniel  
Tripp  
complained  
of*

The following Communications from the overseers Respecting **Othniel Tripp & John Handy** were now Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read. (viz) To the Preparative & M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends. This may inform that **Othniel Tripp** has for a considerable length of time manife[sted] disunity with friends. In his declining to contribute his equ proportion towards our meeting expences, as well as setting judgment upon & over that of regularly appointed commi[tees] of our Society for which labour has been bestowed without producing the desired effect. And also has of latter time joined in the secession, attending separate meetings set up under our name in violation of our Christian dicipline, & when an interview was had with him on this account he refused to recieve us acknowledge us as the overseers of **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends** we therefore submit his case to the meeting. **Isaac R. Gifford }  
16<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>mo</sup> 1845, Benjn Potter } overseers**

And Also -

*John  
Handy  
complained  
of*

To the preparative & Monthly meeting. Dear friends, This may inform that **John Handy** has for some time manifested disunity with friends. In setting his judgment upon & over that of regularly appointed Committees of our Society. & we believe that he has been verry active & industrious in endea- =vouring to promote the sorrowful secession & schism which has taken place, & that he still continues to identify himself with the separatists, for which he has been laboured with without producing the desired effect, we now submit his case to the meeting 16<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>mo</sup> 1845- **Isaac R. Gifford }  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter } overseers**

whereupon we appoint **William Potter, Otis Slocum, Joseph Gifford, & Freeman Lawrence** a committee. (if way opens for) to treat with those friends on account of their deviations & departurs, making report hereon to this meeting next month.

Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

*11<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1845*

At a monthly M.g. of friends held at **Dartm<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1845**, By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives to this meeting are from the south **Abram Russell & Humphrey Anthony** from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & William Tucker** who are all present -----

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*J. Mitchell  
informed*

The friends appointed last month to give **John Mitchell J<sup>n</sup>** information of his denial now report that he has been so informed.

The friends having the charge of **Thomas K. Wilbur's** case now

*T. K. Wilbur* report that they have given him information of his denial ~~~~~  
*informed*

*Benjamin  
Tucker  
Disowned*

The committee in the case of **Benjamin Tucker** now made the following report (viz) To **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends, The Committee appointed to visit **Benjamin Tucker** inform, that they have at two different times endeavoured to treat with him agreeable to the object of their appointment. The complaint was read to him, He said he did not acknowledge us as a Committee appointed by **Dartm<sup>o</sup> M<sup>o</sup> M.g.** of friends. And fully justified the grounds that he & those who have seceded from us have taken in regard to the painful separation that has taken place in our religious Society & the way being so closed up by him. we had no satisfaction in the interviews, believing further attention from us will be unavailing, we submit the case to the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting~~  
**Dartm<sup>o</sup> 11m<sup>o</sup> 26 1845, & Sign<sup>d</sup> Isaac Lawrence, Abner Potter  
Barrett Beard, & George Almy** } Committee  
which being read was accepted, and after a time of solid & deliberate consideration of the subject this meeting were united in disowning him, And he the s<sup>d</sup> **Benjamin Tucker** is accordingly disowned the right of membership in our religious society, having the unity of the women's meeting herein, & **William Potter & Caleb Slade** are appointed to give him this information, & make Report here next month.

*Othniel  
Tripp is  
Disowned*

The Committee in the case of **Othniel Tripp** now made report as followeth. (viz) To **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends, We the committee in the case of **Othniel Tripp** have attended to the subject. He appeared to justify himself in the course which he had taken. And said he did not own us as a committee from **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends & no way opening for any further labour we submit the case to the meeting., --  
11<sup>mo</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1845, & signed **Joseph Gifford W<sup>m</sup> Potter** }  
**Otis Slocum & Freman Lawrence** } Committee  
which being read, & after a time of solid & deliberate consideration of the subject, this meeting come to the conclusion to disown him, & having the unity of the womens meeting herein, we do hereby disown him the said **Othniel Tripp** the right of membership<sup>ip</sup> in our religious Society & do no longer consider him a member with us. & **Edward Slade & George Almy** are to inform him hereof --

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The committee in the case of **John Handy** now made the following Report. (viz). To **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends., Three of your committee in the case of **John Handy** Report that we ha[ve] paid attention thereto & have had an opportunity with him in which the complaint was read to him, He did not manifest any disposition of mind to retrace his steps. But rather Justifie[d] himself in the course which he had taken, which we sub[m]

*John  
Handy  
Disowned*

=it to the meeting (& signed) **William Potter** } of the  
11<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1845 ~ ~ **Joseph Gifford & Freeman Lawrence** } Committee  
which being Read & after a time of solid & deliberate considera[tion]  
of the subject., This meeting came to the conclusion to disown him  
And having the unity of the women's Meeting herein. We do hereby  
disown him the said **John Handy** the right of membership in  
our religious Society. & do no longer consider him a member  
with us & **Caleb Slade & Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to give  
him this information, & Report to this meeting next month.

*Phebe Tripp  
L. Tucker  
& Mary An  
Slade  
Disowned*

This meeting unites with the women's meeting in disowning  
the right of Membership in our religious Society to **Phebe  
Tripp, Lucretia Tucker & Mary An. Slade**, wives of **Othniel  
Tripp, Benj<sup>n</sup> Tucker & Z. Slade**, those cases were all  
disposed of separately ~~~~~

*Quries answe<sup>d</sup>  
&  
Representatives  
to  
Q. Meeting*

The Queries with answers from each of  
the preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read, from which  
summary answers have been prepared & adopted, & are directed  
to our next Q. Meeting by **Freeman Lawrence, William Tucker  
& Benjamin Gidley** whom we have appointed representatives  
thereto, desireing them to report their attendance to our next  
meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with an  
account from our Records. imbracing the Disownment of  
**Seth Davis** from our Society. He having been one of the  
Select Members. ~~~~~

*Committee  
to  
settle with  
Treasurer &c-  
Percentage }  
of stock-}*

**Abram Russell, Barrett Beard, William Tucker & Freeman  
Lawrence** are appointed a Committee to Regulate the percentage  
of Stock to be raised by our Preparative meetings, settle with  
our treasurer, propose one for the year to come, and also  
a sum of money necessary to be collected to defray our  
expences for the present year & they are desired to make  
Report hereon to this meeting next month ~~~~~

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*Scholar  
at School*

The committee appointed in 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to select a schollar  
to take our priviledge at the Boarding <sup>^School</sup> & other purposes now report  
=that one has been found who entered for this present term.

*From  
Vassalboro  
M<sup>o</sup> Meeting  
Rc<sup>d</sup>  
W.H. Hobey*

We have at this time recieved the following communication from  
**Vassalboro M<sup>o</sup> Meeting**. Respecting **W<sup>m</sup> H. Hobbey** (viz) Dear friends  
we recieved a communication from your meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> containing  
an account of your doings in the case of **William H. Hobbey** which  
is satisfactory to this meeting. Also an acknowledgment from him  
which is accepted, & the Clerk was directed to inform you hereof  
by an extract from this minute. Also desiring you to inform  
him on behalf of this meeting. From the minutes of **Vassalboro**  
monthly meeting of friends held 10<sup>mo</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1845. **Joseph H. Cole** Ck  
**Daniel Taber** corrispondent, which is accepted & **George W. Fran<sup>ces</sup>**  
is appointed to inform the s<sup>d</sup> **Hobbey** of his reinstatement &  
report of so doing to this meeting next month.

Signed **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk ~~~~

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 24<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1845. By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south  
*12<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1845* **Josiah Shearman & Zebedee Gifford** from the north **W<sup>m</sup> Potter** and **George Almy** who are all present. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*B. Tucker* The friends who were appointed last month by this meeting to  
*O. Tripp* give **Benjamin Tucker Othniel Tripp & John Handy** information  
& *J. Handy -* of their disownment now report separately that they have informed  
*informed* each of them. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Represent* One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the  
*Report O.M.* Quarterly meeting reports that they all attended. ~ ~ ~

*Treasurer* The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer  
*settled with* & others purposes now Report that they have attended thereto & found  
& a balance in his hands of three dollars & 75 cts & propose to raise  
*appointed* one hundred & Sixty Dollars & propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer  
they also propose that the south preparative meeting should  
pay sixty four percent & the north P. Meeting should pay  
Thirty six percent 64 & 36 which was signed by all the com-  
=mittee & being Read & considered, was united with

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*Percentage* And agreeable to the proposition **Osman Wood** is appoin  
*of Stock* =ted Treasurer for the year to Come or untill another appoint  
& *& 160\$* =ment; And our preparative meetings are requested to collect  
& pay our treasurer their respective proportions of one  
hundred & Sixty Dollars, agreeable to the percentag now [*illegible*]  
agreed to or made out. making Report here when done.

*W. H. Hobby* The friend having chage informs that he has given **William**  
*informed* **H. Hobby** information of his being retained a member of  
our religious Society as requested by **Vassalboro** Monthly  
meeting of friends~~~

*Holder* The following communication from the Overseers respecting  
*Shearman* **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** was presented through the South P.<sup>ve</sup> meeting  
*Complained* (Viz) To the preparative & M<sup>o</sup> Meeting. Dear friends. **Holder**  
*of~~* **Shearman [Sherman]** has for a leangth of time wholly neglected the  
attendance of our meetings. & has Joined with others in  
Setting up a Separate meeting under our name for which  
he has been laboured with by the overseers without the  
desired effect As he Justifies himself in the course he has tak[en]

Signd **Abram Russell & Benjamin Gidley** Overseers —

Whereupon we appoint **Barrett Beard. Freeman Lawrence & Isaac R Gifford.** if way opens for to treat with him for & on account of his deviations & make report to this meeting next month ~~~ ~~~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Communication  
from the  
meeting for  
Sufferings*

This meeting now Recieved the following communication from Our meeting for Sufferings held 11<sup>mo</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 184[?]  
“(Viz) This meeting being introduced into concern on account of the want of information among friends respecting the number of those who have Separated themselves from our Religious Society, and Set up meetings out of its Order within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, after having deliberately considered the Subject has come to the conclusion to request the several Monthly Meetings belonging to **New England** Yearly Meeting to furnish the clerk of this meeting with the number of adult frie[nds] Male & Female, with their children of all ages. and also the number of those adults, male & female who have Joined with the Separatists. (whet[her] disowned for so doing or not) & liquise[?] the children of Such, making a distinction between them & the children of friends. And they a[?] also requested to furnish the number of Ministers & Elders in thier

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Respective meetings. & the number of those who have Joined in the Separation, when any have So done. The M<sup>o</sup> Meetings are requested to give attention to this concern as Soon as practi<sup>ca</sup>bable Extracted from the minutes of the meeting for Sufferings. of **New England** Yearly Meeting hild at **Providence** the 8<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1845~~

& Sign<sup>d</sup> **Samuel Boyd Toby** Clerk.~~ ~ ~ ~

which being read & considered was approved of and the overseers of this meeting (who are **Abram Russell. Benjamin Gidley, Daniel Howland. Joshua W. Gifford. Barrett Beard. Humphrey Anthony. Benj<sup>u</sup> Potter & Isaac R. Gifford**) are appointed to obtain all necessary information touching the foregoing requisitions & produce the a Statement hereof to our next monthly meeting. —————

*D.Handy  
S. H. Smith  
& H.K. Sherman  
Disowned.*

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in disowning the right of membership (Severally) to **Deborah Handy. Susan H-Smith & Hannah K. Shearman [Sherman]**. who have Joined the Separatists

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk —

*1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1846*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 28<sup>th</sup> of 1 M<sup>o</sup> 1846. By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Samuel W. Snow & Humphrey (Anthony** from the north **Caleb Slade & William Tucker**, who are all present—

*Reuben Jones  
&*

*V. J. Meader  
attended*

Our beloved friend **Reuben Jones** attended this meeting with a Certificate of Concurrence from **Litchfield** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting State of **Maine** dated 12<sup>mo</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1845- his Company & Gospel labors have been acceptable & edifying to us. As also the Company of his Companion **Valentine J. Meader** who produced a Satisfactory



*this M.g-* Certificate from the Same M<sup>o</sup> Meeting held at **Hollowell** Dated 1<sup>mo</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1846. Our beloved Friend **Elizabeth Gove** also attended

*Elizabeth Gove attended*

This meeting with a certificate of Concurrence from **Sea Brook** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting **New Hampshire**. dated 1<sup>mo</sup> 1<sup>st</sup>-1846. She having very very acceptably had & previously attended all the meetings constituting this. her Company & Gospel Labors have been acceptable & edifying to us. And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens meeting in furnishing those friends with a copy of the above minutes Respectively. \_\_\_\_\_

The committee appointed last Month in the case of **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** now made the following Report. (viz) -

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*Holder Shearman Disownd*

To **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends, We Your committee under a feeling Sence of the importance of our appointment ha[ve] Visited **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** & found him in a State of min[d] as to fully Justify himself in the course he has taken in joining with those who have gone of from this monthly M & have Set up another under our name, And when his comp<sup>=aint</sup> was Read to him he denied the neglect of attending the meeting of friends. & Seemed to Cast reflections on some of our worthy mem =bers. & which were unkind & not in that love that would esteem others better than themselves, And apprehending ourselves clear of any further labour We Submitt his case to the M<sup>o</sup> meeting **Dartmouth** 27<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>mo</sup> 1846 Signd **Barrett Beard. Freeman Lawrence & Isaac R Gifford** comttee which being read & after a time of solid consideration thereon was accepted. & this meeting come to the conclusion. (having the Unity of the womens meeting herein) to disown him. & we do hereby disown him the Said **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** the rig[ht] of membership in our religious Society. & **George W. Frances & Abner Potter J<sup>u</sup>** are appointed to give him this information making Report to this meeting next month\_\_\_\_\_

*The n<sup>o</sup> of Members & Seceders-*

*239. all 25 214 minors 14 Remain 200*

The Overseers to whom was refered the Subject from our meeting for Sufferings agreeable to their appointment last month. N[ow] Report that they have attended thereto & find (239.) Two hund[re]<sup>d</sup> & thirty nine members of all ages belonging to **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends previous to the painful Separation in the 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> last. And are as follows 85 Eighty five adult & 32 Minor males. & 102 One hundred & two adult & 20- twenty Minor Females. And it also appears that 11 Eleven adult m[ales?] & 14 fourteen Adult females have Joined in the Secession Making 25- Twenty five Adults. We also find 10 Ten males & 4 four females children of the Separatist, aforesaid. (**Daniel**

**Wilbur.** Wife & two male children are included in the above Statement who having been removed some time with[in] the limits of **Greenwich M<sup>o</sup> Meeting. R. [Rhode] Island.** without a certificate  
There were at that time 4 Ministers & 3 three Eld[ers]  
& 1 one Minister & 2 Two Elders have joined in the Separation  
**Dartmouth 1<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1846.** Signd **Abraham Russell Isaac R Gifford. Barrett Beard & Benjamin Gidley** on behalf of the Overseers. which being Read was accepted & the Clerk was

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directed to place the Same on record & transmitt a copy hereof to the Clerk of the meeting for Sufferings.

Signed **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth 2<sup>d</sup> mo 25<sup>th</sup> 1846-**  
by accounts recieved from the preparative meetings the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Joshua W Giford [Gifford] & Osman Wood** from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & Geo. Almy.** all present.

*Committee  
H. Shearman  
continued*

The Clerk of this meeting being absent. **George Almy** is appointed clerk for the day. ~~~~~ One of the friends appointed last month to inform **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** of his denial now reports that they have paid Some attention to the Subject but are not ready to make a full Report. they are continued & desired to report to our next monthly meeting. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*G. B. Almy  
&  
Elizabeths  
Certificate  
Recieved*

This meeting now recieved Read & accepted a Removal Certificate on behalf of **George B. Almy & Elizabeth** his Wife from **Providence M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends** Dated 1<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1846. & Signed by their Clerks. **Jon<sup>a</sup> L. Slocum & Sarah F. Toby. & Sam<sup>l</sup> B. Toby** corispondent, the womens meeting uniting with us herein. ~ ~ ~ ~

*N. Partners  
Communic<sup>m</sup>*

The following communication frm **Nine Partners M<sup>o</sup> Meeting** was now Recieved Respecting **Townsend Sutton (Viz) To Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends.** Dear friends. Notice having been recieved from your meeting that **Townsend Sutton** has con= nected himself in marriage to one of Your members contra= =ry to the order of our Society. This may inform that he is a member of this meeting. & we request you to take the necessa =ry care in his case & inform us the result. Signed by direc =tion of **Nine Partners** monthly meeting of Friends held 15<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1846 & Signed **Nathan Swift** Clerk, & **Isaac Thorne** corespondent. which being Read was accepted and **Isaac Lawrence. Jas. Gifford & Barrett Beard** are appointed a Committee to treat with him on ac/ of his deviations & report to this meeting next month. ~~~~~

*&  
T. Sutton*

*Committee  
in  
his Case*

*N. P. M.gs  
Stock Paid*

This meeting is informed that the North Preparative M.gs proportion of Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of this m.g.

The following conclusion by this meeting was laid before us last month & left for consideration & at this time was again

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Read and considered & was approved; & the clerk was directed to place the Same on record. (Viz) This meeting apprehend =ing that usefulness would be derived from having a new book procured for the Reentry of all our members in alpha= betical order, Stateing the time of their birth, & in which also to enter all Removals into the limits of our meeting a[s] well as Removals from us, And also to place therein all the Births, Deaths & Burials which may hereafter occur agreeable to the provisions of our dicipline. Whereupon we appoint the Overseers of this meeting to make this provision & complete all the requisite entries as aforesaid And [it?] is the Sense & Judgment of this meeting that the Overseers of this meeting for the time being Shall in the first month of each Year hereafter make out a Statement in writing of Births & Deaths from each preparative meeting by their respective Overseers. & hand the Same to the Clerk (or to the record[er?]) Whoever he may be) of this meeting for to be placed on record in order that our records may Stand more ledgible and easier to be understood than they have done heretofore upon those Subjects—

Isaac R Gifford Clerk—

3<sup>d</sup> M<sup>e</sup>  
1846

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 25<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1846 By accounts Recieved the represin appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Barr[ett]** **Beard & Benjamin Gidley** from the north **Benj<sup>m</sup> Potter & [Caleb?]** **Slade** who are all present ~~~~ ~~~ ~ ~ ~

H. Shearman  
informed

The Committee continued last month Respecting **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** now report that they have given him information of his denial ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

Queries  
answered  
&  
Representatives  
to  
Q. Meeting  
appointed

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative M.gs have been read from which Summary answers have been Considered & adopted & are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by **Abram Russell George W. Fran[ces]** & **I. R. Gifford** whom we have appointed our representati[ves] to that meeting desireing them to Report thier attend<sup>ance</sup> to our next meeting. & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the needful a/c from us. Signing the Same on <sup>our</sup> behalf

Q<sup>e</sup> meeting  
Stock  
paid

We are informed that our proportion of Y. & Q<sup>e</sup> Meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting. & notice hereof is directed to be given in our account account [sic] there ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*T. Sutton Case~* The committee in the case of **Townsend Sutton** inform that they have attended to the Subject but are not ready to report. they are continued in charge thereof to report when ready or called upon by this meeting ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Committee to bring forward overseers* The time for which the overseers of this meeting & also that of the Poor having expired we appoint **Jos. Gifford, Isaac Lawrence. Otis Slocum. Humphrey Anthony. Georg Almy & William Potter.** to Bring forward to our next M<sup>o</sup> meeting the names of Such friends as they may apprehend Suitable for those Services respectively ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Alice Wilbur Disowned* This meeting unites with the womens meeting in disowning the right of membership to **Alice Wilbur** ~ ~ ~

*Jesse Tucker Complaind of* The following Complaints Respecting **Jesse Tucker & Isaac P. Wilbur** were forwarded to this meeting on our north accounts (.Viz) To the preparative & M<sup>o</sup> Meeting. Dear friends, This may inform that **Jesse Tucker** has departed from the good order and Dicipline of our religious Society. In Joining with those who have Seceded from us; & in using his influence in Setting up & endeavouring to Sustain Separate meetings for dicipline under our name, permitting Such (as we understand) to be held at his house, And also continues to Join with those who have been disowned from our Society in disturbing friends in their meetings for busi-ness at our north preparative meeting. Contrary to the advice of friends. Signd **Isaac R Gifford** Overseers of Dated 3<sup>mo</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1846 **Benjamin Potter } Dar<sup>m</sup> [Dartmouth] M<sup>o</sup> Meeting**  
*Isaac P. Wilbur complaind of* And also that **Isaac P. Wilbur** has departed from the good order & Dicipline of Our religious Society in joining with those who have Seceded from us. And in using his influ-ence in setting up & endeavouring to Sustain Separate meetings for dicipline under our name, & also Continues to Join with those who have been disowned from our Soci-ety in disturbing friends in their meetings for business at our north preparative meeting. Contrary to the advice of friends Signd **Isaac R Gifford** Overseers of Dateted 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1846 — **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter } Dart<sup>m</sup> [Dartmouth] M<sup>o</sup> meeting** whereupon we appoint **William Potter, Joshua W. Gifford**

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& **Freeman Lawrence** a committee if way opens for to treat with those friends on account of their devia-tions & make report hereon to this meeting next month

*S<sup>o</sup> P. Meeting* We are informed that the South preparative meeting has  
*Stock P<sup>d</sup>* paid thier proportion of Stock to our Treasurer ~ ~ ~ ~

*Phebe R* Our Womens meeting informed us. that they have come  
*Gifford* to the conclusion to approve the the public appearances  
*approved* in the ministry of **Phebe R. Gifford**. which being spread  
before this meeting & after a time of weighty considera  
=tion was feelingly United With. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Samuel* The following request was forwarded in connection with our  
& *Mary E.* South minutes. (Viz) To **Dartmouth** preparative & Monthly M.g  
*Snows* of friends. Dear friends, we have believed it right for us  
*Request* to ask to have our Children **Marianna, Morton; Thomas**  
*for their* **Knowles; Sarah Barker; & George Morton**; recieved as mem  
*children* bers of the religious Society of friends. **Samuel W. Snow**  
**Dartmouth** 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1846— **Mary E. Snow**  
which being Read claimed the consideration of this meeting  
& **Barrett Beard. George Smith & Otis Slocum** were appoin[ted]  
to join with a Similar committee from the women to visit  
the family in Order to discover the Sincerity of the parents  
& fitness of the Children to become members with us. & ma[ke]  
report hereon to this meeting next month ———  
**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

*4m<sup>o</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 22<sup>d</sup> of 4<sup>mo</sup>  
*1846* 1846. by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to attend this  
meeting are from the South **George Smith & Ricketson Slocum**  
from the North **Rowland Rider & William Potter** who are  
all present ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

One of the Representatives appointed last month  
to attend the Quarterly M.g. reports that they all attended ~ ~

*Overseers* The committee appointed last month to bring  
*appointed* forward names for overseers of this meeting. as also that of  
the poor now propose **Abram Russell. Benjamin Gidley**  
**Isaac R. Gifford. Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter. Barrett Beard. Joshua**  
**W. Gifford. & Freeman Lawrence** for overseers. which  
claiming the consideration of the meeting was united

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with & those friends are accordingly appointed to that  
Service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

& one of the committee informed that they were  
not ready to Bring forward names for overseers of the Poor and  
they were continued to report next month ~ ~ ~ ~

*J. Tucker* The committee in the case of **Jesse Tucker & Isaac P. Wilbur** now  
& Report that they have attended to thier appointment by Visiting  
Them & that they found them in a Situation of mind to Refuse  
them as a committee from **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting or even  
acknowledge them as Such, & that they apprehended themselves  
clear of any further labour with them. which being Spread before

*I. P. Wilbur* before the meeting. & after a time of consideration was recieved  
*Disowned* & this meeting with the unity of the women came to the  
conclusion to Disown them the Said **Jesse Tucker** and  
**Isaac P. Wilbur** & do hereby disown them the right of mem.  
bership in our religious Society & we do no longer consider  
them or either of them members in unity with us~ &

*Phebe Maxfield*  
&  
*Mary an*  
*Tucker*  
*Disowned*

**William Tucker & George & George Almy** are appointed to  
give them information of their denial. Respectively. & Report  
This meeting has unity with the womins. M.g.  
in disowning the right of Membership to **Phebe Maxfield**  
wife of **Sith.** & to **Mary An Tucker** wife of **Jesse** ~ ~ ~ ~

*M. E. Snow*  
*Recieved*

We unite with the womens meeting in recieving  
**Mary E. Snow** (Wife of **Samuel**) into membership  
the committee in the case of **Samuel W. & Mary E**~  
**Snows** request now Report. That they have attended to that  
Service & found a good degree of Satisfaction in the intervieu<sup>w</sup>  
& also Sincerity in the request, dated 4<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> & Signed ~ ~  
**George Smith & Sarah Potter** on behalf of the comittee  
which being Spread before friends. was accepted & the request  
granted & accordingly their Childres as named in the request  
are Recieved into membership with us. the women uniting  
herein. & **Barrett Beard** is appointed to give the necessary  
- information

*Samuel*  
*W. Snow*  
*Children*  
*Recieved*  
*4 of them*

*Rebeca*  
*A. Winslow*  
*Rc<sup>d</sup>*

We have at this time Recieved read & accepted a  
removal certificate from **Swansey** Monthly meeting  
of Friends on behalf of **Rebeca A. Winslow**  
(wife of **Ezra**) Dated 3<sup>d</sup> month 30<sup>th</sup> 1846 ~~~~

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*Anna*  
*Macomber*  
*prospect.*  
*with us*

Our beloved friend **Anna Macomber** attended this  
meeting with a copy of a minute from **Westport M<sup>a</sup>**  
Meeting of friends Setting forth a concern which has  
rested on her mind for Some time past of paying a reli  
=gious Visit to the families of friends belonging to our  
M<sup>a</sup> Meeting. her Company & prospect appeas to be verry  
Satisfactory, & She was encouraged to persue her concern  
& friends are desired to render her the necessary a[id?]

*to propose*  
*Clerks~*

The time for which the Clerk & assistant Clerk of the  
meeting having expired. the Subject is left with the pres[?]  
representatives to propos names for this Service next month  
**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 27<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>mo</sup>  
1846. by a/cts Recieved, the representatives appointed to attend this

5 M<sup>e</sup>  
1846

Meeting are from the South preparative meeting **Howard Potter & Barret Beard** from the north **Caleb Slade & William Tucker** who are all present. ~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~

*Clerks  
appointed*

The friends with whom the Subject of Clerks were left now propose **Isaac R Gifford** for clerk of this meeting & **George Almy** for an assistant which appearing Satisfactory to the meeting they were accordingly appointed to that Service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment ~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~

*Overseers  
Poor*

The time for which the overseers of the poor were appointed having expired & the Subject having been left in charge of a committee <sup>^who</sup> now propose **Zebedee Gifford. Abram Russell. Barrett Beard & William Tucker** & they were with the approbation of the meeting appointed to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment ~~~ ~~~ ~~~ ~~~

*Jesse Tucker  
&  
I. P. Wilbur  
informed*

The friends with whom that Subject was left now inform that they have given **Jesse Tucker & Isaac P. Wilbur** information of their denial. ~~~

*Anna  
Macomber  
visit &  
Minute*

Our Beloved Friend **Anna Macomber** with a copy of a minute from **Westport M<sup>e</sup> Meeting** to pay a Religious visit to the families of friends belonging to our m<sup>e</sup> meeting – attended our meeting last month Since which time She has completed her Labour of love amongst us. her —

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company & religious Services have been to our comfort & edification, & the Clerk is directed (in unison with our womens Clerk) to furnish her with a copy of this minute

*Report of  
Committee  
on  
Titles &  
property*

The Committee appointed as on page **349**. Old Record in regard to Titles & property now Report as follows- & is the Same as was prepared by them in 8<sup>th</sup> month last. (Viz) To the M<sup>e</sup> Meeting We of the Committee appointed by this meeting Some time past to look up the Deeds & Conveyances belonging to us & continued to have them to corispond with a Lawful Title & also to See that our personal property was Vested and Represented in a lawful manner now Report that two of us called on **Judge Prescott. (New Bedford)** Showed him our Titles. paid him one dollar for his counsel. which was, that no change was needful to hold the property. & that our Titles were good. & our personal property a part of it is Still in the New Bedford Institution for Sa= =Vings & **Abraham Russell** on behalf of the overseers of this meeting & also of this meeting is the holder of the Book for the deposit & also the reciever of the divide =nds as usual= The note for Two hundred Dollars, being the amount arising from the **Mary Hart** bequest is Still in the hands of **Benjamin Tucker**. he having been requested by the friend whom this meeting

appointed to receive the transfer of Said Security. but as yet he declines giving it up. Signed **Abram Russell Isaac R. Gifford & Barrett Beard**. Dated 8<sup>mo</sup> 1845~ —— Which being read & duly considered the meeting appeared Satisfied with what had been done & accordingly accepted the report & Released the committee. And the Overseers are now directed by this meeting to give the necessary attention in regard to the obligation which is Still in the hands of **Benjamin Tucker**

*Dividends  
Rc<sup>d</sup> & paid  
in on  
Benjamin  
Ricketson  
Bequest~*

**Abram Russell** on behalf of the Overseers now informs us that he has Rc<sup>d</sup> the 2 dividends from the Institution for Savings for the past Year & also the Rent of two pieces of marsh. Dividends 20\$ & Rent 7<sup>00</sup> making ~~making~~ 27<sup>00</sup>— & that the Same has been paid to our Treasurer. which is Satisfactory to this meeting. **Isaac R Gifford Clerk**

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*6<sup>mo</sup>  
1846*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 24<sup>th</sup> of 6<sup>mo</sup> 1846 By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the Ptive meetings the Representatives appointed therein to this m.g are from the south **George Smith & Benjamin Gidley** from the north **Benj<sup>a</sup> Potter & George Almy** who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned. - - - - -

*Bersheba G.  
Herrendun  
&  
M.J. Hodges  
in attendance*

Our beloved friends **Bersheba G. Herrendun** of **Farmington New York** & **Martha J. Hodges** from **China** state of **Maine** attended this meeting with certificates of concurence from their respective meetings, the former being indorsed by **Farmington** Quarterly Meeting under date of 4<sup>mo</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1846 their company & Gospel Labours are acceptable & Edifying to us as also the company of our beloved friend **Gideon Herrend<sup>um</sup>** companion to his wife **Martha G.** who accompanies her on her visit within our limits, the clerk is directed to give the above information on our a/c to the Quarterly meeting - - -

*Queries  
Answered to  
Q. M.g.*

The Queries with answers from each of our preparative meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been now read from which summary answers have been prepared & approved & are accordingly directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Isaac Lawrence Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** whom we have appointed our representatives thereto, desireing them to report their attendance to our next meeting & the clerk is directed to furnish them with the needful account from our record signing the same on behalf of this meeting

This Meeting unites with the womens meeting



Caroline H.  
Howland  
Rc<sup>d</sup> member

in Recieving **Caroline H. Howland** into membership with us  
**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

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At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth**  
22<sup>d</sup> of 7<sup>mo</sup> 1846, by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to  
attend this meeting are from the South **Osman Wood & Zebedee**  
**Gifford** from the North **William Tucker & George Almy**  
who are all present - - - - -

7<sup>mo</sup>  
1846

Report of  
Representatives  
to Q. M. g.

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend  
the Quarterly meeting Reports that they all attended

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New England**, held on **Rhode Island** in the sixth  
month, 1846—

The Committee having the superintendence of the Boarding School at **Providence** presented  
their annual report, which was read; and while the care thus manifested by the Committee is  
satisfactory to this Meeting, yet, in view of the importance of the concern, and with desires that  
the greatest amount of good may be dispensed to the members of our religious Society from an  
Institution established, as we doubt not, in best wisdom, and endowed and cherished by beloved  
friends, deeply concerned for the promotion of truth and the preservation and guarded education  
of the children of this Society, we are induced now to appoint our friends \* \* \* \* \*  
a Committee to take the whole subject into their solid consideration, and if, after careful delib-  
eration, they are prepared to propose any change, either in the Committee or in the manner  
of their discharging the duties of their appointment, or to make any other suggestion that they  
apprehend will promote the interests of the Institution, they are requested to report the same to  
a future sitting of this Meeting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee to whom this subject was referred presented the  
following report, viz. :—

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

“The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of the report of the School Com-  
mittee, and who were requested to make any suggestions that they might deem important in  
relation to the welfare of the School and promotion of the best interests of the Institution, report:

“That they have given to the subject their careful deliberation, and are united in making  
the following propositions to the Yearly Meeting, viz. :

“In order to effect a more direct responsibility on the part of those appointed by the Yearly  
Meeting to superintend the School, and to induce greater efficiency of action in the direction and  
management of its affairs, we would propose that a small Committee of twelve of each sex should  
be appointed by the Yearly Meeting, to whom should be committed the care and superintendence  
of the Institution, six of whom (three of each sex) should be released from the charge and six  
others substituted annually. These six should be eligible to reappointment after one year, and  
the others to continue to be released in rotation, from year to year.

“It should be understood that this Committee should give their personal attention closely to  
the School, and should meet there monthly and appoint of their number such as they should  
deem proper to have the more immediate charge thereof during the recess of their meetings.  
They should visit the Schools to know for themselves their true state, by attending them during  
school hours, and by witnessing, advising, and directing in relation to the process of instruction,  
and they should judge of the standing and progress of the children, and enter into free intercourse  
with them and their teachers. They should advise with and direct the Superintendents respect-  
ing the expenditures and domestic management of the family, and endeavor to feel and exercise  
an individual interest in the various concerns of the Institution.

“We would also propose that the Yearly Meeting should appoint a General Committee on  
the subject of education, to be composed of Friends from the several Quarterly Meetings, to  
promote the guarded education of our children, both in the Boarding School and in Monthly

Meeting, Preparative Meeting and family schools, in accordance with the concern long felt by the Yearly Meeting. This Committee on Education should meet and consult with the School Committee at the time of our Yearly Meeting at **Newport**, and also at the School at the time of the examination in the tenth month at the close of the summer term. Both Committees should freely communicate with each other, and thereby endeavor to promote the guarded, religious education of the youth of our Society. The whole to be subject to the control and direction of the Yearly Meeting annually.

“On behalf of the Committee,

“**ROWLAND GREENE,**

“**SOPHRONIA PAGE.**

“ **Newport**, 6th mo. 18th, 1846.”

—Which was fully considered and united with, and the propositions therein contained adopted by the Meeting; and the same Friends who presented the report were requested to produce to our

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next sitting the names of suitable Friends to constitute the two Committees proposed to be appointed by this Meeting.

The report of the Boarding School Committee for the past year being approved was directed to be recorded and transmitted by the Clerk to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

“The Boarding School Committee report, that they have endeavored the past year to discharge the duties entrusted to them by the Yearly Meeting in superintending the concerns of the Institution.

“Religious meetings have been regularly held in the house except during the vacations. The average number of scholars the past year has been eighty-four. The schools have been examined at the close of each term by a committee appointed for the purpose, from whose reports it appears that the evidence afforded of diligence and proficiency on the part of the pupils, and ability and faithfulness on that of the teachers, were satisfactory and encouraging. Instruction continues to be given in the languages when desired on the same conditions as heretofore, to wit, five dollars a term additional charge.

“The Treasurer’s and Superintendents’ accounts have been examined and settled, by which it appears that the income of the School for the last year has been \$9,534 93, and the expenditures \$11,131 39; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$2,886 74.

“We would propose that the terms for board and tuition be the same as last year, to wit, thirty dollars a term for members of this Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for members of other Yearly Meetings, books and stationary being furnished as at present. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar a term free of expense, as last year, and that they occupy this privilege either in the winter term or in the summer term next succeeding; and the Monthly Meetings are desired, should they deem it best not to send a scholar till the summer term, to inform the Acting Committee at its meeting in the tenth month.

“Our friends **Olney** and **Lydia Thompson** are engaged as Superintendents, and **Charles Atherton**, **Samuel Austin**, and **Edward Hoag** as teachers in the boys school, and **Mary Atherton** and **Gertrude Whittier** in the girls’. **David C. Chace** was employed during the winter term as an assistant in the boys’ department, and **Elizabeth Prosser** during the year in the girls’. **William Nicholson** was also employed as a teacher in the boys’ school during the summer term of the past year.

“Since our last report, the Committee have made several valuable additions to the philosophical apparatus belonging to the Institution.

“Although the number of scholars has been somewhat larger during the past than the prece-

ding year, yet the Committee regret that no more of the children of Friends enjoy the advantages which the Institution affords for a thorough school education, free in good measure from the corrupting influences of the world. The improved condition of schools, both public and private, within the limits of **New England**, may seem to have diminished the necessity of placing our children in the Boarding School; but we believe that most of these schools will be found to exercise an influence adverse to the simplicity and purity of our Christian profession, and many of them to expose the susceptible minds of our youth to those corrupting associations from which it has ever been the concern of Friends carefully to guard them. The religious concern for the guarded education of our children, which the principal donors to the school fund uniformly manifested, we hope will be steadily borne in mind by all those upon whom devolve the parental care and guardianship of the young; that the substantial advantages so liberally placed within their reach may be reaped to greater extent in time to come.

“Signed by direction and on behalf of the School Committee,

“**JONATHAN L. SLOCUM**, Clerk.

“Boarding School, 5th mo. 8th, 1846.”

The Committee to whom it was referred to produce to this Meeting the names of suitable Friends to constitute a School Committee, propose the following, to wit:

“**Perez Peck, Samuel Boyd Tobey, John Meader, Samuel Taylor, Jr., John Osborne, Joseph Metcalf, Samuel Boyce, John D. Lang, William A. Robinson, Stephen A. Chace, David Buffum, Rowland Greene.**

“**Elizabeth Meader, Eliza B. Boyce, Sarah F. Tobey, Lydia Congdon, Sophronia Page, Susan Howland, Joanna Peck, Eunice Metcalf, Ann Elmira Lang, Eliza A. Osborne, Mary Shove, Mary B. Allen.**”

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—Which being satisfactory, they are appointed a Committee to act on our behalf in the care and superintendence of the Boarding School, agreeably to a proposal adopted by this Meeting yesterday; and they are requested to render such personal attention at the Institution as they may be able to do, giving such advice and directions in the various concerns thereof as they may deem calculated to promote its interests in accordance with the original concern of this Meeting in establishing a school for the guarded, religious education of the youth of our Society, and report to this Meeting next year.

The following Friends (being two of each sex from each Monthly Meeting) are proposed to constitute a Committee on Education, to wit:--

“*Rhode Island Quarter*—**Moses H. Beede, Jethro F. Mitchell, Timothy C. Collins, Benjamin Greene, Jervis Shove, Thomas S. Gifford, Gilbert Congdon, James Dennis.**

“**Elizabeth Wing, Mary Williams, Laura L. Chase, Sarah Slade, Elizabeth Peckham, Free-love Greene, Mary W. Smith, Anna T. Dennis.**

“*Salem*—**William H. Chase, Nathan Breed of Lynn, Moses Huntington, Jr., Newell Ordway, Herrod Chase, Joshua Page.**

“**Elizabeth H. Chase, Mary E. Breed, Elizabeth Gove, Susan L. Brown, Alice Page, Anna Johnson.**

“*Sandwich*—**George Howland, Jr., Charles R. Tucker, Newell Hoxie, Ebenezer Wing, William Mitchell, Abraham R. Wing, George Almy, George W. Francis, John Macomber, Adna Davis, Calvin Shepherd, Moses F. Rogers.**

“**Sarah Anthony, Dorcas F. Tucker, Rebecca C. Hoxie, Mercy H. Wing, Sarah Barnard, Lydia Mitchell, Mary Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford, Barbary Gifford, Rebecca Church, Sarah J. Brown, Mary Shepherd.**

“*Falmouth*—**Abraham Winslow, Joseph Cartland, Nathan Pope, Lemuel Jones of Windham, Caleb Jones, Henry M. Minot, Nathan Douglas, Lemuel Jones of Brunswick,**

“**Mary Bracket, Susan P. Cartland, Lydia Allen, Sarah W. Pope, Lydia H. Jones, Jane C. Minot, Eunice J. Rich, Maria B. Jones.**

“*Smithfield*—**Arnold Aldrich 2d, Thomas Grover, Edward Earle, Paul Wing, John E. Frye, David Badcock.**

“Catharine Comstock, Abigail Inman, Ann B. Earle, Elizabeth Southwick, Rachel F. Holder, Sarah C. Frye.

“*Vassalboro*’—Moses Taber, Thomas B. Nichols, Eli Jones, Lot Jones, Joseph Taber, Asa Jones.

“Lydia P. Frye, Theodate S. Pope, Mary Cook, Mary R. Jones, Deborah B. Warren, Jane H. Jones.

“*Dover*—Benjamin Frye, Stephen Beede, Walter Sawyer, Benjamin H. Jones, Benajah Buffum, Peter M. Neal.

“Abigail Beede, Sarah Hoag, Abigail M. Hanson, Hannah G. Sawyer, Hannah Morrill, Lydia C. Neal.

“*Fairfield*—Joseph Taylor, George Richardson, Alden Sampson, Jacob Pope, Daniel R. Bailey, David Douglas.

“Olive Wing, Lydia Taylor, Sarah T. Sampson, Lucy J. Hawkes, Phebe Bailey, Chloe Douglas.”

—Who are satisfactory to this Meeting, and they are appointed to attend to the general service of promoting the guarded education of our youth, particularly as indicated in the minute made yesterday, proposing such an appointment, and they are requested to report to this Meeting next year. The Clerk is directed to make the necessary extracts from our minutes on these subjects, and forward them, together with the names of the Committees now appointed, to our subordinate Meetings.

Signed by direction of the Yearly Meeting,

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY**, Clerk.

**HANNAH GOULD, JR.**, Clerk.

Note.—**Wingate Frost, Limmington, Maine**, is appointed correspondent of **Limmington** Monthly Meeting.

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*80 London Epistles*  
*Rc<sup>d</sup> & Spread* We have Rc<sup>d</sup> 80 Coppies of the **London** General printed Epistle of last year, one of which has been now read to our Satisfaction, and they are directed to be distributed to our members

*Aby A. Sutton acknowledged<sup>s</sup>*  
*Rc<sup>d</sup> &c.* We unite with the women in recieving an acknowledge=ment from **Aby A. Sutton** wife of **Townsend Sutton** for satisfaction & she is accordingly retained a member of Society.

*Townsend Sutton: Committee Report of.* The committee in the case of **Townsend Sutton** now Report that they have visited him & recieved a good degree of satisfaction: as he appeard sensible of his transgression & also desirous to remain a member. signd **Isaac Lawrence Joseph Gifford & Barrett Beard** Committee. dated 7<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1846- & we came to the conclusion to accept this Report & his following acknowledge=ment for satisfaction so far as relates to us, & the Clerk is directed to forward to **Ninepartners** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting his acknowledgment together with a copy of this minute

To **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting. Dear fr<sup>ds</sup>.

*T. Sutton ackgment* I Regret that I have so far deviated from the good order of Society as to marry contrary to dicipline & desire that Friends

may pass by my transgression & permit me to remain a member Signed **Townsend Sutton** 6<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1846.

*Extracts Rec<sup>d</sup> & Committee to Grant Certificats to Scholars &c* Satisfactory Extracts from our last yearly meeting were now Rc<sup>d</sup> & read by which it appears that we have the priveledge of sending one scholar six months or one term to our Boarding Sch<sup>ool</sup> at **Providence**, either to the next winter or summer term & accordingly **Abner Potter J<sup>u</sup> George Almy, Barret Beard** and **Isaac Lawrence** are appointed a committee to make a Selection of a scholar to take this priveledge & also to whom application is to be made & who are desired to grant certific=ates to all children going to that School the ensuing year from within our limits.

Signed **Isaac R. Gifford** Clk

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*8<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1846 -* At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1846, By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **Moses Smith & Jonathan Wilbur** from the north **William Potter & Roland Ryder** who being called were all present. -----

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*No Business* Friends met in Love and no business appearing at This time, Separated as we humbly trust under the Same previous feeling. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk.

*9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1846* At a M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 23<sup>d</sup> of 9<sup>mo</sup> 1846 accounts being recieved from each of the preparative meetings The representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **Zebedee Gifford & Barret Beard** from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & William Tucker** who being called were all present except one who as we are informed by his request, was not not able to attend through indisposition. ~ ~

*Queries ans<sup>d</sup> to Quarterly M.g. &c* The Queries with answers from each of the Preparative meetings to the 1, 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been now read from which sum=mary answers have been prepared & adopted & directed to our next Qy Meeting by **William Tucker, Joshua W. Gifford & Barrett Beard** who we have appointed our representatives thereto desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting. & the clerk is directed to fur=nish them with an account from us, signing the same on our behalf

*Seceders Left our North P. Meeting* The following information from the North Preparative meeting was read & this meeting were united in placing the same on our record & also in noticing the same in our account to the Quarterly meeting which is, we think it right to inform the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting that all those who have Identified themselves in the late Secession have withdrawn from our meetings since about the

first of the 8<sup>th</sup> month last. Since which we have not been dis= commoded by them~

*T. Akin & family Rc<sup>d</sup>* We have recieved at this <sup>^</sup>time a removal Certificate from **New Bedford M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends** dated 8<sup>mo</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1846, on behalf of **Timothy Akin**, his wife **Sarah** & their minor children **Benjamin R. Phebe B. George C.** and **Edward Akin** which being read was accepted, the women concurring herein.

*Q. Meeting Stock \$ 160.00 Com<sup>tee</sup> to settle with Treasurer &c —* By an account now Rc<sup>d</sup> from our last Q. Meeting it app =ears that our proportion of that meetings collection & stock is one hundred & Sixty Dollars. which being satisfactory to us. our preparative meetings are desired to collect & pay to our treasurer their respective proportion agreeable to the percentage last made out — making Report when done **Abram Russell, William Tucker, Joseph Gifford** and **Barret Beard** are appointed to settle with our Treasurer, propose one for the year to come & also a sum necessary to meet our expences, & Report next month

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*M.Hart annuity Rc<sup>d</sup> ---* **Isaac R. Gifford** informed this meeting that he on the behalf of the overseers & also of the trustees to the **Mary Hart** Bequest has received 12\$ Twelve dollars from **Benjamin Potter**, being one years Interest thereon, which meets our approbation

Isaac R Gifford Clk

*10<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1846* At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 28<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1846 by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> form each of the preparative meetings, the representatives appointed to this meeting are from the south **George W. Frances & Ephraim Gifford** from the north **Rowland Ryder & William Potter** who being called are all present. ~~~

*Represent<sup>s</sup> Report of* One of the Representatives appointed last month to attend the Q<sup>r</sup> Meeting now reports that they all attended. ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,,

*Treasurer Settled with & appointed* The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer &c now Report that they have attended thereto & found a balla =nce in his hands in our favour of Twenty four Dollars.

*140.,\$ to be raised* & propose to raise the sum of One hundred & forty Dollars for the ensuing year & also propose for **Osman Wood** to be continued Treasurer, (Signed **William Tucker** in behalf of the Committee) all of which are satisfactory to us. & accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed Treasurer for the year to come or untill another appointment, & our preparative meetings are desired to collect & <sup>^</sup>pay our treasurer their respective propor= tions of this sum, agreeably to the percentage last made out, making report hereof when done. This imbraces all the money to be raised including the minute made last month in directing money for the Quarterly meeting, And our Treasurer is hereby directed to pay our proportion of that meetings Stock when the state of our Treasury will admit of it. ~~~~~

*Huldah* We unite with our womens meeting in accep =ting a removal Certificate from **New Bedford M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends**

Akin held 10<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1846 on behalf of **Huldah Akin**~~~  
Rc<sup>d</sup> ~~~

*100 copies of London Epistle Rc<sup>d</sup> of 1846 -*  
We have now Recieved about one hundred coppies of the **London** General Epistle of the present year, in printed form, one of which has now been read to our comfort and edification & friends are desired to recieve & distribute to all our members. The following com=  
=munication from **Ninepartners** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends was now recieved and Read — to wit \_\_\_\_\_

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*Townsend Sutton Rc<sup>d</sup> a Member from N. Partners M<sup>o</sup> Meeting*  
To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting State of **New York**[?] Dear friends Your communication of 7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1846 in relation to the case of **Townsend Sutton**, together with his acknowledg<sup>ment</sup> was recieved, which being read was satisfactory to us, and he according to our Dicipline is retained a member of your meeting, without further certificate; Signed by direction of **Nine Partners** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends held 17<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>mo</sup> 1846

**Nathan Swift** Clerk

**Isaac Thorne** corispondent – By which it appears agreeable to their Dicipline he is <sup>now</sup> a member of our M<sup>o</sup> Meeting and **Joseph Gifford & Otis Slocum** are appointed to give him this information & make report hereon next month~~

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

*11<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1846*  
At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 25<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1846. By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **Timothy Akin & Osman Wood** from the North **Caleb Slade & George Almy**, who being called were all present accept one for whose absence a Sattesfactory reason was given, by his request ...

*Mary B. Allen in attendance*  
Our beloved friend **Mary B. Allen** attended this ^ with a satisfactory Certificate of concurrence with her present Religious engagements, from **Smithfield** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friend State of **R.I.** Dated 10<sup>mo</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 1846- her company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, with a desire that she may feel at liberty & be encouraged to extend her Labours of love within our limits in accordance with an expression contained in her Certificate.....

Our beloved friends **Eli** and

*Eli & Sybil Jones Attended this M.g.*  
**Sybil Jones** Attended this meeting with satisfactory Certificates of Concurrence with their present Religious engagements from **China** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends State of **Maine** His dated 18<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>mo</sup> & hers the 17<sup>th</sup> of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1846, their company & Christian sympathy have been very acceptable to us~ with a desire that they will feel at liberty & be encouraged to extend their labours of love within our limits, in

accordance with an expression contained in their  
Certificates Respectively~~

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*Queries  
answered  
to Q. M. g.*

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read & summary answers proposed & adopted, which are directed to our next Quarterly Meeting by **Barret Beard, George Almy & Isaac Lawrence** whom we have appoint<sup>ed</sup> our Representatives thereto, desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them — with the needful a/c from our Records Signing the same on the behalf of this meeting.~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*T. Sutton  
is now  
a Member*

**Joseph Gifford** now reports that **Townsend Sutton** has been informed of his being Retain'd a member of our Religious Society By **Nine Partners** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting & also that he is now a member of this M<sup>o</sup> Meeting. ~~~

*Report of  
the Committee  
to  
attend the  
Preparative  
Meetings*

The committee of men & women friends appointed in the 8<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1845 to attend both of our preparative meetings now made the following report. (viz) To **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends We your Committee as by record may appear have given our attention to the object for which we were appointed. And apprehend that we have laboured in the ability which has been afforded. & in our Judgment it does not appear needful for the Monthly Meeting to take any action at present in regard to uniting the preparative meetings. We Also think it may be right to say that the south preparative meeting has not been discommoded by the intrusion of the Seceders since their appointment & that, that preparative M. g= has been peacibly & orderly sustained, Whilst at the north meeting friends were interrupted & discommoded by the adherents of **John Wilbur** for more than twelve months. in their meetings for worship by the Seceders keeping their seats in time of vocal prayer & in meetings for diciplene by their assuming to perform what they termed the business of a Preparative M. g- contrary to the tender council & advice of Friends and on their withdrawal from the house Friends proceded to the transaction of the business of the Pv<sup>e</sup> Meeting and we believe they have reputably sustained the dicipline & good order of our society. Signed on behalf of the Committee **Joseph Gifford & Mary Gifford** Dated 11<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1846. Which being read & considered was accept<sup>ed</sup> & accordingly that Committee is now released.~~~~

*12 M<sup>o</sup>  
1846*

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** the 23<sup>d</sup> of 12<sup>mo</sup> 1846 by accounts recieved the representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the South



*Representatives to Q. M.g.-* **Moses Smith & Abner Potter J<sup>n</sup>** from the North **Benjamin Potter & Isaac R. Potter** who being called were all present. One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Q<sup>r</sup> Meeting Reports they all attended

*Committee to take care of M. Houses & Funerals &c.* The subject of appointing a Committee to have & to Take all necessary & suitable care and oversight of our Meeting house Burying grounds &c & Also at funerals coming before us it was the Judgment of this meeting to Reappoint the same friends as are now under appointment (with the exception of **Isaac Lawrence** by his request) And accordingly **Abram Russell, Freeman Lawrence, Abner Potter, Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley, Isaac R. Gifford, Barrett Beard, William Tucker, George W. Francis, Daniel Howland & William Potter** are appointed to those services for the year to come or untill another appointm<sup>ent</sup>.

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk -

*Im<sup>o</sup> 1847-* At a monthly Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** 27<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>mo</sup> 1847. By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **Josiah Shearman & Edward Slade** from the North **Caleb Slade & William Tucker** who are all present. This meeting now Rc<sup>d</sup> Read & accepted A Removal Certificate from **Adrian M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting of friends (**Michigan**) dated 4<sup>mo</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1842 on behalf of **Edward Sutton** satisfactory reasons having been assigned for so long a delay after date of said Certificate ~~~~~

*E. Suttons Certificate Recieved*

*Henry Smith Committee*

The complaint against **Henry Smith** as on record under date of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1844 being again revived, **Isaac Lawrence Otis Slocum & George Almy** are now appointed to treat with him on account of his deviations & to Endeavour to convince him of his error making report hereon to a future meeting.

*E. Sutton Removed* **Eward Sutton** being desirous of a removal Certificate to **Nantucket M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting, we have with the womens concurrence prepared, adopted & signed one on his behalf Directed to **Nantucket M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting of friends (to **W<sup>m</sup> Mitchell**) & the clerk is directed to forward the same.

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

[Insert start, opposite page 40]  
ADDRESS TO FRIENDS IN NORTH AMERICA,  
FROM

THE COMMITTEE OF THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS IN LONDON, APPOINTED ON  
THE SUBJECT OF THE DISTRESS EXISTING IN IRELAND.

Dear Friends,

That brotherly love and sympathy which have so long prevailed between us and our friends in **America** induce us to communicate with you on a subject which is at present exciting a very deep and lively interest in the minds of Friends in this country.

You are, doubtless, already well aware of the existence of the awful calamity which has overspread a large part of **Ireland**. The almost total failure of the potato crop, on which so great a proportion of the inhabitants of that country depended for a supply of food, has occasioned destitution and famine to an alarming extent. This afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence early awakened the sympathies of Friends in **Ireland** and in **England**; and Meetings of Friends were in consequence convened, both in **Dublin** and in **London**, to consider the subject. The Meetings thus held entered with hearty concurrence upon the subject; and notwithstanding the large and comprehensive measures of the Government for providing employment for able-bodied labourers, and the partial efforts

made in some quarters to raise collections for the distressed, it was felt that there was a part which Friends had to perform, and to which they were called to apply themselves with earnestness and zeal; Committees were accordingly appointed by the said Meetings respectively; and these Committees are now in active operation, cordially and harmoniously labouring together.

The administrative part of the work of course rests, in great measure, with our friends in **Ireland**; and we have the satisfaction to inform you that they have made wise and efficient arrangements for the fulfilment of their trust, and are acting in it with great zeal and assiduity. The appeal which has been made to Friends generally, in both countries, has been responded to *with marked liberality*; but we feel that the utmost that can be thus raised will be little indeed in comparison with the magnitude of the calamity to be relieved,—a calamity affecting millions of our fellow-subjects, and of the probable termination of which we cannot at present form any idea.

Our friends in **Dublin** have established a correspondence with their brethren in various parts of **Ireland**, with the view of collecting information and assisting in the distribution of relief; and our dear friend **Wm. Forster**, under a feeling of duty, offered himself to undertake a visit of inspection through the most destitute districts. This offer was cordially encouraged by his friends both in **London** and **Dublin**; and he has been for several weeks, and still is, laboriously employed in the prosecution of his arduous engagement. A Friend of **Ireland** is associated with him therein; and they have been agreeably and usefully attended by one or more young men from this country. The reports received from these friends (of the first portion of which we send you a printed copy, together with our Address to Friends) furnish ample evidence that the accounts of the existing destitution had

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been by no means over-stated, and prove, that whilst a very commendable anxiety to succour the starving population around them, is more or less prevalent amongst the comparatively few who are of ability to do so in the respective districts, there is a crying necessity for all the additional aid that can be afforded: they also show that suitable channels are open for the distribution of the money which may be raised.

Our friends in **Dublin** have been diligently occupied in devising and perfecting plans for prudently supplying relief in the districts thus visited; and also in investigating and meeting the claims which are beginning to pour in upon them from other quarters.

We have now briefly, and we are aware but imperfectly, given you to understand what is thus awakening our sympathy and our sorrow. We hear that you have, during the past year, been blessed with very fruitful harvests in many parts of your continent; and we wish, in thus communicating with you, not only to enlist your sympathies, but to open the way for your co-operation, and to invite you, in the exercise of that enlarged commiseration which you will doubtless feel, to aid us in this work, by the supply of either food or money, as you may think fit.

Signed by order and on behalf of the Committee,

**JOSIAH FORSTER**

**FRANCIS FOX**

SAMUEL GURNEY  
ROBERT FORSTER  
JOSEPH JACKSON LISTER  
JOSEPH T. FOSTER  
JOHN ALLCARD  
JOHN HODGKIN  
THOMAS FOWLER

THOMAS NORTON, JUN.  
SAMUEL STURGE  
MILLIS COVENTRY  
HENRY CHRISTY  
CHARLES TYLOR }  
RICKMAN GODLEE } *Secretaries.*

*Friends' Meeting House, Houndsditch, London,  
2nd of 1st Month, 1847.*

*Remittances and Communications may be addressed to the Treasurer, THOMAS FOWLER,  
4, Princes Street, Bank, London.*

*[Insert end]*

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*Births &  
Deaths  
[re]port of-*

The overseers agreeable to the conclusion of this meeting last Year have now made a satisfactory report imbracing all the Births & Deaths which have occurred up to this time.~

**Isaac R Gifford Clk**

*2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

At a M<sup>o</sup> meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1847 by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Freeman Lawrence & Moses Smith** from the N<sup>o</sup> **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & Rowland Ryder** who are all present~~~~~

*South  
meeting  
stock paid*

This meeting is now informed that the south preparative m.g. has collected & paid their proportion of Last years Stock to our Treasurer & that the North meeting have collected theirs and are in readiness to do so~~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

~A Copy~ At a meeting for sufferings of **New England**

Yearly meeting, held in **Providence** 3<sup>d</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> month 1847. Information being recieved that in consequence of the principal means of subsistence of the poorer class of the people in **Ireland** having been cut off much suffering exists in various parts of that country, & that friends there & in **England** & elsewhere have contributed & are now contributing liberally for their relief & a Circular upon the subject issued by friends in **England**, addressed to friends in **North America** having been recieved & read at this time, it is the conclusion of this Meeting to recommend the subject to the consideration of our monthly meetings in order that friends may enter into subscriptions for their relief, should way open for it. And we appoint **Samuel Boyd Toby, Perez Peck, John Meader, John Osborn, John D. Lang, David Buffum, Joseph Metcalf,** and **Samuel Boyce** a committee to whom such subscriptions as may be obtained may be forwarded, who are requested to take charge thereof, & forward the same, so that it shall be applied in such way as shall most effectually relieve the wants of those for whom it is intended. A Copy of the Circular referred to, is herewith forwarded. Signed on behalf of the meeting afor's<sup>d</sup>

**Samuel Boyce Clerk**~~~~

*[written  
vertically]  
This Circular  
is from our  
Y. M.g. for  
Sufferings*

*Committee*

The above communication having been now Recieved & read from our Yearly Meeting for sufferings setting forth the distress in **Ireland**

*to collect  
for Ireland*

on account of the failure of the Potatoe Crop last season. As abundant proof is given from addresses which have at this time been read from Friends in **London & Dublin** as well

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as otherwise, & after reading much evidence of the suffering & meditating on what would seem to be our best course to persue it soon became the Judgment of this meeting that a comm-  
=ittee be appointed to recieve subscriptions from friends belon  
=ging to our monthly meeting & also from others who may feel willing to give for this object. And to this service we appoint **William Tucker, Abner Potter J<sup>n</sup>, Barrett Beard, Otis Slocum Freeman Lawrence, Abram Russell, George W. Frances, & George Almy**, who are desired to make all <sup>^</sup>Lawdible convenient exertion to com-  
=plete the collection & also to transmit the same to one of those friends introduced by our meeting for sufferings, that it may meet the desired distribution among the suffering Poor in **Ireland**. Making report of their doings to this meeting next M<sup>o</sup>

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

*3<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held in **Dartmouth** 24<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1847, By accounts Recieved the representatives appointed to attend this M.g are from the south preparative **Timothy Akin & Barrett Beard** from the North preparative **Benjamin Potter & William Tucker** who being called are all present ~~~~~~

*Queries ans<sup>d</sup>  
& Representatives  
to Q<sup>r</sup> M.g.*

The Queries with Answers from each of the preparative meetings have at this time been read & general answers considered of and — adopted And are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Isaac R. Gifford, George W. Frances, & Barrett Beard**, whom we have app-  
=ointed our representatives thereto, desiring them to report their attendance to our next M<sup>o</sup> meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the needfull account from our minutes signing the same on our behalf ~ ~ ~ ~

*\$ - -  
232.,00  
Collected  
for  
Ireland*

The committee appointed last month to collect for **Ireland** now made the following report. to wit. To the Monthly Meeting. The Committee appointed last month to collect & forward Contributions for the suffering poor in **Ireland**, hereby report that they have collected two hundred & thirty two Dollars, of which sum 179 Dollars was contributed by members of our Society & 53 by others, which they have forwarded to **Samuel Boyd Toby** of **Providence** one of the committee of the meeting for sufferings; the receipt of which he has acknowledged, with the assurance that it will with other funds be forwarded either in provisions or in money by said committee to the Committee of Friends in **Dublin** who have charge of

dispensing the Charities thus bestowed, signd on behalf of the comttee dated 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1847.

**William Tucker**

Which being read & also very satisfactory, it was concluded to place the same on our record.

We are informed that the north preparative meetings stock has been paid to our Treasurer. And also that our propotion of Yearly & Quarterly meeting Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting which the clerk is desired to notice in our account

**Isaac R. Gifford, Clk.**

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 28<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1847 by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to atte<sup>nd</sup> this meeting are from the south **George W. Francis & George Allen** from the North **William Potter & George Almy** all present

One of the representatives appoin=  
=ted last month to attend the Quarterly meeting now reports that they all attended ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*North M.gs  
Stock paid*

*M.g. Stock }  
paid 160,,00 }*

*4<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

*Represent<sup>s</sup>  
Report to }  
Q.M.g. }*

*B. Ricketson  
Bequest  
26,, Rc<sup>d</sup>*

**Abram Russell** on behalf of the overseers now Reports that he has Rc<sup>d</sup> & paid into our Treasury - 20 Dollars from the inst- itution for savings in **N Bedford**, & 6 Dollars for the Rent of two pieces of Marsh, it being the income for one year on the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest to this meeting

*committee  
to Bring  
forward  
Overseers*

The Year for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed having expired we appoint **Otis Slocum, Isaac Lawrence, William Potter, Osman Wood, Timothy Akin & Barrett Beard** to Bring forward to our next monthly M.g. the names of such friends as they may apprehend suitable for that station **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

*5 M<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1847 by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Barret Beard & Jonathan Wilbur** from the north **Rowland Rider & Benjamin Potter**, who being called are all present. ~ ~ ~ ~

The committee appointed last m<sup>o</sup> to bring forward names for overseers of this meeting now propose **Barrett Beard, Joshua W. Gifford, Timothy Akin**

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*Overseers  
Appointed*

**George W. Francis, Osman Wood, Benjamin Potter** and **Isaac R Gifford**, who being satisfactory to the meeting they are hereby accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment ~ ~

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the 2<sup>d</sup> this B }*

*Henry  
Smith  
Disowned*

The Committee having charge of the case of **Henry Smith** now Report as followeth, To the m<sup>o</sup> meeting the committee appointed to treat with **Henry Smith** report that an account of unavoidable circumstances but two of the committee have had an opportunity with him & they finding him so far from a right situation of mind to make suitable satisfaction for his deviations, that they have believed it best to submit the case to the m<sup>o</sup> meeting Signed **Isaac Lawrence, Otis Slocum & George Almy** dated 5 M<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1847” which being read & after a time of deliberation thereon & having the concurrence of the womens meeting herein, we do hereby disown him the right of membership with us in our our religious ~ Society., & **Joshua W. Gifford** is appointed to give him this information, making report to this meeting next month.

*Clarks  
appointed*

The Year having expired for which the Clerks of this meeting were appointed and the subject coming under — consideration & after deliberating hereon it was concluded to reappoint the same friends to this service & accordingly **Isaac R. Gifford** is appointed Clerk & **George Almy** as assistant Clerk for the year to come or untill another appointment. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Overseers  
Poor  
appointed*

The time for which the overseers of the poor were appointed having also Expired & that subject being spread before the meeting & the names of **Zebedee Gifford, Abram Russell, Barrett Beard, & William Tucker** being satisfactory to us, they were accordingly reappointed to that service for the insuing year or untill another appointment~~

**Isaac R Gifford** Clark~~

*6 m<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 23<sup>d</sup> of 6<sup>mo</sup> 1847 by a/cts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives are from the south **John Wing & Zebedee Gifford** from the north **Caleb Slade & George Almy** who are all present \_\_\_\_\_

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*B. Fry  
M. J. Hodges  
&  
An. D. Wing  
attended*

Our Beloved friends **Benj<sup>n</sup> Fry** from **Sandwich Newhamp<sup>shire</sup>** **Martha J. Hodges** from **China** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting State of **Maine** & **Anna D. Wing** from **Rhode Island** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends State of **Rhode Island** attended this meeting. Each producing a satisfactory Certificate of Concurrence from their Respective meetings their Company & Gospel Labours have been acc= eptable to us. & the Clerk is directed to furnish our f<sup>d</sup> **Benj<sup>n</sup> Fry** with a copy of a minute imbracing thee substance of this.

*Queries  
Answered*

The Queries with answers to the 1-2<sup>d</sup> & 10 from each of the preparative meetings have been read & Summary answers considered of & adopted, which are directed to our next Q. meeting by **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter, Otis**

*to the  
Q. Meeting*

**Slocum, John Wing & George Almy** whom we have appointed our Representatives thereto desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting ~ ~ & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the needful account from our minutes signing the same on behalf of this meeting

*H.S. inform<sup>d</sup>*

**Joshua W. Gifford** reports that **Henry Smith** has been informed of his disownment by us ~ **Isaac R. Gifford**, Clerk ~ ~

*7<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 28<sup>th</sup> of 7- M<sup>o</sup> 1847 by a/cts Recieved the Representatives are to this M.g. from the south **Humphry Anthony & George Smith** from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who being Called are all present. ~ ~ ~ ~

*J.H. Vining  
attended*

Our Esteemed Friend **Jacob H. Vining** attended this meeting with a Certificate of concurrence from **Swanzey M<sup>o</sup> M.g.** of friends dated 6<sup>mo</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1847 his company & Gospel Labours have been accept =able to us & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute. ~ ~ ~

*Representatives  
Report*

One of the representatives appointed last m<sup>o</sup> to attend the Q. Meeting now reports that they all attended ~ ~ ~ ~ By an a/c now Rc<sup>d</sup> from our

*Q.Meeting  
Stock is  
120,,00-*

last Q. Mg. it appears that our proportion of that m.g. Stock is 120\$, which our treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when in funds ~ ~ ~ ~

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*Extracts  
from the  
Yearly  
Meeting  
&c*

We have at this time recieved through our last Q. Meeting satisfactory extracts from our last yearly meeting imbracing the concern of & Advices from s<sup>d</sup> M.g. to subordinate meetings & also upon the subject of war,, together with a report from our boarding school committee at **Providence** by which we have the priviledge of six months tuition for one scholar the present School year,, **George Almy, Isaac Lawrence George W. Francis & Barrett Beard** are appointed to make selection of a schollar to recieve said priviledge, & also to whom app =lication is to be made for certificates for all children going to that school from within our limits. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Article of  
Dicipline  
to be  
inserted*

We have also Received & Read the adoption (by our last yearly Meeting) of an article & alteration of Dicipl[ine] upon the subject of marriage (in printed form) which appears satisfactory, & **Isaac R. Gifford George W. Francis, George Almy & William Tucker** are directed to have the same inserted in or attached to our Books of diciplin[e]

This meeting has unity with our women

*E.T. Mitchell*  
Disowned friends in disowning the right of membership in our religious society to **Elizabeth T. Mitchell**, wife of **John**.  
*Y. Meeting*  
minutes we have Rc<sup>d</sup> from our last Q. Meeting  
80 coppies of the printed minutes of our last yearly Meeting to be distributed to our members. —

*P.R. Gifford*  
has a Minute This meeting in unison with our women friends have liberated our Beloved friend **Phebe R. Gifford** to attend the Quarterly meetings of **Salem & Dover** together with some meetings belonging thereto.~~  
**Isaac R Gifford** Clark

8<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1847 At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends held 8<sup>mo</sup> 25th 1847 accounts being Recieved from the preparative meetings friends named therein as Representatives to this meeting are from the south **Joshua W. Gifford & Humphrey** from the north **Caleb Slade & William Potter**, who are all present.

*G. Almy*  
Clerk The Clerk of this meeting being absent. **George Almy** is appointed clerk for the day .... no business at the time appearing friends separated in Love —

[Insert, opposite page 46]

**At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1847,—The Clerk was directed to forward the following Extracts from our Minutes to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz:—**

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The Committee to superintend our Boarding School at **Providence**, presented the following report, which was approved by this Meeting and directed to be forwarded to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, viz:

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The committee appointed to have the superintendence of the Boarding School at **Providence**, report, that they have during the past year given attention to their appointment, and are encouraged to believe, that the Institution continues to be useful.

The average number of scholars has been eighty-five, viz: forty-two males and forty-three females.

Our friends **Olney** and **Lydia Thompson**, have acceptably served as Superintendents during the year ending with the last winter term; and **Charles Atherton**, **Samuel Austin** and **Edward G. Hoag**, have been engaged as teachers in the boys' school, and **Mary Atherton** and **Gertrude E. Whittier** as teachers in that of the girls for the same time. **Elizabeth Prosser** has also been an assistant teacher in the girls' school during the winter term.

The Superintendents having expressed their desire to be



released at the end of the last winter term, and the Committee believing that usefulness would arise from an arrangement which would unite with the general care and oversight of the Institution as Superintendents, that of taking the general government and direction of the schools, and imparting literary instruction therein, to such extent as may be consistent with the other duties of Superintendents, we have engaged our friends **Silas Cornell** and **Sarah M. Cornell** of **Rochester, New York**, to come into the Institution in that capacity, and assume those duties.

**Charles Atherton**, **Edward G. Hoag**, and **Richard Dame**, are engaged as assistant teachers in the boys' school, (the latter giving instruction in the languages,) and **Gertrude E. Whittier** and **Sarah Alice Cornell**, as assistant teachers in the girls' school, for a part or the whole of the present year.

As our friends **Silas** and **Sarah M. Cornell** could not consistently with their previous engagements, commence their connection with the Institution until the present time, the former Superintendents kindly consented to remain, temporarily, after their previous engagement expired -- and the former arrangements in the schools have mostly been continued since the commencement of the present term.

The change of Superintendents and the arrangements with respect to the principal charge of the school is now about to take place; and the friends who have for several years occupied the station of Superintendents being about to leave, seems a fitting occasion to express for their encouragement, the satisfaction of the Committee with their labors.

These labors were increased during the latter part of the last year, by more than usual indisposition among the scholars.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, except during the vacations, and harmony has prevailed. On the days of **Providence** Preparative Meeting, the meetings at the school have been omitted, in accordance with the consent of the Yearly Meeting last year.

Examination of the schools by the Committee, at the close of each term, have been made, as has been heretofore practised, and the deportment and proficiency of the scholars have been generally satisfactory, evincing a good degree of aptitude and diligence on the part of the pupils, and faithfulness on the part of the teachers.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled. By these accounts it appears, that the income of the school for the year ending with the last winter term, has been \$10,836 07, and the expenditures \$12,136 54; the expenditures having exceeded the receipts by the sum of \$1300 47. Seven hundred dollars of this excess, arises from the payment within the year of a demand against the Institution of several years standing.

The amount of expenditures exceeding the income, has been supplied from the balance on hand at the commencement

of the year; and being deducted therefrom, leaves a balance on hand at the close of the last term, of \$1858 05.

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We would propose that the price of board and tuition be continued the same as last year, viz: Thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars for those who are not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for those of other Yearly Meetings, payable in advance -- books and stationery being furnished as at present.

We would also propose, that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied, either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting—the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the 10<sup>th</sup> month, of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the summer term.

The Committee feel it right to express their belief, that there are advantages to be derived to the youth of our society at the school, which should serve as an encouragement to Friends to place their children there, that they may acquire a guarded religious education, free from many of the temptations to which they are necessarily exposed in more mixed schools, especially those over which Friends have little or no control.

And we would earnestly press upon Friends the importance to the society of a continued individual interest in the welfare of the Institution, in whose endowment and management such lively concern has been manifested by valuable Friends who are now gathered to their rest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Committee,  
**STEPHEN A. CHASE**, *Clerk.*

**Providence**, 6th month 1st, 1847.

Third day morning, the 15th. Friends convened pursuant to adjournment. The representatives being called, were all present.

The Meeting entered upon the investigation of the state of society by reading the Queries and Answers to them received at this time from our several Quarterly Meetings, and proceeded therein as far as the 4th inclusive. During this important engagement we were sensibly solemnized in feeling together, and under the baptizing influence of Divine love, much pertinent counsel and advice were given by concerned brethren. We were impressively reminded of the paramount duty of meeting together for the worship of our Father in heaven, not only on first day of the week, but on other days when a greater sacrifice may seem to be required. We were admonished to remember the source from whence proceed all our blessings; that it is from God alone that we derive all that we are per-

mitted to enjoy, whether spiritual or temporal; that it is in Him we live, and move, and have our being. We were exhorted to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, being concerned to provoke one another to love and good works, and not neglect the assembling of ourselves together. Much sympathy was manifested for Friends in lonely situations, where their meetings are very small; but they were earnestly exhorted to faithfulness in the attendance of them—that although they may be frequently held in silence, yet, as we are engaged to wait upon the Lord, they often prove seasons of refreshment. Concerned Friends were encouraged to labor faithfully with those who may be remiss in the discharge of this and other Christian duties, although it may be under a sense of much weakness; that, while they may feel their own unworthiness, they fail not to do what is required at their hands by the Head of the Church, by sinking below the gifts he has conferred upon them. Friends were encouraged to leave their worldly occupations, to close their places of business if needful, in order for the due attendance of our week-day meetings, under an awful sense that He, unto whom worship is due, may even curse our blessings. We were very impressively exhorted to watch the door of our lips, that we sin not with our tongues; that, under a sense of our own frailties, we cultivate charity towards others, and scrupulously avoid indulging in a spirit of detraction, which tends to our own poverty and the injury of our fellow men. We were reminded that, as God is love, and as his love has been so abundantly manifested to us, in that He gave his well beloved Son for us, that it is indeed incumbent upon us to love one another,  
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and to do good one unto another; and that they who have known this love shed abroad in their hearts, cannot fail to feel it flow unto others, producing a spirit of forgiveness towards those who have trespassed against us, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven us. The injunction of our Lord, of universal application, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was very feelingly held up to view as the rule that should at all times govern us in our intercou[r]se with our fellow men. The right training of our children was pertinently dwelt upon, and its necessity enforced as essential to their good, and to the discharge of the responsibility resting upon parents towards those whom our Heavenly

Father has entrusted to our care. We were reminded that, by indulging in a mistaken tenderness, we were inflicting a serious injury upon our offspring; but that as we were engaged to exercise parental authority in love, it would prove a discipline to our children, by which they might be incited more carefully to heed the requirements of their Heavenly Parent; and habits of obedience be established which would be preserving in their future course of life. Finally, both parents and children were affectionately entreated to observe their respective relative duties, that thus they might witness the dew of Heaven to rest upon them.

Adjourned to the fourth hour this afternoon.

Afternoon. Friends again assembled.

The Meeting proceeded in the consideration of the state of Society, by reading the remaining answers to the queries. While thus engaged, we thankfully acknowledge that a precious, solemn covering was felt to be mercifully extended over us. A living concern was manifested for the preservation of our members from the reading of pernicious books, which are at this day so abundant in the world; and for their encouragement in the frequent, reverent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, in accordance with the continued concern of this Society since its first rise, and which was so eminently exhibited, practically, by our forefathers in the truth. We were affectionately reminded that they who are most carefully engaged to follow the direct and immediate leadings of the Spirit of Truth, most highly reverence and value these sacred writings, which were given forth by the same Spirit, and which have been so marvellously preserved, pure and unmutated, to the present day, and which are able to make wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Parents were affectionately encouraged often to assemble their families for the purpose of reading a portion of the Holy Scriptures, and in silent introversion of mind, and with prayerful hearts meditating thereon, that their precious contents may be opened to our understandings and blessed to us. We were entreated not to be taken in that snare of the enemy which is laid for us, by inducing us to neglect this practice from fear of being found in a lifeless formality in its maintenance; but that while we should guard, with godly jealousy, against this error on the one hand, we were impressively reminded that we might err on the other hand, and neglect the observance of those necessary practices which are essential to our Christian advancement, and which are in the ordering of Him who knows our necessities, and who has so abundantly provided for them.

A proposition contained in the report of **Fairfield** Quarterly Meeting, relative to the expenses incurred by the Yearly Meeting, being brought into consideration, the subject is referred to the representatives from the several Quarterly Meetings, who are requested to report to a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the representatives made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, viz:

The representatives to whom was referred the proposition from **Fairfield** Quarterly Meeting in relation to the expenses of the Yearly Meeting, have conferred together thereon, and have come to the conclusion to propose to the Yearly Meeting the adoption of the following minute—the provisions of which

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are the same as those of the minute made by the Meeting [for?] Sufferings in the year 1830—and with only a slight alteration in the language to rend its meaning more explicit, viz. Such Friends as are of ability, who attend the Yearly Meeting, should bear their own expenses—but those who may consider themselves able to do so, who reside north of a [line?] from **Boston**, running west to the Connecticut River, be [at?] liberty to avail themselves of such provision as may be made by this Meeting; and that Friends of the island of **Nantucket** and the representatives from all the Quarterly Meetings, shall be included in the provision made for those north of the line above mentioned in the same circumstances.

On behalf of the Representatives,  
**STEPHEN A. CHASE.**

Sixth month 16th, 1847.

Among the exercises which have been with us during our deliberations at this time, has been a concern for the consistent and upright maintenance by all our members of our testimony to the unchristian nature of all wars and fightings—testimony in accordance with the belief and practice of the primitive followers of Christ. We are liable at this time some peculiar temptations on this account. Our country [is?] involved in war with a neighboring nation, and armies [are?] contending in the field; and the testimony of the Scriptures that “every battle of the warrior is with confused noise and garments rolled in blood,” is brought home to us by frequent intelligence from the scene of strife. We earnestly desire that all our dear friends may be mercifully preserved in a Christian frame of mind under these trying circumstances.

To the humble follower of Him whose kingdom is not of this world, but who, as a stranger and pilgrim here, is journeying towards another country, that is, a heavenly—how do the destruction and horrors of the field of battle, or the city made desolate by an encompassing foe, the tears of the widow and the cries of the orphan, fill his mind with sorrow! He can have no sentiment allied to rejoicing at scenes like these. His soul must be clothed with mourning and his spirit with lamentation, and his prayers will be, that that day may be hastened when the nations shall learn war no more.

Our dear friends are affectionately entreated to be careful how they expose themselves unnecessarily to temptations calculated to lead the mind from a right frame of thought on

these subjects; or by mingling with those who take delight in such strife, become in any measure leavened into their spirit; that in all our intercourse with the world, we may manifest ourselves to be followers of Him whose advent was announced by the song of the heavenly host, of peace on earth and good will to men.

In contemplating the present war in which our country is engaged, its exceeding wickedness has been forcibly presented to us, not only in its direct consequences as a war, but in the principal object, which, as we believe, produced it, namely the perpetuation and extension of slavery. We have been concerned that our members may keep ever before them the miseries and sinfulness inseparable from the practice of holding our fellow-men in bondage, and its utter inconsistency with the command of Christ, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them"; and that we fail not, faithfully, in the fear of the Lord, to bear our testimony against it, not feeling excused therefrom in consequence of its practical enactment not coming immediately before our view in this part of our land.

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY,**  
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

Note.—**Benajah Buffum** is appointed correspondent for **Burwick** Monthly Meeting, in place of **John D. Lang**, remove from within the limits of that Meeting.

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At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> M.g. of Friends held 22<sup>d</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1847 by accounts recieved from each of the preparative meetings. The representatives appointed to this meeting are from the south **Jos. Gifford & Jonathan Wilbur** from the north **Rowland Ryder & William Tucker** who are all present.

9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
1847

*Queries  
answerd &  
forwarded*

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings have been read from which summary answers have been prepared and adopted & are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Howard Potter, Osman Wood, Humphrey Anthony, & Benjamin Potter** whom we have appointed our representatives thereto desiring them to report their attendance to our next M<sup>o</sup> Meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary account from our minutes signing the same on our behalf.

*P.R. Gifford  
Returned  
her minute*

Our friend **Phebe R Gifford** returned a copy of a minute granted her in the 7<sup>mo</sup> last. Expressing that she had been favoured to accomplish her visit in attending most of the meeting constituting **Salem & Dover** Quarter's to the relief & Satisfaction of her own mind, the reading of her returning minutes is defered untill our next meeting in order to give time for friends to attend a funeral in **Allens neck** this afternoon.

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

10<sup>mo</sup>  
1847

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 27<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>mo</sup> 1847 by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **George Smith & Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell**, from the North **Benjamin Potter & Caleb Slade**, all present.

Satisfactory testimonials from **Salem**

*P.R. Gifford  
Returning  
minutes  
Read &c*

Q. Meeting held 8<sup>mo</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> from **Dover** m<sup>o</sup> meeting held 8<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> & also one from **Dover** Quarterly meeting held at **North Burw-ick** 8<sup>mo</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> on behalf of our beloved friend **Phebe R. Gifford** were now read ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Report of  
Representatives*

One of the Representatives appointed last m<sup>o</sup> to attend the Q<sup>r</sup> meeting reports that they all attended with the exception of one

*110 Coppies  
London  
Epistle*

We have Rc<sup>d</sup> through our last Quarterly meeting 110 Coppies of the **London** printed General Epistle for to be distributed to our members & those who usually attend with us one of which has been Read at this time to our comfort & Edification

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*Committee  
to  
settle with  
Treasurer &c*

**Abraham Russell, William Potter & Barrett Beard** are appointed to settle with our Treasurer, propose one for the year to come & also a sum of money necessary to be collected to meet our expences for the present year, & to report next mon[th]

*James Tucker  
under  
Dealing*

The following communication from the Overseers was Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read, (Viz) Dear friends, **James Tucker** has for a considerable leangth of time wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings, & has Identified himself with the Separatist for which he has been laboured with – without producing the desired effect, we therefore submitt the case to the m<sup>o</sup> meeting Dated 10<sup>mo</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1847–& signed by **Barrett Beard & George W. Frances** overseers– upon which **George Almy, Joseph Gifford & Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** are appointed [to?] visit the said **James**, in order to convince him of his error & indeavour to discover his fitness to be retained a member wi[th] us, making report hereof to this meeting when ready or Called upon ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*J. Tucker  
Committee }*

*Mary Smith  
Disowned*

This meeting unites with our women friends in disowning the right of membership of **Mary Smith**, late **Anthony Isaac R Gifford Clerk**–

11<sup>mo</sup>  
1847

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 24 of 11<sup>mo</sup> 1847, By a/cs Rc<sup>d</sup> the Representatives to this meeting are from the South **Timothy Akin & Humphrey** from the North **William Tucker & William Potter** all present except one ~~~~

The committee appointed at our last m.g. To settle with our treasurer &c, now Report (To wit) we the Com

*Treasurer  
Setled with*

*39''19 on hand  
110''10 to Collect  
149-19*

*percentage  
64 South  
36 North  
100*

=mittee appointed to settle with the treasurer & other purposes have attended thereto & find a ballance in his hands of thirty nine 19/100 Dollars & propose to raise the sum of one hundred & Ten Dollars- & Also propose **Osman Wood** for Treasur[er] dated 11<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1847- & signed [*sic*] on behalf of the Committee **Abr<sup>m</sup> Russell**~ Which being Read was satisfactory and accordingly **Osman Wood** is Reappointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year or untill another appoint<sup>ment</sup> And our preparative meetings are directed to Collect & pay to our Treasurer one hundred & Ten Dollars. agreeable to the percentage of last year, (viz) South 64 & North 36 [percent?] making Report to this meeting when accomplished —

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The committee to Visit **James Tucker** now made the following Report (Viz) To the m<sup>o</sup> meeting of Friends, we the Committee in the case of **James Tucker** have attended to our appointment, have had an oppertunity with him, he did not appear to be in a state of mind to make Friends satisfaction and said he was fully satisfied with the course he had taken, which we submit to the meeting, dated 11<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1847 & signed **Joseph Gifford ~~Barrett~~ Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & George Almy** which being read & after a time of deliberation hereon, the mg- not seeing anything more that can be done in the case came to the conclusion to disown him. & we do with the womens concurrence hereby disown him the said **James** the right of membership in our religious Society & **W<sup>m</sup> Potter** is named to give him this information making report herof to our next m<sup>o</sup> Meeting

*James  
Tucker  
disowned*

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings to the 1, 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been Read from which summary— answers have been prepared & adopted & are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Daniel Howland, Otis Slocum & George Almy** whom we have appointed our representatives, thereto desiring them to Report their attendance to our next m.g= and the clerk is directed to furnish them with an account from our minutes Signing the same on behalf of this meeting ~~~ ~ ~

*Queries &  
answers  
to  
Q. Meeting*

This meeting having come to the conclusion to appoint **Isaac R. Gifford** to the Station of an Elder~ (the womens meeting uniting therewith) the clerk is directed to forward this information to our next Quarterly meeting for their Concurrence ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*I R. Gifford  
appointed  
an Elder*

This meeting also unites with our women friends in their approving the public appearances in the ministry of **Sarah Potter** & with them in the appointment of **Mary Gifford** to the Station of an Elder the information hereof to go to the Q. Mg. in their accounts.

*S. Potter  
ministry  
approved  
M. Gifford  
Elder~*

**Isaac R Gifford Clerk~~**

*12 m<sup>o</sup>  
1847*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 12<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1847. By accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to this meeting are from the South **Josiah Shearman [Sherman]** & **Zebedee Gifford** from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & W<sup>m</sup> Tucker**~ who are all present ~ ~ ~ One of the Representatives

*Represent*



to appointed last m<sup>o</sup> to attend the Q. Meeting Reports  
Q. Meeting that they all attended ~~~  
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*James Tucker informed* **William Potter** reports that he has informed **James Tucker** of his being disowned the right of membership in our religious Society ~~~~~ from the North preparative meeti[ng] the following information was recieved Respecting **Daniel Wilbur** & family, (Viz) To **Dartmouth** preparative & Mont[hly] meeting of friends, Dear friends, This may inform that **Da<sup>niel</sup> Wilbur** in the year 1845 removed with his family (say his wife **Phebe** & their two minor children. **Isaac & John** to live within the limits of (**Greenwich**) now **South Kingst[own?]** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends **R.I.** and that he has Identified himself with those who seceded from our society by attending their meeting in 1845, And we understand that Since that time he has wholly neglected the attendance of meetings belong =ing to our religious society. **Isaac R Gifford & Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** overseers-dated 12<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1847~~which being read & after a time of consideration thereon the meeting come to the con- clusion to forward the information from the overseers to **South Kingston M<sup>o</sup> M.g.** of friends requesting them to recieve the two minor children as members there & also to treat with the said **Daniel** on a/c of his deviations in our behalf & to forward to us the result of their doings & the clerk is directed to transmitt a copy of this minute together with the information from the overseers to **S<sup>o</sup> Kingston M<sup>o</sup> Mg.** of friends. Signing the same on behalf of this meeting— This meeting has unity with the womens meeting in recieving **Martha Jones** into membership with us~, ~~~~ ~~

*Request to S<sup>o</sup> Kington M<sup>o</sup> Mg-*

*Martha Jones Rec<sup>d</sup>*

*Article of Dicipline inserted*

*1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1848*

*Births & Deaths Reported*

The friends appointed in 7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to insert the article, or attach the article of Dicipline to our Books, now report that they have done so~~~

**Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held in **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 1 month 1848. By a/c<sup>ts</sup> from our preparative meeting the Representatives to this m.g. are from the South **Humphrey Anthony & Osman Wood** from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & Caleb Slade** who being called are all present ~~~~~

The overseers agreeable to the conclusion of this meeting some time past, now report that they have handed to our recorder the names of the Births, & Deaths, which have occur[ed] within our limits during the past year ~~~~~

*Committee to take care of M.g. Houses & Funerals, &c* The time for which the committee was appointed, to have & to take all necessary & suitable care of our meeting houses, Burying ~~ grounds & also at funerals, having expired & the subject being spread before the meeting, it was concluded to reappoint the same friends as are now under appointment & accordingly, **Abram Russell, Freeman Lawrence, Abner Potter, Benjamin Gidley, Isaac R. Gifford, Barrett Beard, William Tucker, George W. Frances, Daniel Howland & William Potter**, are appointed to those services for the year to come or untill another appointment ~ ~ ~

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk ~ ~ ~

2<sup>mo</sup> 1848 At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 23<sup>d</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> Mo 1848 by accounts recieved the representatives appointed to this m.g are from the south **George Allen & Otis Slocum** from the north **William Tucker & George Almy** who are all present but one for whose absence a sattisfactory reason was given ~ ~ ~

No business appearing at this time friends separated in love as we humbly trust. ~

**Isaac R Gifford** Clerk ~ ~

*3<sup>d</sup> Mo 1848 }* At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> meeting of friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1848- accounts being recieved from the preparative mg<sup>s</sup> the friends named therein as representatives to this meeting are from the south **Abram Russell & Freeman Lawrence**, from the north **Benjamin Potter & Rowland Ryder** who are all present ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative mgs have been read at this time & General answers considered of and adopted and are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Timothy Akin William Tucker & Joshua W. Gifford** whom we have appointed as representatives thereto desireing them to report their attendance to our next m.g. & the assistant Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on behalf of this meeting. ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*Queries answerd & sent to Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>g</sup>s ~*

*North P\_M.g. Stock paid*

we are informed that the north preparative meetings proportion of stock has been paid to the Treasurer of this meeting.

*Q. M.g. Stock Paid }*

We are also informed that our proportion of Q<sup>y</sup> meeting Stock has been paid to the treasurer of that meeting & the assistant Clark is directed to notice the same in our account to that meeting ~ ~ ~ The following informa-

*John B. Shearman }*

tion from the overseers through the South preparative meeting Respecting **John B. Shearman [Sherman]** was read (viz)

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To the preparative & monthly meetings of friends  
Dear friends, **John B. Shearman [Sherman]** having very much neglec[ted] the attendance of our Religious meetings, and has of late  
**J.B** connected himself in marriage with one not a member

*Shearman Complaint* with us, for which he has been Laboured with by the overseers, Signed **Barrett Beard George W. Francis** overseers Dated 3<sup>mo</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1848– we appoint **Freeman Lawrence** and **Otis Slocum** a committee to Vissit him on account of & of [*sic*] the complaint against him to endeavour to convince *Committee* him of his error & to discover his fitness to be retained a member amongst us & report the result of their Labou[r] when ready~~ **George Almy** assistant Clerk-

*4 m<sup>o</sup> 1848* At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1848, by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the South **Paul Fisher & Otis Slocum** from the North **William Tucker & George Almy**, who are all pres[ent] *Report of Repr<sup>s</sup> to Or Mg* One of the representatives appointed last m<sup>o</sup> to attend the Q. Meeting reports that they all attended ~~~~

*P.R. Gifford has a Minute* Our beloved friend **Phebe R. Gifford** informed this meeting that under an apprehension of religious duty she had a prospect of attending the ensuing yearly Meeting of friends in **New York**, which claimed the solid consideration of the meeting & was united with, and she left at liberty to persue her prospect as truth may open the way. She being a minister in unity with us, & the Clerk is directed to unite with the Ck [clerk] of the womens meeting in furnishing her with the substan[ce] of this minute ~~~

*I.R. Gifford has a Minute* Our esteemed friend **Isaac R Gifford** informed this meeting that he had a prospect of accompanying his wife **Phebe R Gifford** in the attendance of the ensuing yearly M.g. of friends in **New York** as expressed in her ~ minute, which claimed the consideration of this meeting & being united with, he was left at liberty to persue his prospect as truth may open the way, he being an Elder in unity with us, & the assistant Clerk is directed to furnish him with the substance of this minute **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

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*5 m<sup>o</sup> 1848* At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends held 5<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1848 by accounts recieved the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the south **Barrett Beard & George Smith** from the North **Benjamin Potter & Rowland Ryder** who are all present. The year for which the *Committee on Clerks* Clerk & assistant Clerk of this meeting were appointed having expired, the present representatives are requestd <sup>^to produce</sup> the names of such friends as they may think suitable for that service to our next monthly meeting ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

*I. Lawrence & M. Jones publish Marriage* This meeting being informed by our south preparative meeting that **Isaac** <sup>^Lawrence</sup> & **Martha Jones** proposes publishing thire intentions of Marriage with each other, & their intentions being produced in written form, signed by them, was read, which this meeting notices, & they are desired to wait untill our next

M<sup>o</sup> Meeting for their answer And **Jos. Gifford & Daniel Howland** are appointed to inspect into **Isaac**<sup>s</sup> clearness in regard to his proceeding in marriage & report to our next m<sup>o</sup> meeting—

The time for which the overseers of Society were appointed having expired we appoint **Isaac Lawrence, Otis Slocum, Barrett Beard, William Tucker, Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell, Freeman Lawrence & Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** a committee to consider of & produce to our next M<sup>o</sup> meeting, the names of such friends as they may think suitable for that station we have at this <sup>time</sup> recieved the following communication from **South Kingston [Kingstown]** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends held 4<sup>mo</sup> last Containing an a/c of their doings in the case of **Daniel Wilbur**, (viz) To **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** monthly meeting, Dear friends At **South Kingston** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends held at **Western** 1<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1848. Recieved at this time a copy of a minute from **Dart [Dartmouth]** monthly Meeting Respecting **Daniel Wilbur** which is accepted. & in which we appointed a committee to visit & bestow such labour as appears to them expedient & report to our nixt M.g. Taken from the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> Month 24<sup>th</sup> (when they say) the committee appointed in the 1<sup>mo</sup> to visit **Daniel Wilbur** &c made the following report (to wit) We your committee appointed to Visit **Daniel Wilbur** on a complaint of the overseers of **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> meeting Report that he has been visited by two of our number in relation to the points complained of, & that he justifies himself in every particular & has no disposition

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to make friends Satisfaction all of which we submit to the consideration of friends. Dated at **Hopkinton** 4<sup>mo</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1848- & signed by **Amos. W. Collins & Peter H. Collins**, Committee which is accepted & the Clerk is desired to furnish **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting with the report & the minutes made in the case Taken from the minutes of **South Kingston [Kingstown]** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting & signed by **Timothy C Collins** Clerk-. All of which is satisfactory to us & the report of their Committee is accepted by this meeting, and after a time of deliberation thereupon this meeting came to the conclusion to disown him the S<sup>d</sup> **Daniel** the rights of membership in our religious Society, the womens meeting uni[t]ing therewith. & the Clerk is directed to give this information to **South Kingston** M<sup>o</sup> M.g. By a copy of this minutes reques[t]ing that mg. to give the said **Danel Wilbur** information of the minute of Denial made against him –

The committee appointed to visit **John B. Shearman [Sherman]** made the following report, (viz) to **Dartm<sup>o</sup>** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends, we your committee in the case of **John B. Shearman** Report that we have attended to our appointm[ent]

*Shearman  
Disowned*

& have had an opportunity with him & he Manifested no disposition of mind to make Friends Satisfaction for his deviations. & further said he was satisfied in the course he had taken, and we apprehending our selves clear of further labour submit the case to the M<sup>o</sup> Meeting, 5<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1848- Signed **Otis Slocum & Freeman Lawrence** Committee – which being Read was accepted & the meeting came to the conclusion to disown him the said **John B. Shearman** from being a member of our religious Society, the womens meeting uniting herewith & **George W. Frances** is appointed to give hi[m] the information of the minute of denial made against him Making Report hereof to this meeting. ~~~~~

*Abraham  
Tucker  
Sound  
belief &c*

The following communication being recieved from **Abraham Tucker** is acceptable to the meeting & the Overseers of the Poor are directed to recieve the amount of Ten Dollars as therein expressed & dispose of the same agreeable to the directions of the donor ~~~

**Dartmouth 5<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1848- To Dartmout[h]**

Monthly Meeting of friends. Dear friends. my health is such that I am not able to attend the month[ly] Meeting – but herewith send you my love & desires

*True Copy  
by L. R Gifford*

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for your growth in the unchangable truth, and in a firm & unshaken belief in the mercies of God, through a crucified Redeemer which is the only hope of salvation of your friend and Brother. (I also send ~~send~~ Ten Dollars for the use of the monthly M.g. it is to be for the relief of poor friends giving the preferance to the Widdow & fartherless [*sic*]) & signed by himself **Abm Tucker**

*A. Tucker  
give 10.,,\$*

**George Almy** Clerk for this time

Minute of 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> omitted in the above.

The year for which the Overseers of the poor were appointed haveing expired the friends now under appointment, viz.

**Abraham Russell Barret Beard & Wm Tucker**

*Overseers of  
Poor  
Appointed*

are reappointed (with **Otis Slocum** (in the place of **Zebedee Gifford** deceased) to that Service for the year to come or until another appointment.

**George Almy** Clerk for this time

At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends held 6m<sup>o</sup> 28 1848 by accts recd, the representatives appointed to attend this Meeting are from the South **Barret Beard & Joshua W Gifford**, from the North **Wm Tucker & Wm Potter** who are all present except one.

Our Esteemed Friend **Charles Taber** attended this Mg. with a satisfactory Certificate of concurrence from **Farnham** Mo Mg. of Friends in **East Cannada [Canada]** dated 24<sup>th</sup> of 4m<sup>o</sup> last, endorsed by **Forresburg[?]** Quart<sup>erly</sup> Mg. held 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1848 his company & Religious

*Charles  
Taber  
attended*

labours have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish him with the substance of this Minute.

Also the company of our Esteemed friend **Paul Southwick** Companion to **Charles Taber** who produced a Satisfactory minute from **Perue [Peru]** Mo Mg. & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a returning Minute.

*Paul Southwick Companion*

*Clerks }  
Appointed }*

**Barret Beard** on behalf of the friends with whom the subject of Clerks was left informed the Mg. that they had given attention thereto and were

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united in proposing **Geo Almy** for clerk & **William Tucker** for assistant clerk, which being satisfactory to the Mg. they were accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment

**Isaac R Gifford** having acceptably served the Mg. as clerk for a number of years is now released agreeable to his request.

*Queries answered  
& sent to Q. M.*

The Queries have been read at this time & summary answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> considered of & adopted, and directed to our next Quarterly Mg. by **Isaac R Gifford Benjamin Potter & Abrm Russel**[I] whom wee have appointed representatives thereto desiring them to report their attendance to our next Mg. the clerk is directed to furnish them wit[h] the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on behalf of this Mg.

*Overseers appointed*

The Committee appointed last Month to bring forward names for overseers of this Mg. no<sup>w</sup> propose **Benjamin Potter, Geo Almy, Geo W Francis, Barret Beard, Timothy Akin, and Joshua W. Gifford**, with which the Mg. unites & they are accordingly appo[in]ted to that Service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

*John B. Sherman Informed*

**Ge<sup>o</sup> W. Francis** informs that he has given **John B. Sherman** information of the minute of denial made against him.

*Phebe R. Gifford, & I.R. Gifford Minutes Returnd*

The Minutes granted our Esteemed Frds [Friends?] **Phebe R. Gifford & Isaac R. Gifford** were now returne[d] also satisfactory returning minutes from the Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders held in **New York** on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of 5m<sup>o</sup> & the 2<sup>d</sup> of 6m<sup>o</sup> 1848.

The Committe appointed to inspect into **Isaac Lawrence**'s cleanness to proceed in Marriage with

*Isaac Lawrence  
in regard to  
Marriage*

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**Martha Jones** produced the following, (viz)  
To the M<sup>o</sup> Mg. Wee the committee to inspect into **Isaac  
Lawrence**'s clearness in regard to Marriage have attend[ed]  
to our appointment & have discoverd nothing to  
hinder his proceeding in Marriage with **Martha  
Jones**. Signed **G<sup>eo</sup> Gifford & Daniel Howland** 6<sup>mo</sup> 28. 1848

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and they are accordingly left at liberty to accomplish their  
said intentions agreeable to the order of our society and  
**Ge<sup>o</sup> W. Francis & Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to  
attend & see that good order is observed.

**George Almy** Clerk.

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*7m<sup>o</sup> 26  
1848*

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 7m<sup>o</sup> 26. 1848  
the representatives from the preparative Mgs are, from  
the South **Daniel Howland & Abner Potter**, from the  
North **Abraham Tucker & Isaac R Gifford** who are all  
present.

*Thos Wells  
attended*

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Our beloved Friend **Tho<sup>s</sup> Wells** attended this  
Mg. with a Satisfactory Certificate of concurrence from  
**Miama**[?] M<sup>o</sup> Mg. of Friends in the State of **Ohio** dated  
7M<sup>o</sup> 25. 1847 & endorsded by **Miama** Quarterly Mg held  
8M<sup>o</sup> 14. 1847 his company and Gospel Labors have  
been acceptable to us, and <sup>^</sup>the Clerk is directed to unite  
with the clerk of the woms [women's] meeting in furnishing  
him with the substance of this Minute and signe  
the same on behalf of this Mg.

*Repräsentatives  
to Q Mg  
repat*

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One of the repräsentatives appointed to attend  
the quarterly Mg. reports that they all attended except  
one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was given.

*Q meeting  
Stock is  
\$130.*

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By an account received from the quarterly Mg.  
it appears that our proportion of that Mgs Stock is  
one hundred & thirty dollars & our Treasurer is directed  
to pay that Amo<sup>t</sup> [amount] to the treasurer of that Mg when in  
funds.

*B. Ricketson  
Bequest  
Recd \$30.*

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Wee have at this time received our Treasurers  
receipt for two dividends amounting to Twenty dollars  
from the New Bedford Institution for Savings, also his  
rec<sup>t</sup> [receipt] of Ten dollars for rent of Marsh, it being the  
income for one year, from the **Benj<sup>n</sup> Ricketson**  
bequest.

*M Hart  
Annuity  
Received*

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**Geo Almy** informs that he has recd on  
behalf of the overseers and also of the trustees to the  
**Mary Hart** bequest, the sum of Twenty four dollars  
from **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** it being 2 years interest, which  
is satisfactory to this Mg.

*Y. Meeting  
Minuits Rcd*

We have recd at this time 100 printed coppies of the minutes of our last yearly meeting which are dire[cted] to be distributed amongst our members.

*Extracts }  
from Y. Mg. }*

Also rec<sup>d</sup> satisfactory extracts from our last yearly meeting embraceing the report of the committee haveing charge of the boarding school at **Providence** by which it appears we have the priviledge of sending thereto one scholar 6 m<sup>o</sup> either at the next winter or summer term free of expence, and **Geo[rge] Almy, Geo W, Francis, Barret Beard & Otis Slocum** are appointed to unite with the women in makeing a selection of a scholar from within our limits to receive this priviledge, & to whom application is to be made for certificates for all children going to that school from <sup>^</sup>within the limits of this Meeting the ensueing year.

One of the Friends appointed to have charge of the marriage of **Isaac Lawrence & Martha Jones** report it was orderly conducted and the certificate deliverd to the recorder.

**George Almy Clerk**

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*8 m<sup>o</sup> 23. 1848.*

At **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting of Friends held 8 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1848. By accts received from the preparative meetings, the representatives are from the south **Otis Slocum & Johnathan Wilbor**, from the North **William Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned. **Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** informed this meeting that he expected to attend the ensueing yearly Meeting of Friends to be held in **Ohio**, he being a member in unity with us the Clerk is directed to furnis him with a minuite embraceing the substance of this & sign the same on behalf of this meeting. This Mg unites with the Womens Mg in receiveing a Removal Certificate from **N Befedford [New Bedford] M<sup>o</sup> Mg.** on behalf of **Sarah R Allen**

*Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>  
has a  
minuite.*

*Sarah R  
Allen recd*

**George Almy Clerk**

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At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New England**, held on **Rhode-Island** in the Sixth month, 1848.

The Committee having charge of our Boarding School, presented the following Report, which was interesting and satisfactory to this Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward



copies thereof to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting.

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY**, *Clerk.*

*“To the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England.*

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at **Providence**, have, during the past year, attended to the duties of their appointment.

The School has been continued through the year (with the usual vacations) under the charge of **Silas** and **Sarah M. Cornell**, as Superintendents and principal Teachers.

During the Summer Term, we had the services of **Charles Atherton** and **Edward G. Hoag** as assistant Teachers in the male department of the school, and **Lafayette Burr**, a young man connected with Brown University, has, through the year, given lessons in the Latin and Greek languages for five days in the week, to a class in this school. **Richard Dame** has also assisted in teaching the languages during part of the time. In the Girls' School, **Gertrude E. Whittier** and **Sarah Alice Cornell** served as Teachers.

During the Winter Term, in the Boys' School, the same teachers remained, and the school being large, **Lindley M. Moore** was engaged as assistant teacher in addition.

**Martha M. Haines**, **Sarah Joy Brown** and **Sarah Alice Cornell**, were assistant teachers in the Girls' School during the same Term.

In addition to the Monthly Meetings of the Committee, and intermediate visits by sub-committees regularly appointed at these meetings for that service, semi-annual examinations at the close of each term, have been attended by the Committee; that at the close of the Summer Term being also attended by a number of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education.

Our several examinations in these various forms, have been in general satisfactory. The Friends in the immediate care of the Institution, as superintendents, teachers, or in the more subordinate stations, have evinced a careful regard for the good of the School, and a concern for the faithful performance of their duties to their interesting charge, which have been satisfactory to the Committee.

Of the scholars, both male and female, we may say, that generally their deportment has been orderly, and their attention to their studies and improvement therein commendable—and we are encouraged to believe that the school has continued to be useful, in promoting the literary advancement of the scholars—and favorable, under the Divine blessing, to the awakening and strengthening of good resolutions for a consistent course in after life.

The average number of scholars has been one hundred and one, viz.: fifty-five males, and forty-six females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held at the times appointed—and the family has been preserved in much harmony.

The accounts of Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund, have been examined and audited. The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter term, have been twelve thousand, eight hundred and seventeen dollars and forty-three cents. The income has been as follows: Interest from the School Fund, six thousand, two hundred and forty-six dollars, seventy-seven cents;—from Board and Tuition of scholars, (including \$130 87 for articles sold and \$157 20 due from scholars for the past terms,) five thousand, three hundred and thirty-eight dollars, and seventy-seven cents. Total income, eleven thousand, five hundred and eighty-five dollars, and fifty-four cents—leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditures of twelve hundred and thirty-one dollars, eighty-nine cents.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the Fifth month last, the time of the examination, may be stated at eleven hundred and eleven dollars and forty-six cents.

Considerable amount of repairs and alterations has been made during the past year, particularly in the warming and cooking apparatus at the School House, and some improve-

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ment about the grounds, the expense of which, exceeding sixteen hundred dollars, is included in the expenditures above reported.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition should be continued as last year, viz. Thirty dollars per Term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for any others who may be admitted -- and that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next Winter or succeeding Summer Term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting; the several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the Tenth month of their conclusion, in case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer Term.

Among the subjects which have claimed the attention and concern of the Committee, has been the promotion of a conformity to our religious profession, and the requisitions of our discipline by the scholars, in plainness of dress and address. On this subject, labor and advice have been from time to time imparted in the schools. But the Committee have a strong belief of the importance of the care of parents, and of Monthly Meetings, with the children at home on these subjects. Under

this belief, and in pursuance of what they believed their duty under their appointment, they issued, in the Third month last, a communication addressed to Friends in the several Monthly Meetings, in the subject of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel—a copy of which is herewith presented.

During the past year, the health of the inmates of the School has been generally good, although we have to note some sickness, particularly a prevalence of colds and sore throats in the Third month, with which eight or ten of the male scholars were more or less affected—and the removal by death of two young men, scholars in the school, during the year. The first was **Thomas W. White**, from **Elizabeth City, Pacotank county, North Carolina**, who died on the 20th of Eleventh month last, aged 21 years; and of whom it was reported, that his deportment during all the time of his being at the School was orderly and satisfactory, never having in word or deed given occasion for reproof or dissatisfaction.

The second instance of mortality was **Benjamin Winslow**, of **Winthrop, Maine**, son of **Joseph Winslow**. He had been affected to some extent with sore throat, which had prevailed in the School, but from which he had nearly recovered, when he was seized with disease of the bowels, of which he died on the 3d of Fourth month, after a few days illness, aged 21 years. We believe it may not be without usefulness to say in this report, that the deportment of this young man, during the time he spent in the School, was very exemplary—and after his disease assumed a character which left him little or no prospect of recovery, he was favored unto the end, with much christian composure, and several times remarked, that although he felt his unworthiness to be great, yet he trusted that by the mercy of his Heavenly Father, through our Lord and Saviour, he should find forgiveness of his sins and be accepted. Death, he said, had no terrors for him. He manifested much gratitude towards those who had the care of him in his illness, and frequently spoke of his parents, towards whom he also felt very grateful, saying he believed their watchfulness and care over him, had done much towards preparing his mind for the solemn change that awaited him.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

**STEPHEN A. CHASE**, Clerk.

**Providence**, Fifth mo. 30th, 1848.”

The following information is appended to the **New York** Epistle, viz:

“Correspondents. —**John Duel** for **Saratoga** Monthly Meeting, in place of **Paul Kirby**, released at his request. Address **Mechanicsville, Saratoga County, N.Y.**

**Ephraim Potter** for **Granville** Monthly Meeting, in place of **Harris Otis**, deceased. Address **Granville, Washington County, N.Y.**

**John Bevans** for **Pelham** Monthly Meeting, in place of **Joseph King**, deceased. Address **Pelham** Post-Office, **Niagara**

District, **Canada West**, via **Lewiston**.

**Paul Southwick, Peru Monthly Meeting. Address Keesville, Clinton County, N.Y.**”

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*9mo 27th*  
*1848* At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1848. By accounts received the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Humphrey Anthony & Freeman Lawrence** from the North **William Potter & William Tucker** who are all present.

*Queries answered & forwarded*

The queries have been read in this meeting with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of the preparative meetings, & summary answers proposed and adopted and are directed to our next quarterly meeting by **Abraham Russell Joseph Gifford** and **William Tucker** whome we have appointed our representatives therto desiring them to report their attendance to our next m<sup>o</sup> Mg. and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minuits & signe the same on behalf of this Mg.

*E. Gifford & H.G. Akin intend marriage*

We are informed through the south preparative meeting that **Ephraim Gifford & Huldah G Akin** propose publishing their intentions of marriage with each other at this time and a written communication signed by the parties being presented declaring their said intentions was read, which the meeting notices and they are desired to wait untill our next M<sup>o</sup> Mg. for an answer, and **Freeman Lawrence & George Allen** are appointed to make the necessary inquiry respecting **Ephraim Giff** =ords clearness to proceed therein & report next m<sup>o</sup>

*D.B. Akin & S.R. Allen intend marriage*

We are also informed by the south preparative meeting that **Daniel B. Akin & Sarah R. Allen** propose publishing their intentions of marriage with each other at this time, & a written communication signed by the parties being presented, declaring their intentions was read which the meeting notices & they are desired to wait untill our next monthly meeting for an answer.

**George Almy** Clerk

At **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup>** Mg of Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1848. By accounts recd the Repräsentatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Otis Slocum & Barret Beard**, from the North **I. R. Gifford & Benjamin Potter** who are all present. ~ ~ ~

*Repräsentatives to Q Mg report.* One of the Repräsentatives appointed last month to attend the quarterly Meeting reports they all attended.

*South P. Mg stock pd* The south preparative meeting inform that their proportion of stock has been paid to the treasurer of this Mg.

*E Gifford & H G. Akin in regard to Marriage* One of the Committee appointed last month to make the necessary enquire respecting **Ephraim Gifford's** clearness to proceed in marriage with **Huldah G. Akin**, report they have discoverd nothing to prevent their proceeding therein & consent of parents being recived & read, they are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage agreeable to the rules of our discipline, they adviseing with **Jo<sup>s</sup> Gifford & Isaac Lawrence** who are appointed to attend & see that good order is observed & take care that the marriage certificate be recorded & report next month. ~ ~ ~

*D B. Akin & S R. Allen in regard to Marriage.* **Daniel B Akin** presented to this meeting a Certificate from **New Bedford M<sup>o</sup>** meeting setting forth his right of membership & clearness to proceed in marriage with **Sarah R. Allen**, also presented consent of Parents in writing for that purpose & nothing appearing to obstruct they are left at liberty to accomplish their said marriage agreeable to the rules of our society, they adviseing with **Freeman Lawrence & Otis Slocum** who are appointed to attend & see that good order is observed, & take care that the marriage certificate be recorded & report next month.

*Committee to settle with* **Abraham Russel, Freeman Lawrence** and **Benjamin Potter** are appointed to settle with our treasurer propose one for the year to come & also a sum of money necessary to be collected

*Treasurer &c* to meet our expences for the ensuing year & report next month.

*A. Potter returned minuite* **Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** at this time returned a minute granted him in the 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last and informed that he had attended **Ohio** yearly meeting.

**George Almy** Clerk.

*11<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1848.* At **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup> Mg.**, of Friends held 11 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1848 accounts being received the representati<sup>ves</sup> from the preparative meetings are from the south **Barret Beard & Moses Smith** from the North **Isaac R Gifford & William Tucker** who are all present.

*T. Hanson attended* Our Esteemed Friend **Timothy Hanson** Companion to his wife **Abigail M Hanson** attended this meeting with a satisfactory minuite from **Dover** monthly meeting dated 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1848. his company has been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute & signe the same on behalf of this meeting

Our beloved Friend **Abigail M.**

*Abigail M Hanson attended* **Hanson** attended this Mg. with a Satisfactory certificate of concurrence from **Dover M<sup>o</sup> Mg.** of Friends held 22<sup>d</sup> of 8 m<sup>o</sup> 1848, her company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the woms meeting in furnishing her with a copy of a minuite imbracing the substance of this, and signe the same on behalf of this meeting.

*Marriage orderly conducted* One of the committe appointed to attend the Marriage of **Ephraim Gifford & Huldah G. Akin** report that they attended & discovered nothing but what it was orderly conducted & the certificate deliver'd to the recorder

*Marriage  
orderly  
conducted* One of the committee appointed to attend the marriage of **Daniel B. Akin** and **Sarah R. Allen** report that they attended to the object of their appointment & discovered nothing but it was orderly conducted & the certificate put in the hands of the recorder.

*Treasurer  
Settled with  
49,,47 on hand  
100.00 to collect  
149.47* The Committee appointed last M<sup>o</sup> to settle with our treasurer &c made the following report. We your committee to settle with the treasurer &c, have attended to our appointment & find a balance in his hands of forty nine dollars & 47/100 & propose to raise the sum of one hundred dollars to meet our expenses for the ensuing year, and we propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer, on behalf of the committee **Abrm Russel** 11<sup>mo</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1848.

*percentage  
64 south  
36 North  
100* which being read was satisfactory & accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed treasurer for the ensuing year or until another appointment, and our preparative meetings are directed to collect & pay to the treasurer of this meeting their respective proportion of the above sum agreeable to the percentage of last year <sup>^</sup>(viz south 64 & North 36 pr, cent) & report to this Mg when accomplished

*Queries  
answerd &  
Representatives  
appointed* The queries have been read in this meeting with answers from each of the preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & summary answers considered of & adopted and directed to the next quarterly meeting by **Isaac R. Gifford, Johnathan Wilbor, & Freeman Lawrence** whom we have appointed our representatives there to, desiring them to report to our next meeting, & the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes and sign the same on behalf of this meeting

*D. Wilbor  
informed  
of denial* We are informed by a communication received at this time from **South Kingston M<sup>o</sup> Meeting** of Friends dated 6<sup>mo</sup> 26 1848 that **Daniel Wilbor** has been informed of the minute of denial made against him by this meeting

**George Almy Clerk**

At **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup> Mg** of Friends held 12<sup>mo</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1848 acts being recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the South **John Wing & Josiah Shearman**, from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & Caleb Slade** who are all present.

*Representatives  
to  
Q meeting  
Report* One of the representatives appointed last mo to attend the qr meeting report that they all attended.

*Scholar  
Selected* One of the committee appointed in the 7<sup>mo</sup> last to make selection of a scholar to take the privilege at the Y. Mg. B. School reports that one has been found who is now at school.

*Ruth  
Howland  
recd*

We unite with the wms meeting in  
receivng a removal certificate from **N. Bedford**  
M<sup>o</sup> Meeting (dated 9 m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1848.) on behalf of  
**Ruth Howland.**

**George Almy** Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg. of Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup>  
1849. act<sup>s</sup> being received, the reprsentatives  
appointed from the preparative Meetings are from  
the South **Geo. Smith & Johnathan Wilbor**, from the  
North **W<sup>m</sup> Potter & Abraham Tucker** who are all  
present.

*David  
Dudley  
attended*

Our beloved Friend **David Dudley**  
attended this Mg with a satisfactory Certificate  
of concurrence from **St Albans** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends state  
of **Maine** held 10 m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1848. & endorsed by **Fairfield**  
Quarterly Mg held 11m<sup>o</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1848. expressive of their unity  
with him in his present religious engagements.  
his company & gospel labors have been acceptable  
to us & the clerk is directed to furnish him with  
a minuit embracing the substance of this.

*Jos. Fairbrother  
attended*

Our Esteemed friend **Joseph Fairbrother**  
attended this mg, as companion to **David Dudley**  
with a satisfactory minute of the approbation of  
**St. Albans** M<sup>o</sup> Mg. of Friends held 12<sup>mo</sup> 26. 1848 his  
company has been acceptable to us. the clerk is  
directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute

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*Committee to  
take care of  
M<sup>s</sup> Houses  
Funerals &c.*

The year for which the committe were appointed  
to have & take all necessary care of our meeting houses  
burying grounds & also at funerals haveing  
expired, the same friends who are now under  
appointment, viz **Abraham Russel, Freeman  
Lawrence, Abner Potter, Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley, Isaac R.  
Gifford, Barret Beard, W<sup>m</sup> Tucker, Geo W. Francis,  
Daniel Howland, & W<sup>m</sup> Potter** with the addition  
of **George Smith**, are reappointed to that service  
for the year to come or untill another appointment.

**George Almy** Clerk

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*2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1849*

At **Dartmouth** Mo Meeting of Friends held 2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
28<sup>th</sup> 1849. acts being received, the reprsentatives  
appointed from the preparative meetings are from  
the South **Jonathan Kirby & Prince Allen**, from  
the North **W<sup>m</sup> Potter & Isaac R. Gifford**, who



are all present.

*Births & Deaths reported*

The overseers report that agreeable to the object of their appointment they <sup>^</sup>have handed to the recorder an ac<sup>t</sup> of all the births & deaths that have occurred within our limits the past year. They are desired to report <sup>^</sup>in writing to this Mg., in the 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> next agreeable to the minute of their appointment 2 m<sup>o</sup> 25, 1846.

**George Almy Clerk**

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> Mg. of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1849 by acts recd, the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the south **Humphrey Anthony** and **Daniel Howland**, from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker, & Rowland Rider** who are all present except one.

*Queries answered & Representatives appointed*

The queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings were read in this meeting & summary answers considered of & adopted & are directed to our next Qr Meeting by **Isaac R. Gifford, Daniel Howland,** and **Timothy Akin** whome we have appointed

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our representatives thereto, & they are desired to report their attendance to our next M<sup>o</sup> Mg., and the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary acts from our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this meeting.

*North & South Preparative Mgs. stock p<sup>d</sup>*

We are informed that the North & South preparative Meetings have each pd their proportions of stock to the treasurer of this meeting.

*Q. Mg. Stock paid*

We are informed that our proportion of Quarterly Meetings Stock has been paid to the treasurer of that meeting & the clerk is directed to notice the same in our act to that Meeting.

*Sarah Potter disowned*

This meeting unites with the Wom<sup>s</sup> Meeting in denying the right of membership to **Sarah Potter** late **Smith**.

*Ruby H. Tilinghast disowned.*

We also unite with the wom<sup>s</sup> M<sup>s</sup> in denying the right of membership to **Ruby H. Tilinghast** late **Potter**.

**George Almy Clerk.**

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*4<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1849*

At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1849. By acts received the representatives appointed from the preparative Mg<sup>s</sup> are, from the south **Otis Slocum & Osman Wood** from the North **Benjamin Potter & Rowland Rider** who are all present.

The representatives to the Qr Meeting report that they all attended.

*Benj<sup>n</sup> Rick<sup>etson</sup>  
bequest  
\$70., rec<sup>d</sup>* **Abra<sup>m</sup> Russel** informs that he has received from the **N.B.** Institution for Savings the usual dividend, viz \$20. also an extra dividend of 1pr c<sup>t</sup> for Eleven yr<sup>s</sup> amount<sup>g</sup> to \$44,00 also \$6,00 for the rent <sup>^</sup>of marsh for last y<sup>r</sup> all of which is the income arising from the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest, & has paid the same to the treasurer of this Meeting which is satisfactory to us.  
**George Almy** Clerk.

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*1849  
5 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>* At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends held 5<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1849. by act<sup>s</sup> recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the South **George Allen & Allen Howland** from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & William Potter** who are all present

*Eleazer  
Bales attended* Our beloved Friend **Eleazer Bales** attended this Mg. and produced a satisfactory Certificate of concurrence from **White Lick** M<sup>o</sup> Mg held 14<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> & endorsed by **White Lick** qr Mg. held 17. of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1849. Expressive of the unity of his Friends in his present religious engagements, his company & gospel labour have been acceptable to us

*H Wilson  
attended* **Henry Wilson** also attended as companion to **Eleazer Bales** with a satisfactory minute of the approbation of **Blue River** M<sup>o</sup> Mg., of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1849. his company has been acceptable to us, & the clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with minutes embracing the substance of these & signe the same on behalf of this Mg.

*Overseers  
of Poor* The year for which the Overseers of the Poor being expired, the same friends who are now under appointment viz **Abra<sup>m</sup> Russel, Barret Beard, W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & Otis Slocum** are reappointed to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

*Allens Neck  
Meeting  
House* The committe appointed some time past to enlarge our meeting house in **Allens neck** made the following report, viz. We the committe appointed some time past on ac<sup>t</sup> of enlarging the meeting house in **Allen's neck** now report, that we so far attended to our appointment as to make some preparation's to carry it into effect but owing to some circumstances it was thought

best to postpone it for a time which has been done to the present time but we think that it needs enlarging as at times more people collect than the house will accommodate, which we submit to the meeting. Signed on behalf of the committee **Jo<sup>s</sup> Gifford & Daniel Howland**, 5 m<sup>o</sup> 23, 1849.

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which this meeting accepts & they are agreeable to their request released from further attention there to, and the meeting apprehending the time has arrived to have the enlargement made now appoint **William Tucker, Abraham Russel, Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>, Daniel Howland, Timothy Akin, Freeman Lawrence and John Wing**, to make the enlargement & report to this meeting when the same is accomplish<sup>h</sup>ed.

*Allens Neck Mg., House.*

*70 Memorials of Deceased Friends*

We have at this time received 70 Coppies of Memorials of deceased Friends of <sup>our</sup> yearly Meeting which are directed to be distributed amongst the family of This meeting.

**George Almy Clerk**

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At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 6 m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1849. by acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mg<sup>s</sup> are from the south **Timothy Akin & Josiah Sherman** from the North **Benjamin Potter & Rowland Rider** who are all present.

Our Beloved Friends **Nathaniel Sands** from **Cornwall** Mo Mg held at **Blooming Grove** <sup>State of N York</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> of 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1849. **Benjamin Subohm** from

**Brighthouse** Mo Mg held at **Bradford County of York in England. Robert Lindsey** from **Brighthouse** M<sup>o</sup> Mg., held at **Bradford County of York in England** 18<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1846. **Cornelius Douglass**

from **Springfield** Mo Mg., held in **Clinton County Ohio** 20<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1849. **Enos G Pray** from **West Branch** M<sup>o</sup> Mg., held in **Miama County Ohio** 15<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1849.\* are in attendance at this time & produced satisfactory certificates <sup>bearing the above dates</sup> of concurrence of the unity of their friends in their present religious engagements, their company & gospel labours have have been acceptable to us

\* & **Marsha J. Hodges** from **China** M<sup>o</sup> Mg., held at **North China** 15 of 5m<sup>o</sup> 1849. We have also the company of our beloved Frds **Phebe N. Douglass** from

**Springfield** M<sup>o</sup> Mg., held in **Clinton County Ohio** 17<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1849. Companion to her husband **Cornelius**

*N. Sands  
B. Subohm  
B. Lindsey  
C. Douglas  
E. Pray  
&  
M.J. Hodges  
in attendance*

*P.N. Douglass*

6 m<sup>o</sup> 1849. **Douglas.** and **Isaac Jay** from **Mile Creek M<sup>o</sup> Mg**  
**Miama County** held 4<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 17. 1849 Companion to  
**Enos Pray** who produced Satisfactory minutes bearing  
before mentioned dates of the approbation of their friends  
Their company & sollid deoportment have been acceptable to us.

*Isaac Jay  
attended*

The Clerk is directed to furnish them respectively  
with minutes embracing the substance of the forego[ing]  
& signe the same on behalf of this Mg.

*Clerks  
appointed.*

The year being expired for which the clerks of  
this Meeting were appointed **George Almy** is appointed  
Clerk & **William Tucker** assistant Clerk for the y[ear]  
to come or untill another appointment.

*Queries & answers*

*Reprasantatives  
to  
Q. Meeting*

The queries have been read at this  
time with answers from each of the preparative mg[s]  
to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & summary answers approved  
and directed to our next q<sup>r</sup> Meeting by **Abner  
Potter Ju<sup>n</sup> William Tucker** and **Abraham Russ[ell]**  
whome we have appointed our reprasantatives thereto  
and they are desired to report their attendance to  
our next monthly meeting. The clerk is directed  
to furnish them with the necessary extracts from  
our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this Mg.

*Tho<sup>s</sup> Jones*

Our beloved Friend **Thomas Jones**  
from **Durham** Monthly Mg. haveing attended  
all the Meetings constituteing this & his gospel labors  
haveing been acceptable to the friends thereof as expressed  
at this time, the clerk is directed to notice the same  
in our act to the qr Meeting.

**George Almy** Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup> Mg.**, of Friends held  
7 m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1849. By acts rec<sup>d</sup> the reprasantatives  
appointed from the preparative Mg<sup>s</sup> are  
from the south **Joshua W. Gifford & Ge<sup>o</sup> Smith**  
from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & W<sup>m</sup> Tucker**  
who are all present.

*Reprasantatives  
to  
Q. M. report*

one of the Friends appointed to attend our  
last quarterly Meeting reports that they all  
attended

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THE  
EPISTLE  
from the  
YEARLY MEETING,  
HELD IN  
LONDON,

By adjournments, from the 24th of the Fifth Month to the 2nd of the Sixth

Month, inclusive, 1848;  
TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS IN  
**GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.**

DEAR FRIENDS,

In coming together for the transaction of the affairs of the Church, we have been brought low under a sense of our manifold shortcomings: but, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have been comforted together in Him; our strength has been renewed, our faith and hope have been confirmed, and our hearts have been warmed with love one towards another, and towards all our dear brethren everywhere.

The answers to the queries annually brought up to this Meeting are designed to lay before us the state of our religious Society, and especially to show how far our members are faithful in the support of our various Christian testimonies. On this occasion, as in former years, we have been engaged in a careful examination of the

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reports which they furnish on these important particulars. But whilst thus entering into the details, we have also been led to take a more general view of the subject. These testimonies concern the several *branches* of a religious life and conversation; and the queries which relate to them may be all included in one comprehensive inquiry, What is the state of the *tree*? If the tree be corrupt, the fruit must be evil; if the tree be good, the fruit will be good also. Have we, dear friends, known that change of heart whereby the tree becomes good, and without which it is impossible to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit? Have we through repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ, experienced a death unto sin and a new birth unto righteousness? Are we united unto Christ, the true vine? Do we know the operation of the Holy Spirit in the soul even as the sap circulates through the branch; and are we willing to be subject to its quickening, renovating and restraining influence in our daily life? These are solemn inquiries, in which we are all deeply concerned. May they be brought home to the heart and conscience of every one of us by the power of the Spirit of Truth!

The primitive believers in Christ are described as “walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost.” The fear of God, which thus marked the disciples at the beginning, was also an eminent char-

acteristic of the religious experience of our forefathers in the Truth: they were made to tremble before the Lord, under the sense of their own corruption in the fall, and of his holiness; and when brought, through the grace of Christ, to partake of the joy and peace of believing, this holy reverence and awe dwelt with increasing power upon their spirits, kept them in watchfulness and tenderness, and in a remarkable manner accompanied the out-

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pouring of the Spirit upon them for services in the Church. Abundant are the evidences in the Sacred Scriptures of the blessed effects of this fear of the Lord, in preserving against temptation, and in giving a practical sense that God is everywhere present, and knoweth even the thoughts and intents of the heart. It is not the fear in which there is bondage; it is a filial fear, in perfect harmony with that love in which the child of the Lord breathes the language of adoption,—Abba, Father! It grows with his growth; and the further his advancement in Christian experience, the more place will it have in his heart, the more powerful and constant will be its influence over his words, and his very thoughts. As he comes through faithfulness to the teachings of the Holy Spirit, to be quick of understanding in this fear, what carefulness does it work in him! not only restraining him from the abuse, but limiting him in the use of outward things: it leads to a vigilant discharge of his stewardship of time, of talents and of substance: the pursuits of business, of intellect, and of taste, will be subject to its holy restraints.

Under the influence of this fear, and with a comprehensive view of the requirements of the Divine law, we are brought to the Christian standard of truthfulness and simplicity in language, and of plainness and self-denial in clothing, furniture, and in deportment; and, as becometh men professing godliness, we are led out of a conformity to the varying fashions of the day, and restrained from the pursuits of music and dancing, from theatrical entertainments, and from vain sports and other frivolous and hurtful amusements of the world. Suffer then, we beseech you dear brethren, the word of exhortation. Be willing to be kept within the bonds of this holy fear. Abide in it all the day long. Allow its restraints to be so laid upon

you that your moderation may be known unto all men, and that being preserved by it in a quiet and lowly mind, you may, under its influence and in simple dependence upon Christ, witness for yourselves the evangelical blessing promised by the Lord through his Prophet,—“Unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.”

The events which have been recently passing in surrounding nations cannot fail to have seriously impressed those who sympathize with the social condition of their fellow men. Truly the vanity of trusting in princes and in armies has been strikingly exhibited; and whilst witnessing the workings of the wrath of man, we have been afresh taught that the Lord doeth according to his will among the inhabitants of the earth, and that none can stay his hand, or say, What doest thou? It is not for us to unfold the designs of the Almighty in permitting the events which have been passing before us, but we think they clearly proclaim that it is righteousness alone, which forms the true basis for the prosperity and stability of nations. We rejoice with trembling in contemplating the condition of comparative order and tranquility which prevails in our own country. We have not been without threatenings and warnings. May they lead us, individually and as a nation, into a close examination of our state, and into a fuller recognition of the Divine laws of justice, mercy and truth, as the governing principles of national as well as individual action. It is our prayer that all the turnings and overturnings of kingdoms may be overruled to the spreading of the Truth, and to the extension of the government of Christ in the hearts of the children of men: and may it please the Lord to continue his protecting care to our beloved Queen, to endue her counsellors with wisdom, and in his unmerited mercy,

to grant a continuance of peace and internal tranquility to our country.

May we dear friends, be individually preserved from the excitement and strife into which many are hurried by the things which are passing around them! Let us rather be concerned by watchfulness unto prayer to know what is our own duty, whether civil or religious, and in humility and without self-seeking, to fulfil it aright as to the Lord and not unto men. And whilst taking our part in endeavoring to relieve the wants of the poor, and to promote, in accordance with our christian principles, their religious, moral and social amelioration, may we be kept from an undue meddling with political affairs, lest they draw us aside from our proper sphere of action,

and from that quiet, retired and trustful mind which so becomes the disciples of Him who declared, "My kingdom is not of this world."

Amidst the rumors of wars prevailing around us, we continue to feel the value of the testimony which has been given to us to bear against the use of arms, and against all war, defensive as well as offensive. But in making this declaration, we are not unmindful of the difference between bearing this testimony in a season of peace, and in a time of actual war or civil outbreak.— It is therefore our earnest desire that it may be given to all our dear friends, under whatever circumstance they may be placed, so to feel for themselves individually the ground of the testimony, and to be so strengthened of the Lord for its support, that they may act therein with christian boldness and consistency in all things.— And may they be so preserved in watchfulness against any compromise of principle, trusting not in the arm of flesh, but in the Lord alone; that this precious part of our christian profession may be maintained inviolate; and

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through their faithfulness more widely diffused in the earth.

Our tender sympathy has been excited towards many of our dear friends who have suffered the loss of all, or nearly all that they possessed, by the severe commercial distress through which this country has been passing; and we desire that they may receive a full measure of the help and of the true religious concern of their brethren. In some instances we doubt not those calamities have fallen upon them without any breach of integrity, or possibly any want of commercial prudence, at least in its ordinary sense. But we believe that we might appeal to some of our friends, even of this class, who would have to make the acknowledgment, that if there had been a closer adherence to the convictions and limitations of the Spirit of Truth in reference to their religious and temporal duty, they might have escaped some of the trials which have thus overtaken them. Our main concern, however, at this time, applies to the future course of all who, from whatever cause, have been brought into pecuniary difficulty. For you, dear friends, who are thus circumstanced, and for your families, we feel an earnest desire that you may be preserved from yielding to the peculiar temptations incident to your situation,



that you may be enabled to make a right use of your trials, and that, through the help of the Lord, these trials may work together for your good. We believe that your comfort and peace of mind, your respectability in the eyes of all good men, and your future success in life will be materially promoted by a willingness to come down at once to the true level which your altered circumstances require. Few things are so dangerous in cases like yours as the attempt to maintain in some degree the appearances of your former condition. En-

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deavor to depend to as small an extent as possible upon borrowed capital, and should the Lord crown your honest industry and your prudent and contented economy with that prosperity which is often the blessing of the upright, be persuaded not to regard the fruits of this success as fairly your own until you have paid all your former creditors in full. Nothing less than this is consistent with that uncompromising integrity into which true Christian principles lead.

We have in usual course received accounts of the sufferings of our members in **Great Britain** and **Ireland**, in the maintenance of our testimony against all ecclesiastical claims. The amount thus reported, including the costs and charges of distraint, is upwards of nine thousand and one hundred pounds. We would again commend this, our Christian testimony, to the continued faithful support of all our friends, under whatever circumstances they may be placed, whether as owners or as occupiers.

Epistles have been received and read in this Meeting from our dear friends in **Ireland**, and from those of the several Yearly Meetings of Friends in **North America**.

Finally, dear friends, let brotherly love continue. It is the token that we are the children of God, who is emphatically love. It is the evidence that we belong to Christ. The Psalmist compares the unity of brethren to the anointing oil and the fertilizing dew. Where it is wanting there is no true fragrance or fruitfulness in the Church. May the Lord himself cause this fragrance and this fruitfulness to abound yet more and more amongst you to his praise!

Grace be with you and with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by

**GEORGE STACEY.**

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New England**, held on **Rhode-Island**, in the sixth month, 1849. The Committee [h]aving charge of our Boarding School presented the fol-[lo]wing Report, which is satisfactory to us, and the proposi-[ti]ons therein contained are approved and confirmed by this [m]eeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward copies thereof [to] our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the minutes of the Meeting,

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY**, *Clerk*.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Yearly [M]eeting Boarding School, have during the past year paid such [at]tention to their appointments, as way has opened for, [an]d according to their ability have endeavored to discharge [th]e duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting.

Our friends, **Silas** and **Sarah M. Cornell**, have continued in [th]e station of Superintendents, and **Charles Atherton** and **Edward G. Hoag**, were engaged as Teachers in the boys' school [d]uring the year, with the addition of **Richard D. Meader** dur-[in]g the winter term. In the girls' school **Martha M. Haines** [a]nd **Anna B Page** have been engaged as Teachers during the [y]ear, and **Lydia Almy** was employed in addition during the [w]inter term.

Instruction in the languages has been given on five days in [th]e week, in both schools during the year by **Lafayette Burr**, [an]d in writing, during the latter part of the winter term, by **Charles G. Pinkham**.

The average number of scholars has been 117, viz. 63 [m]ales and 54 females.

Meetings for worship have been regularly held in the House, [h]armony has prevailed, and the family generally has been fa-[v]ored with good health. One or two cases of varioloid occur-[r]ed during the fall vacation, on which account the commence-[m]ent of the winter term was delayed for two weeks.

Semi-annual examinations of the schools by the Committee [h]ave been made as heretofore, and the Institution has also [b]een visited by sub-committees appointed monthly, and [t]hese examinations and visits have been generally satisfactory, [s]howing a good degree of diligence on the part of the schol-[a]rs, and care and vigilance on that of the Teachers.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the past year, ending with the last winter Term have been about 14,253 dollars.

The income has been as follows, viz. Interest from the

School fund which may be stated at \$6,800, and from board and tuition of scholars \$6,400.

Total income \$13,200, leaving a deficiency of income to meet expenditure of about \$1,000.

The available balance in the hands of the Treasurer in the fifth month, the time of settlement, may be stated at \$508 77.

During the fall vacation, a considerable alteration was made in the accommodations for the school in the west wing, by which a much more commodious apartment is provided, and

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which is believed to be a great improvement. The expenses of this change and of various other repairs are included in the above expenditures. The deficiency in the income to meet the expenses of the Institution may be principally accounted for from the larger number of scholars who have been at the School the past year. The price of board and tuition for members of our own Yearly Meeting, being only about two-thirds of the actual cost, and the balance being made up from the income of the permanent fund, it will be obvious that when the number of scholars exceeds a certain amount, it cannot be expected that the income of the school will meet its expenses, and the number of scholars for the past year having been larger than usual, there has been as it is stated a deficiency in the income to meet the current expenses.

We would propose, that the terms of Board and Tuition, should be continued as last year, viz. thirty dollars per term for members of our Yearly Meeting; forty-five dollars for those not members, one or both of whose parents are members, and fifty dollars for others who may be admitted, and that five dollars per term in addition continue to be charged for instruction in the languages. We would also propose that each Monthly Meeting have the privilege of sending one scholar, free of expense for one term, the same to be occupied either at the next winter or succeeding summer term, at the discretion of the Monthly Meeting. The several Monthly Meetings to notify the Committee at their meeting in the tenth month of their conclusion, in the case they propose to occupy the privilege in the Summer term.

In pursuance of the authority given to the Committee by the Yearly Meeting; a sale has been effected of the parcel of land lying north of **Olney** street in the city of **Providence**, for the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, and the purchase money has been received or secured in the hands of the Treasurer of the School fund. And in the circumstances under which this piece of land was acquired, it having been purchased from the remainder of a donation from our late friend **Moses Brown**, intended for the enlargement of the Real Estate of the Institution, the Committee are united in recommending to the Yearly Meeting the permanent funding of the money received from the above sale, and the appropriation

of the income only upon the improvement of the Real Estate of the institution.

In conclusion we would express the desire and hope, that this interesting Institution may continue to claim and receive the fostering care and concern of Friends, and that with the Divine blessing, it may become increasingly useful to the rising generation in our religious society in affording facilities for training them up in a love of the truth, and in an increased concern for the maintenance of those precious testimonies given us to bear.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

**SAMUEL BOYCE,**

*Clerk for the day.*”

**Newport**, 6th mo. 9th, 1849.

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*London Epistle & Minutes of Yr Meeting*

We have recd at this time 75 coppies of the **London** General printed Epistle of last year, one of which has been read at this time to our comfort & edification 75 <sup>Printed</sup> Coppies of the minutes of our last y<sup>r</sup> Meeting have been rec<sup>d</sup> these & the **London** Epistle are directed to be distributed amongst our members.

*B. School C. report*

We have also rec<sup>d</sup> & read at this time satisfactory extracts from the minutt of our last yearly meeting embracing the report of the committe haveing charge of the boarding school at **Providence**, by which it appears we have the priviledge of sending therto one scholars 6 m<sup>o</sup>, either at the next winter or summer term free of expence, & **Ge<sup>o</sup> Almy, Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup> & Geo W. Francis** are appointed to unite with the committee of our women friends to make selection of a scholar from within the limits of this M<sup>s</sup> to receive said priviledge & to whome application is to be made for certificates for all children going to that school from within our limits the ensuing year.

*Q Meeting stock \$135 (20 pr cte)*

By an act recd from the q<sup>r</sup> meeting it appears that our proportion of that meetings stock is one hundred & thirty five dollars & our Treasurer is directed to pay that amot to the treasurer of that Mg., w<sup>h</sup>en in funds.

*M. Hart annuity rec<sup>d</sup>*

**George Almy** informs that he has rec<sup>d</sup> on behalf of the overseers & trustees to the **Mary Hart** bequest the sum of Twelve dollars from **Benjamin Potter**, it being one years interest which is satisfactory

to this meeting.

The year for which the overseers of this Mg. being expired **William Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, Abraham Russel & Barret Beard** are appointed to consider of & Produce to our next meeting the names of such Friends as they may think suitable for that service.

*Committee for overseers*

**George Almy Clerk**

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At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends held 8 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1849 by acts received the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the south **John Wing & Prince Allen**, from the North **Caleb Slade & Benjamin Potter** who are all present.

*8 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1849.*

The Committee appointed last month to propose the names of such Friends as they might think suitable for overseers of this meeting now propose **Benjamin Potter, George Almy, Barret Beard, George W. Francis, Timothy Akin & Joshua W. Gifford** which are satisfactory with the addition of **Abraham Russel** by the Mg. and they are acco[r]dingly appointed to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

*Overseers appointed*

We have at this time the company of our beloved Friend **Anna D. Wing** who produced a satisfactory minute from **R. Island** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends dated 7 m<sup>o</sup> 26, 1849 expressive of their unity with her present Religious engagements, her company & gospel services have been acceptable to us.

*Anna D. Wing present*

Rec<sup>d</sup> at this time the following information through the south preparative Mg.

respecting **James H. Davis**, viz. To the preparative & monthly meeting of Friends Dear Friends, this may inform that **James H. Davis** has kept Company & married out of the order of our religious society with one not a member with us.

*James H. Davis Complained of*

**Barret Beard }  
Dartmouth 8 m<sup>o</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1849. Geo W. Francis } Overseers**

Where upon we appoint **William Tucker Otis Slocum & George Almy** to treat with him on account of his deviations & report to this meeting when ready.

Our beloved Friend **Phebe R. Gifford**

*Phebe R. Gifford requests a certificate*

opened in this Mg. a concern which had rested with weight upon her mind for a considerable length of time & especially of late to

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attend in the love of the gospel **Falmouth, Vassalborough** and **Fairfield** Quarterly Meetings & for such other religious service within their limits as truth might upon the way for which is united with she being a minister in unity with us, the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the **looms** Mg in furnishing her with a copy of a minute embracing the substance of this & sign the same on behalf of this mg.

*Isaac R. Gifford requests a minute*

Our Esteemed Friend **Isaac R. Gifford** informed this mg that he felt a concern to accompany his wife **Phebe R. Gifford** in her proposed religious visit as expressed in the minute granted her, which is united with, he being a member of this meeting & an Elder in unity with us, the clerk is directed to furnish him with a Copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of this Mg.

**George Almy** Clerk.

*9 M<sup>o</sup> 26 1849*

At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Frds held 9<sup>mo</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1849. By acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the south **Geo Allen** & **Barret Beard** from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker** & **W<sup>m</sup> Potter** who are all present.

*John Meader in attendance*

Our Beloved Frd **John Meader** attended this Mg with a satisfactory minute from **Providence** Mo Mg held 4 m<sup>o</sup> 25, 1849. expressive of their unity with him in his present religious engagements, his company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us, the clerk is directed to notice the same in our acct to the q<sup>r</sup> Mg.

*Mary Shove attended*

Our beloved Frd **Mary Shove** is also acceptably with us at this time & produced a satisfactory minute from **Swansey** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Frds dated 9 m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1849 expressive of their unity with her in her present religious engagements her company & gospel labours have been acceptable to us & she is encouraged to persue the still further service of visiting the familys belonging to this

Mo. Mg in Company with **Anna D. Wing** who has also acceptably in attendance at this time.

9 m<sup>o</sup> 1849

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & general answers considered of & adopted & are directed to our next Quarterly Mg. by **Timothy Akin, Benjamin Potter & Barret Beard** whom we have appointed our representatives thereto & they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting. the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf

*Representatives  
to the  
Qr Meeting*

The committee appointed last Mo to treat with **James H. Davis** made the following report viz. To the Monthly Meeting, We of your committee appointed last month <sup>^</sup>to treat with **James H. Davis** for his having transgressed the order of our society report, that we have had an opportunity with him therefore, he justifies himself in the course he has taken, & believing further attention from us will be unavailing we submit the case to the Meeting 9 m<sup>o</sup> 26 1849.

*James H.  
Davis  
disowned*

signed **Otis Slocum, Geo Almy**, which after a time of deliberation thereon the meeting accepts & we do hereby deny him the right of membership with us, the womens meeting uniting therewith & **Barret Beard** is named to inform him thereof & report to this Mg when accomplished.

*Barret Beard  
to inform  
J.H. Davis*

**Ephraim & Huldah G. Gifford** being desirous that their daughter **Sylvia Ann, Gifford** a minor should be taken under the care of friends whereupon we appoint **Isaac Lawrence & Joseph Gifford** a Committee to unite with a similar committee of the woms Mg to visit the family on that acct & report to this Mg next month.

*Request for  
Sylvia Ann  
Gifford*

Recd at this time the following information through the south preparative Mg. respecting **Gideon Cornell** viz. To the Preparative & Monthly Meeting, Dear Frds this may inform that **Gideon Cornel** has

*Gideon  
Cornell  
Complained  
off*

married out of the order of society with one not a member **Geo W. Francis, Barret Beard** overseers 9 m<sup>o</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1849 where upon we appoint **Abner Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** a committee to treat with him therefor & report to this Mg. next month.

9 m<sup>o</sup> 26 1849

**Phebe R. Gifford** returned at this time the minute granted her last Month to make a religious visit to **Falmouth, Vassalborough**, and **Fairfield** quarterly Mgs. & informing that she

*Phebe R. Gifford returned minute*

had been mercifully enabled to perform the same to the peace of her own mind, and also produced satisfactory returning minutes from those meetings respectively.

*I.R. Gifford returned minute*

**Isaac R. Gifford** returned at this time the minute granted him last M<sup>o</sup> to accompany his Wife **Phebe R. Gifford** in her religious visit to **Falmouth Vassalborough & Fairfield** quarterly Mgs & produced satisfactory returning minutes from those Meetings respectively.

**George Almy Clerk,**

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg. of Friends held 10 M<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1849 by acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the south **Ricketson Slocum & Humphrey Anthony** from the north **Benjamin Potter & Rowland Rider** who are all present except one.

One of the friends appointed last month to attend the quarterly Meeting reports they all attended.

*Representatives all attended*

One of the Committee appointed last M<sup>o</sup> on acct of the request of **Ephraim & Huldah G. Gifford** inform they are not in readiness to report, they are continued & desired to report next m<sup>o</sup>

One of the committee in the case of **Gideon Cornel** informs they are not

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=ready to report, they are continued & desired to report next month.

*10 M<sup>o</sup> 24. 1849.*

*Committe to settle with our Treasurer*

**Abraham Russel, W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & Jonathan Wilbor** are appointed a Committee to settle with our Treasurer, propose one for the year to come, & also a sum of money necessary to be collected to meet our expences the ensuing year & report next m<sup>o</sup>.

*Minute directed J Meader*

The Clerk is directed to furnish our Friend **John Meader** who attended this Mg last Mo with a copy of the minute made of his attendance at that time & signe the same on behalf of this Mg.

The Clerk is directed to unite with



*Minute  
directed  
Anna D Wing  
&  
M. Shove*

the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnishing our Friends **Anna D. Wing & Mary Shove** with a copy of a minute expressive of their having attended this Mg. & that **Anna D Wing** has acceptably visited all the familys constituting this Mg. & **Mary Shove** nearly all.

*Returned  
minutes  
for  
I.R. & Phebe  
R. Gifford  
H. Smith  
disowned*

We have recd at this time satisfactory returning minutes from **Vassalborough China & Sidney** Monthly Meeting on behalf of **Phebe R. & Isaac R. Gifford** which Mgs they attended desiring their visit last Mo.

We unite with the Woms Meeting in denying the right of membership with us to **Hannah W. Cummings** late **Smith**.

**George Almy** Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 11 m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1849, by accts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs <sup>are</sup> from the south **Barret Beard & Daniel Howland** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & Benjamin Potter** who are all present.

The queries with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read at this time & answers proposed & adopted & are directed to our

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*Representatives  
to the Q Mg.*

next quarterly mg by **Joseph Gifford, Abner Potter** **Jurn Daniel Howland & Benjamin Potter**, whome we have appointed our representatives thereto, they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this meeting.

*11 M<sup>o</sup> 28. 1849.*

*Sylvia A  
Gifford recd  
a  
Member*

The Committee in the case of **Ephraim & Huldah G. Gifford** request for their Daughter **Sylvia Ann Gifford**, made the following report (viz), We the committee in the case of **Ephraim & Huldah Giffords** request for their daughter to become a member of our society report that we have had an opportunity with the family to good satisfaction, and we believe it may be right to grant their request, which we submit to the Meeting, signed **Isaac Lawrence, Joseph Gifford, Rachel Gifford. Mary Gifford**, 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1849. which the meeting accepts and she is accordingly received into membership with us, the womens meeting uniting therewith.

*G. Cornels  
case continued*

The Committee in the case of **Gideon  
Cornel** inform that they have made him  
a visit but are not ready ^to make a full  
report, they are continued to report when  
ready, or called upon by this Mg.

*Report of  
Committee to  
settle with  
Treasurer &c*

The Committee appointed last month  
to settle with our Treasurer &c made the fol-  
lowing report (viz) The committee appointed last  
month to settle with **Osman Wood** our Treasurer  
have attended to that service & find in his  
hands eighty six dollars and thirty eight cents.  
we propose to raise for expence of quarterly Mg  
& other expences one hundred dollars.  
and propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer  
on behalf of committee **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker** 11 M<sup>o</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1849.

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which being read is satisfactory to the meeting  
& accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed  
Treasurer of this meeting the ensuing year or untill  
another appointment, and our preparative  
Meetings are directed to collect & pay to the  
Treasurer of this Meeting their respective prop  
ortions of the above sum & report to this Meeting  
when accomplished.

**George Almy Clerk**

*12<sup>mo</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1849.*

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1849  
by acts recd the representatives appointed from the  
preparative Mgs are from the South **Otis Slocum**  
and **Ephraim Gifford** from the North **William Potter**  
& **Rowland Rider** who are all present except one.

*Representatives  
to the  
Qr Mg report.*

One of the representatives appointed to  
attend the quarterly Meeting reports they all attended

*Books of Disaplen  
6 coppies  
received*

There has been recd by this Meeting 6 coppies  
of our Book of Discipline of the last edition & one for  
each clerk of the Monthly & Preparative Meetings.

**George Almy Clerk.**

*1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1850.*

At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends 1<sup>mo</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1850  
by accts recd the representatives appointed from  
the preparative Mgs are from the south **Osman  
Wood & Johnath<sup>an</sup> Kirby** from the North **Benjamin  
Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are all present.

*Act of* The overseers (agreeable to the  
direction of this Mg) report that they have

*birth's & deaths* handed to the recorder one acct of all the births & deaths that have occurred within our limits up to the present time.

*North Preparative  
Mg stock p<sup>d</sup>* We are informed that the North preparative Mg has paid its proportion of stock for 1849. to the treasurer of this Meeting

The year for which the committee were appointed to have & take all necessary care of our Mg houses burying grounds and also at funerals haveing expired & the subject

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*Committee  
to  
have the  
care of Mg.  
Houses &c* claiming the attention of the Meeting we now appoint **Daniel Howland, Otis Slocum, Geo Almy, Geo Smith, Geo W. Francis, William Potter, Barret Beard & Abraham Russel**, to that service for the ensueing year or untill another appointment.

**W<sup>m</sup> Tucker** added se page 79. **George Almy** Clerk.

*2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1850* At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 2<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 27 1850 by acts received the representatives appointed from the preparatives meetings are from the south **Otis Slocum & Josiah Sherman** from the north **William Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all present  
No business appearing we conclude  
**George Almy** Clerk.

*3<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1850* At **Dartmouth** Mo. Mg. of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1850 by acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the South **Barret Beard & George W. Francis** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford** and **Benjamin Potter** who are all present.

*Queries  
answered* The queries with answers from each of the preparative Mgs have been read at this time and general answers approved of & directed to our next quarterly Meeting by **Isaac R. Gifford, George Almy,** and **Joseph Gifford** whome we have appointed our representatives thereto, they are desired to report their attendance to our next monthly meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on our behalf.

*Qr Mg  
stock p<sup>d</sup>* We are informed that our proportion of quarterly Mg stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting this information is to be inserted in our act to the quarterly meeting.

*S.P. Mg  
Stock paid* The South Preparative Mg inform that their proportion of stock has been paid to our Treasurer.

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*Barret Beard  
appointed  
Elder*

**Barret Beard** being proposed to this meeting for the station of an Elder the proposition was fully united with, the womens meeting concurring herein & the clerk is directed to notice the same in our account to the quarterly Mg for their concurrence.

*Charles H.  
Sherman  
complained  
—of*

We have recd the following information through the south preparative Mg respecting **Charles H Sherman**. viz. To the preparative & Monthly Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends this may inform that **Charles H. Shearman** has married out of the order of our religious society with one not a member with us signed **Barret Beard, George W. Francis**, Overseers 3<sup>d</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1850. whereupon we appoint **Isaac Lawrence** and **Benjamin Potter** a committee to treat with him for his deviations and report to this Mg when ready or called upon.

*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1850*

**Benjamin Potter** informed this meeting that **Benjamin Tucker** had commenced a suit in law against him to recover the amount of two hundred dollars it being the Amount of the **Mary Hart** bequest to the North Preparative Meeting the note having been given by **Benjamin Potter** for that amount & placed in the hands of **Benjamin Tucker** as Trustees in the year 1844 the year previous to the secession from our society, since which time he has been called on to give the note up to Friends, which he refuses to do, it is the Judgment of this meeting that the subject be refered to our Meeting for Sufferings for its advice & assistanc.e & the Clerk is directed to furnish that meeting with a cobby of this minute & such other extracts from our minutes as may be requiered & signe the sum on our behalf. & the overseers are directed to take the necessary care in the case on behalf of this mg.

*Suit against  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter  
by B. Tucker  
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*Wm Tucker  
accepted  
on committee*

We now appoint **William Tucker** in addition to the Committee all ready under appointment as a care taker of meeting houses Buried grounds &c

**George Almy** Clerk,

4 M<sup>o</sup> 1850 At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 4 M<sup>o</sup> 24 1850  
by acts recd the representatives appointed from  
the Preparative Mgs are from the South **Josiah  
Sherman & Humphrey Anthony**, from the North  
**W<sup>m</sup> Potter** and **George Almy** who are all present.

*Representatives  
to  
Qr Mg. Report*

One of the representatives appointed last  
M<sup>o</sup> to attend the quarterly Mg reports they all  
attended

*Patience  
Akin  
restored.*

We unite with the woms Meeting in  
returning **Patience Akin** late **Lawrence** as a  
member our religious society.

**George Almy** Clerk

5 m<sup>o</sup> 1850 At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg. of Friends held 5 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1850  
by acts recd the representatives appointed from the  
preparative Mgs are from the South **George Smith  
& Daniel Howland**. from the North **William  
Tucker & Rowland Rider** who are all present.

*Intention  
B. Ricketson  
bequest  
is \$25.*

**Abraham Russel** (on behalf of the overseers)  
reports that he has recd from the **New Bedford**  
Institution for Saveings \$20 ~. and for the rent  
of Two pieces of Marsh \$5.~ it being the income  
for one yr on the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest  
^ & has payd the some to our treasurer~ which is satisfactory to this Mg.

*Interest on  
M. Hart  
bequest  
is \$12. ~*

**George Almy** informs that he has recd  
(on behalf of the overseers & also of the trustees.) \$ 12.~  
from **Benjamin Potter** it being one yrs Interest  
arriseing from the **Mary Hart** bequest which  
is satisfactory to the Meeting

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*Scholar  
at  
P B School.*

We are informed that a scholar has been selected to  
take the place granted to Monthly Meetings at our  
Boarding School at **Providence** & is now in attendance  
there

**George Almy** Clerk

6 m<sup>o</sup> 1850

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup>  
26<sup>th</sup> 1850. by acts recd the Repräsentatives appointed  
from the preparative Mgs are from the South  
**Humphrey Anthony & George W. Francis** from the  
North **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford** who  
are all present.

We have at this time the acceptable

*Elisha Jones  
present*

company of our beloved Friend **Elisha Jones** who presented a Satisfactory Minute from **China**[?] Mo Mg of Friends, expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagements his gospel labours have been acceptable to us. the clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute & signe the same on behalf of this Mg.

*Clerks  
appointed*

The year for which the clerks of this Mg,, were appointed haveing expired **George Almy** is appointed Clerk & **William Tucker** assistant Clerk for the year to come or untill another appointment.

*Queries  
answerd.*

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & Summary answers approved & adopted & directed to our next qr Mg,, by **Isaac R. Gifford Timothy Akin & Benjamin Potter** whome we have appointed our representatives thereto, desireing them to report their attendance to our next meeting.

*Overseers  
of  
Poor  
appointed*

The subject of appointment of overseers of the poor being introduced we appoint **Abraham Russel, Barret Beard, William Tucker, & Otis Slocum** to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

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THE  
EPISTLE  
From The  
YEARLY MEETING,  
held in  
**LONDON,**

By adjournments, from the 23d of the Fifth Month to the 1st of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1849;

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends in **Great Britain, Ireland,** and Elsewhere.

*Dear Friends,*

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have, in this our annual assembly, been favoured, from time to time, with a sense of his holy presence whilst transacting the weighty affairs in which we have been engaged. In the reverent acknowledgment of this his unmerited mercy, we salute you, our dear absent friends, and bid you also be of good cheer and put your trust in the name of the Lord.

It was the language of the Most High through his prophet of old "They shall not be ashamed that wait for me." It is cause of heartfelt thankfulness that, as a

religious society, we have been led to a practical appre-

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ciation of the blessedness of a lowly, reverent waiting upon God, and to a belief in the immediate teaching of his Holy Spirit. This is the ground of our testimony to the nature of spiritual worship, and to the source and authority of gospel ministry. May we all be true to our profession: may each, in a concern for the good of his own soul and for the welfares of his brethren, seek to draw nigh unto God in spirit; reverently to feel after Him who is not far from every one of us. To those who unite together to worship God after this sort, in humble dependence on the help of his Holy Spirit, He graciously condescends to make Himself known for their refreshment and strength, however small may be their numbers. Were these high privileges adequately appreciated, the attendance of all our religious meetings would be felt by us not only as a duty, but often even as a delight: and whilst highly estimating the blessing of a living gospel ministry, where the Lord may be pleased to confer this gift, we should not be dependant upon it, nor unduly discouraged where it may not be found.

We believe that many seeking minds among the different denominations of Christians, whose eyes have been partially opened to the corruptions in the professing church of Christ, and who have been led to desire their removal, are still but very imperfectly alive to the truth, that human intervention is not essential to the public worship of God. Under the idea that it is in vain to assemble for this purpose without a preacher, the character of Christ as the ever present head and all-sufficient helper of his own church is not fully recognized, the individual part which appertains to each living member is but imperfectly felt, and the blessed Apostolical doctrine of the manifestation of the Spirit given to every man to profit

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withal, and the consequent distribution of gifts to the different members of the body for the edifying of the whole in love, are to a large extent virtually lost sight of or denied. How important, then, is it that the testimony which the Lord has given us to bear in reference to these things, should be consistently maintained in the life and power of the gospel; that others beholding their

practical excellence may be thereby brought to the full acknowledgment of the Truth.

It was a remarkable characteristic of the gospel labours of those who were raised up by the power of the Lord and rendered instrumental to the revival of primitive christianity in the gathering of our religious Society, that they sought to bring their hearers off from all dependance upon man. They bore testimony to Christ as their Redeemer and Mediator, as their Prophet, Priest and King. He was their refuge, their hope, and their only dependance; and in his love they sought to bring others to a holy settlement upon Him, the one true foundation, and to leave them there. Building on this foundation, their work stood; and it was a work which the Lord owned in the large diffusion of the Truth in doctrine and practice through their means in the earth. They had no new truths to deliver, but it was their honest concern to bring men to the fulness of the truths declared by our Lord and his apostles, and to the living experience of them. We believe these truths and this experience to be the unchangeable heritage of the Lord's people to the end of time.

It is a blessed thing to have the heart truly converted to God, and thereby to have a part in that covenant of light, life and love which He hath made with his people through Him who died for them. But after the beginning

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of the work of grace has been known, many are the conflicts of the Christian's warfare—a warfare in which “the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh.” Yet to those who, putting their trust in the Captain of their salvation, give not up the conflict, He imparts a faith and a strength whereby they are led on from victory to victory; and He at times cheers them with the hope of the crown which will never fade away. O! that we had every one of us maintained this warfare, that we had never grown cold in our love to Christ; that the earthly mind and the worldly mind had never found place within us and amongst us. How abundant might then have been the fruit upon our branches to the praise of God's holy name! It may be than there are those who, after having known the Lord and the preciousness of his truth, have been suffering year to pass away after year in which, through unwatchfulness, or the love of other things, they have to a great degree ceased bearing fruit.



Awful is the thought of opportunities of usefulness unimproved, of the seasons in which the great and good Husbandman may have been seeking fruit and finding none; but such is the sense that we have of the tenderness of our Saviour's love, and of his gracious intercession with the Father, that we cannot doubt that even for such there is hope. It is true they cannot recover the strength of their days to devote them to the service of the Lord; but He is able and willing to revive his work in the midst of the years; if they return unto Him, He will return unto them, and not only brighten their evening, but cause them to bring forth fruit in old age.

That which quickens and keeps the soul alive unto God, and by which we are made fruitful to his praise,

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must come from Him. We thankfully acknowledge that from age to age the promise of our Lord to his disciples has been fulfilled in the experience of his people, even that the Father would send them another Comforter, who should abide with them forever. "When He, the Spirit of truth, is come," said Christ, "He will guide you into all truth." The Holy Spirit controls and purifies the affections; those in whom it is suffered to work hate evil; and through its sanctifying power man is fitted, in infinite condescension, to become the temple of the living God.

The church of Christ is spoken of, in Apostolic times, as a spiritual house composed of lively stones, a temple in which the Lord reveals his power and glory. The lively stones are they who are brought nigh unto God by faith in his dear Son, and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, fashioned and made meet to occupy their appointed place in that building of which Christ is the foundation and the chief corner stone. As they abide in Him, whatever be their circumstances, whatever the infirmities of their nature, whether their talents or endowments be small or large, they all have their part in the building; and He who appoints them their place will give them their capacity for usefulness in his church. Earnestly, therefore, do we desire that all our dear friends, and those especially to whom the present may be a day of much discouragement, in the consideration of the smallness of their numbers in their respective neighbourhoods, and of their many outward disadvantages, may, in simple dependence upon the help of their Lord, come forward and take their right place in his house and family.

We have often had to remind our friends of the duties of plainness and moderation in reference to dress. With-

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out any diminution of interest on this point, we feel it right at the present time to advert more particularly to those duties with relation to the furniture of our houses and our general manner of living. We are apprehensive that a degree of display, of luxury and of self-indulgence has crept in amongst us, tending not only to gratify the vain mind, but more or less to benumb the spiritual faculties: and the effect is often not less injurious upon the children of those who, in these particulars, are departing from our testimonies. We fear also that some, who are in moderate or even in limited circumstances, being led away by a desire to imitate those whose means are more ample, have been induced to set out in life on a scale of expenditure unsuited to their income, and have thereby been led into a course which has ended in ruin; and where this may not have been the result, their time, their strength and their hearts have, in consequence of the efforts to meet such expenditure, been absorbed by the pursuits of business to a degree detrimental to their religious growth and their usefulness in the church. We feel at the same time a concern that, whilst restrained from a vain, a self-indulgent, or an imprudent expenditure on themselves and their families, our dear friends may be preserved from parsimony and the snare of accumulating property, to their own and their children's hurt. Rather let them regard the larger means which the self-restraint we have recommended would leave at their disposal, as adding to their stewardship for the alleviation of poverty and wretchedness, and for the good of their neighbour.

Our several Quarterly and other Meetings have in usual course forwarded to us accounts of the sufferings of our members in support of our testimony against ecclesiastical

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demands. The amount thus reported, including the costs and charges of distraint, is upwards of Ten Thousand Pounds. We feel the value of this our ancient testimony to the freeness of gospel ministry and to the supremacy of Christ in his church; and we afresh desire that all our dear friends may be concerned to uphold it in integrity, consistency and faithfulness, yet with all Christian meekness.

Epistles have been received and read from our dear friends in **Ireland**, and those of the several Yearly Meetings in **North America**. These written testimonials of love continue to be very acceptable to us. The correspondence has we believe been maintained with great uniformity from

an early period in the history of our religious Society. We gratefully feel that it has been conducted in the renewings of brotherly sympathy and interest: hence we prize this epistolary intercourse, and desire that as between brethren of the same faith, it may ever be carried on under the influence of the love of Christ.

The subjects of the Slave-trade and of Slavery have, with much religious weight, formed a part of the deliberations of this Meeting, during which the testimony of our Society in regard to them has been afresh set forth. It is our prayer, that it may please the Lord, who alone can do it, effectually to reach the hearts of all involved in these abominations, bringing them into fear before Him, and causing the bonds of iniquity to be broken, and righteousness to flow down as a mighty stream. May it consist with His will to hasten this day!

Agitations, religious as well as political, wars and revolutions, distress of nations and perplexity, mark the period in which we live. Beloved brethren, let not these things move us; let us rather receive them as a renewed call to

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stedfastness in the Lord and faithfulness to our Christian principles. If we are Christ's, our inheritance is in that kingdom which cannot be moved. If the God of Jacob is our refuge, we need to fear. "The Lord sitteth upon the flood; yea, the Lord sitteth King for ever. The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace."

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by

**GEORGE STACEY,**

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New England**, held on **Rhode Island** in the sixth month, 1850, the subjoined Report of the Boarding School Committee was presented and read, and was satisfactory to this Meeting, and a Committee was appointed to consider the subjects specially proposed therein to be determined by this Meeting and report their views thereon, as well as on any matter connected with the interests of the Institution, to a future sitting.

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW ENGLAND,  
SIXTH MONTH, 1850.

We, your Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School at **Providence**, have given attention thereto,— Meetings of the Committee at large have been held at the School, Quarterly, and of a Sub-Committee for its more immediate supervision have been held there Monthly, in the intervening months, at which reports on the condition of the School have been received from members of the Committee deputed to visit it and examine into its condition in the intervals of this Monthly Meetings.

We believe in this manner a pretty intimate knowledge of the condition of the Institution in its various departments has been kept up by the Committee; and we are encouraged to believe that this condition has been generally much in accordance with the wishes of Friends.

The labors of the Committee have been at times called for and bestowed, to encourage the attention of the Teachers and Scholars to the common and indispensable branches of an English education, such as will fit them to fill the common walks of life, and to discourage a neglect of these for the pursuit of such as do not so immediately concern practical business.

Yet we think it right to furnish in the School the means of instruction in some of the more advanced studies such as Mathematics, Astronomy, the Latin, Greek and French languages, Natural Philosophy, &c. But we believe that in the present state of education among Friends in this Yearly Meeting, the Institution will be most useful in encouraging such a course of study as looks to the fitting of the children of Friends practically to fulfill the duties common to all—while we agree entirely with the recommendation of **George Fox**, that Friends’ schools should teach whatever is useful in the creation.

Our friends **Silas Cornell** and **Sarah M. Cornell** have continued to serve the Institution as Superintendents, and **Charles Artherton** and **Richard D. Meader** as Teachers in the Boys’ School, with the addition of **Welcome O. Brown** during the winter term. In the Girls’ School as Teachers we have had the services of **Martha M. Haines**, **Anna B. Paige**, and **Lydia Almy** during the year. Instruction in the languages has been given as heretofore, for a part of the year by **Lafayette Burr**, and for the remainder by **George Pierce**.

The average number of Scholars has been one hundred and one, viz. fifty-one males and fifty females.

The family has generally been favored with health, and harmony has prevailed. Meetings for worship have been regularly held as heretofore in the house.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been examined and audited.

The expenditures of the School during the year ending with the last winter Term have been \$13,754 51.

The income from the School Fund has been \$6,595 20—and from board and tuition of Scholars and other sources \$6,912 72. Total income, \$13, 507 92, being less than the expenditures by the sum of \$246 59.

The balance in the hands of the Treasurer at the end of the winter Term may be stated at \$262 18, being \$246 59 less than the balance in hand last year—that being the amount by which the expenditures have exceeded the income.

According to the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting last year, the Committee proceeded to ascertain, as near as might be, the actual expense incurred for the board and tuition of a scholar at the School, and found the same to be \$66 per Term, and that sum, according to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, has been charged the last Term for children members of other Yearly Meetings.

The Committee apprehend that this conclusion of the Yearly Meeting is one which it may be well to review, and they think the present a suitable time for the whole subject of the price of tuition and the application of the funds of the Institution to claim the renewed attention of the Yearly Meeting. They therefore believe it right, instead of proposing the terms for board and tuition the coming year, as has been heretofore usually done, to recommend the whole subject to the deliberate consideration of the Yearly Meeting.

We believe usefulness to the School would arise from the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee on education

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attending each of the semi-annual examinations at the School, and would suggest to the Yearly Meeting that such attendance be recommended.

We desire to impress upon the minds of Friends the importance, in our view, of children remaining through the Term they enter for, and being present at the examination at its close. Much discouragement to the care takers at the School and to the Committee, has resulted from scholars leaving previous to such examinations, and we believe a serious loss has also often resulted to the scholars who have thus left, as well as inconvenience to those who remain.

The subject of the training of the youthful members of our religious Society as it has ever been among the most important and interesting concerns of Friends, so we apprehend it remains to be of deep interest to the well being both of its objects and of the Society at large. There is both truth and instruction in the testimony of Scripture. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." We trust the interest of friends on this subject has not abated, and we feel encouraged to believe that the School has, under the Divine blessing, served to promote the object of a guarded and religious education, and we may

express the desire that with the continued care of Friends, it may still be useful to the same end.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.

**STEPHEN A. CHASE**, *Clerk*.

Newport, 6th mo. 15th, 1850.”

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The Committee to which was referred the Report of the School Committee, made the following Report, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee of Men and Women Friends, appointed to consider of the suggestions contained in the Report of the School Committee and any other subjects connected with the interests of the School, have had the same under consideration, and are united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting—that the price for board and tuition in the School the present year, commencing with the now current term, for members of other Yearly Meetings, be restored to the price formerly charged, viz: fifty dollars per Term.

That the price of Board and Tuition for children, members of our Yearly Meeting, for the ensuing year, be Thirty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members, be Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five dollars per term additional charge, being made in all cases for instruction in the languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their meetings in the 9th and 3d months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the fund, and any other information regarding them which may aid the School Committee—and the children to be received are to be selected by that Committee. The conditions of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words of the donor, “For the Schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males.”

On behalf of the Committee,

**STEPHEN A. CHASE**.

Newport, Sixth Mo. 20th, 1850.”

—which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward it with the Report of the School Committee to our subordinate Meetings.

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In the account from **Smithfield** we are informed that **Benjamin Wheeler** wishes to be released from his appointment as correspondent to **Uxbridge** Monthly Meeting—whereupon we appoint **Edward Earle** of **Worcester** to supply his place.

In the Epistle addressed to this Meeting from **Indiana**, we are informed that “the following friends are appointed corres-

pondents to sign certificates, minutes, &c.

**Ashley Johnson** for **West Union** Monthly Meeting in **White Lick** Quarter—address **Monrovia, Morgan Co., Indiana.**

**Samuel P. Haviland** for **Greenwich** Monthly Meeting in **Alum Creek** Quarter—address **Greenwich, Huron Co., Ohio.**

**Micajah Johnson** for **Miami** Monthly Meeting, **Miami** Quarter, in the place of **James Smith** deceased—address **Waynesville, Warren Co., Ohio.**

Change the address of **Eleazer Hiatt** for **Chester** Monthly Meeting, **White Water** Quarter, to **Chester, Wayne Co., Ind'a.**”

*Extracted from the Minutes.*

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY**, Clerk.

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The following communication from the Meeting for sufferings was received at this time.= viz at a Meeting for sufferings held at **East Greene wick** 5 m<sup>o</sup> 1. 1850. – a communication from **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting is recd at this time as follows. viz. Whereupon we appoint, **Stephen A. Chase, George Howland, John Howland, & David Buffum** a Committee with whome friends of that Monthly Meeting may consult & advice in relation thereto. & report to a future Meeting  
Extracted from the minutes. **Samuel Boyce** Clerk.

*Communication from Mg for suffering*

Which being read is satisfactory - and the overseers of this Meeting are directed to act on our behalf in unison with the above named committee in regard to the note in **Benjamin Tucker**'s hands belonging to this Meeting.

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg., of Friends held 7 m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1850. by acts rec<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed from the preparative Mg<sup>s</sup> are from the south **Jonathan Wilbur & Timothy Akin** from the North **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all present.

*Reprasantas Q Mg report*

One of the representatives appointed last Mo to attend the q<sup>r</sup> meeting reports they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

*account from*

We have rec<sup>d</sup> at this time extracts from the minutes of our last Yearly Meeting

*Q Mg.* embracing the report of the committee haveing charge of the boarding School at **Prov.** which being read is satisfactory, & the overseers of this Meeting are directed to unite with the committee of our Women Friends in forwarding to the Boarding <sup>^School</sup> committe the names of such scholars as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the charitable fund.

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and other information in relation thereto agreeable to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, & they are also directed to grant certificates to all children going to that school from within our limits the ensuing year.

*Minutes of  
Year Mg recd  
& London  
Epistle*

We have recd 70 Coppies of the printed minutes of our last yearly meeting, and 85 Coppies of the **london** General printed Epistle of last year the reading of which is defered untill our next meeting, all of which are directed to be distributed.

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> Mg., of Friends held 8 m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1850  
By acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the South **Ephraim Gifford & Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & Rowland Rider** who are all present

*London  
Epistle  
read*

The **London** General Epistle of last year being being read at this time its Contents have been Satisfactory & Interesting to us.

*Overseers  
appointed*

The year for which the overseers of this Mg., being expired & the subject claiming the deliber consideration of the Meeting we now reappoint the same Friends viz **Benjamin Potter, George Almy <sup>^Barret</sup> Beard, George W. Francis, Timothy Akin Joshua W. Gifford, & Abram Russel** to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment

*Lucy Carleburg  
Eliza Wing  
& S. A. Snow  
recd Members*

The womens meeting inform that they have come to the conclusion to receive **Lucy Carle=burg, Eliza Wing, & Sarah A. Snow** as members of our religious Society with which this meeting unites.



By an act from the quarterly Meeting it appears that our proportion of that Mgs expences for the ensueing year is one hundred

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*Q meetings stock is \$150. -* and fifty dollars (twenty percent) which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when in funds.

*G. Cornel Disowned* The committee in the case of **Gideon Cornell** made the following report viz. To the M<sup>o</sup> M<sup>s</sup> Dear friends, We the Committee in the case of **Gideon Cornell** report, that we have attended to our appointment and that he received us kindly & we have had several oppertunities with him, yet we have not been able to discover that energy & disposition of mind which would rightly condemn his transgression or make that sacrifice for the support of our testimonies which our discipline & truth requires, which we submit to the Meeting signed **Isaac R. Gifford, Abner Potter**, Committee 8<sup>mo</sup> 28, 1850 which after a time of feeling deliberation thereon we accept & do hereby deny him the right of membership in our Religious Society the Wom<sup>s</sup> meeting uniting herein & **George W. Francis** is named to inform him there of & report next Month.

*P. R. Gifford has a minute* Our Beloved Friend **Phebe R. Gifford** opened in this meeting a prospect which had rested on her mind for a considerable len=  
=gth of time to perform in gospel love a visit to Friends of **Rhode Island** Quarterly Meeting & if way should open for it to appoint some meetings amongst those not of our Society which being united with she is left at liberty to proceed therein as best Wisdom may direct She being a minister in unity with us and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Woms meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this & signe the same on behalf of this meeting

*I. R. Gifford has a minute* Our Esteemed Friend **Isaac R. Gifford** informed that he felt a concern to accompany his Wife **Phebe R. Gifford** in her proposed Religions visit to Friends of

of **Rhode Island** Quarterly Meeting as represented in her minute, with which this meeting unites he being an Elder in unity with us & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute & signe the same on behalf of this mg.,

8 m<sup>o</sup> 1850

**George Almy** Clerk

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**Ge<sup>o</sup> Almy** informs that he has recd from the Executors of the last will & Testament of our late Friend **Bethia Russel** the sum of \$10.- given as Expressed in her will to Friends of **Dartmouth** Preparative Meeting, which is acceptably received as a Testimony of the regard she felt for the Society of which she was a member, & he (she said **Geo Almy**) is directed to pay the same to the Treasurer of this meeting to be appropriated for the benefit of the south Preparative Meeting under the care of the overseers

*Bequest of  
Bethia Russel  
\$10.*

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> mg of Friends held 9 m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1850 By acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the south **Allen Howland & Humphrey Anthony** from the north **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & W<sup>m</sup> Potter** who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

9 m<sup>o</sup> 1850

*Queries  
answerd*

The queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & general answers considerd of & adopted & are directed to our next quarterly meeting by **Prince Allen Howard Potter & George Almy** whome we have appointed our representatives thereto, they are desired to report there attendance to our next monthly meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

*G Cornel  
not  
informed*

**George W. Francis** informs that **Gideon Cornell** has not been informed of the minute

of denial made against him he is continued to give him that information & report next month

The Committe in the case of **Charles H. Sherman** made the following report viz. To the monthly Meeting. We your Committe have attended to our appointment so far as way oppened for it in the case of **Charles H. Sherman** to very little satisfaction as he declined any select opper=  
=tunity which we submit to the Meeting

*Charles H*

*Sherman disowned* signed **Isaac Lawrence, & Benjamin Potter** dated 9 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1850. which the meeting accepts and we hereby disown him the right of membership in our religious society the womens meeting uniting therewith and **Barret Beard** is named to inform him thereof & report to this meeting next month.

The following Communication being rec<sup>d</sup> viz. At a Meeting for Sufferings held at **Windham**, 4<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1850.

*Relating to Memorials of deceased Friends*

The Committee to have the care of printing the Memorials of deceased Friends, pursuant to a minute of our last Yearly Meeting, report That they have caused two thousand copies thereof to be printed, and that they are now ready for delivery at the Cost viz six cents per copy; and <sup>^</sup>it being believed that usefulness would result from a general circulation thereof it is the conclusion of this meeting that our Monthly Meetings be encouraged to adopt such measures as may be deemed adviseable for obtaining & distributing them, Extracted from the minutes, **Samuel Boyce**, Clerk. accordingly we appoint **George W. Francis & George Almy** to ascertain the number of Memorials required to furnish each family of this meeting with a copy & the amot of cost & draw on our treasury for the amot & report to this Mg when accomplished

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** monthly mg of Friends held 10<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1850 by acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative mgs are from the south **Barret Beard & Timothy Akin**, from the North **Caleb Slade & Benjamin Potter** who are all present.

*Reprases<sup>ts</sup> to Quarterly Mg report.*

One of the representatives appointed last mo to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports that they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

*10 m<sup>o</sup> 1850.*

We have recd the following information from the overseers through the south preparative mg respecting **Ephraim <sup>^T</sup>Gidley** viz To **Dartmouth** Preparative & Monthly mg of Friends, Dear Friends **Ephraim <sup>^T</sup>Gidley**

*E. T. Gidley* has from time to time for several years been  
*Complained* in the practice of using spiritous liquor  
*of* otherwise than for medicine and of resorting  
to places inconsistent with our professions for  
which he has been labored with & tenderly advisd  
without the desired affect. we therefore  
submit his case to the meeting signed **Barret**  
**Beard George W. Francis** Overseers. 10 m<sup>o</sup> 16. 1850  
whereupon we appoint **Isaac R. Gifford**  
and **Otis Slocum** a Committe to visit him  
on that act & endeavor to convince him of his  
transgressions & report to this meeting when ready  
or called upon by this meeting.

*G. Cornel* **George W. Francis** informs that he has given  
*informed* **Gideon Cornell** information of the minute  
*of* of denial made in his case.  
*Denial*

*C. H. Sherman* **Barret Beard** informs that he has  
*informed of* given **Charles H Sherman** information of  
*denial* the minute of denial made in his case.  
**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> mg. of Friends held 11 m<sup>o</sup> 27. 1850  
By acts recd the representatives appointed from the  
preparative Meetings are from the south **Howard**  
**Potter** and **Joseph Gifford** from the North **W<sup>m</sup>**  
*11 m<sup>o</sup> 1850* **Tucker** and **Isaac R Gifford** who are all  
present.

*Queries* The queries with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup>  
*answerd to* 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of the preparative mgs  
*qr Mg* have been read at this time & summary  
answers approved of & directed to our next Quar-  
terly Mg by **Joshua W. Gifford, Abner Potter,**  
& **Isaac R. Gifford**, whome we have appointed  
our representatives thereto, desireing them  
to report their attendance to our next mg.,  
& the Clerk is directed to furnish them  
with the necessary extracts from our minutes  
& signe the same on our behalf.

*Committe* **William Tucker, Humphrey**  
*to* **Anthony** and **Abraham Russel** are ap=  
*settle with* pointed a Committe to settle with our  
*Treasurer* Treasurer propose one for the year to come  
and also a sum of money necessary to  
be collected to meet our expences the  
ensueing year & report next Month.

*M. Gifford* We unite with the womens  
*received* meeting in receiveing **Mehetable Gifford**  
(wife of **Peleg Gifford**) into membership

with us, provided **Sidney M<sup>o</sup> Mg** has no objection, she haveing formerly been a member of that meeting. and the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Wom<sup>s</sup> Meeting in the further necessary care & report their decision when recd, to this mg

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** mo mg of Friends held 12<sup>mo</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1850

12<sup>mo</sup> 1850 By acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative mg<sup>s</sup> are from the South **John Wing & Howard Potter**, from the North **W<sup>m</sup> Potter & W<sup>m</sup> Tucker** who are all present.

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*Representatives  
all attended*

One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting reports that they all attended.

12.<sup>mo</sup> 1850

The Committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer &c made the following report =viz. The Committee appointed last month to settle with the Treasurer &c have attended to that service, & find a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$72 & 18 cents and propose to raise for expences for the ensueing year, one hundred & Twenty dollars, and propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer. on behalf of the Committe **William Tucker** 12 m<sup>o</sup> 11. 1850. which is satisfactory to the mg,, and accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed Treasurer for the year to come or untill another appointment and our preparative meetings are directed to collect & pay to our Treasurer their proportions of the above sum & report to this mg when accomplished.

*Treasurer  
appointed &c*

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> mg of Friends held 1 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1851 by acts recd the Repräsentatives appointed from the Preparative mg<sup>s</sup> are from the South **Paul Fisher, & George Smith** from the North **Caleb Slade & Isaac R. Gifford** who are all present except one.

*Committe to  
take care of  
meeting  
houses &c*

The year for which the Committe were appointed to have & take all necessary care of our Meeting houses burying grounds & also at funerals haveing expired we now appoint **Daniel Howland, Otis Slocum, George Almy, George Smith, George W. Francis, William Potter,**

**Barret Beard, Abraham Russel, William Tucker & Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment

The overseers agreeable to a minuite made in the Second m<sup>o</sup> 1846 have handed to the recorder an act of all the birth's & death's that have occurred

*Births and Deaths reported*

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within our limits up to the present time.

*1 m<sup>o</sup> 1851  
N.P Mg's  
Stock p<sup>d</sup>*

We are informed that the North Preparative Mg,, have forwarded their propotion of Stock to our Treasurer.

The Committe appointed to procure a sufficient number of Memorials of deceased Friends for each Family belonging to this meeting inform that they have obtained that number & distributed the same and drawn on our Treasurer for \$4.88. the cost there of, which is satisfactory to the meeting

*Memorials furnished*

*Lydia Ricketson rec<sup>d</sup> a member.*

We unite with the womens meeting in receiving **Lydia Ricketson** wife of **Benjamin Ricketson** into membership with us.

**George Almy** Clerk.

*2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1851*

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At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1851 by act<sup>s</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> the Repräsentatives appointed from the Preparative Mg<sup>s</sup> are from the South **George Smith** and **Otis Slocum**, from the North **Benjamin Potter** & **George Almy** who are all present.

The following communication from **Sidney** Monthly Meeting being recd & read vz = To **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> M<sup>g</sup> of Friends Dear Friends, We rec<sup>d</sup> your Communication of 11 m<sup>o</sup> last informing us that you were about to receive **Mehetable Gifford** into membership with the Concurrence of this mg,, The Subject was laid before our meeting & after a time of deliberation thereon & finding nothing to object to her restoration, you are at liberty to proceed in the case as shall seem best to you. We are your Friends from the minutes of **Sidney** M<sup>o</sup> M<sup>g</sup> held at **Fairfield** 1 m<sup>o</sup> 16 1851 **Albert Coffin, Lydia Paddock** Clerks, **Samuel Taylor Jun** Correspondent. accordingly She the said **Mehetable Gifford** is recd a member

*From Sidney Mo Mg on act of M Gifford*

of our Monthly meeting agreeable to a minute of 11 m<sup>o</sup> last.

*2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1851.*

The Committe in the Case of **Ephraim T. Gidley** made the following report —  
-viz. To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends  
We your Committe in the case of **Ephraim T. Gidley** now report, that we have attended to our appointment, And have had an opportunity with him endeavouring to labor in the ability afforded, but we were not able to discover in him a Suitable frame of mind rightly to condem his transgressions which we Submit to the meeting, signed **Isaac R. Gifford, Otis Slocum** 26<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1851, which being read & duly considered the meeting accepts & we hereby accordingly disown him from being a member of our religious Society the womens meeting concurring herein. and **Abner Potter** is named to inform him thereof & report to this meeting next month.

*E T. Gidley  
Disowned*

We Concur with the womens

*Alice Tucker  
retained a  
member.*

meeting in accepting an acknowledgement from from **Alice Tucker** & also in retaining her a member of our Society.

*P R. Gifford  
retuned  
minute*

**Phebe R Gifford** returned at this time the Copy of a minute granted her in the 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to make a Religious visit to Friends & others within the limits of **Rhode Island Q<sup>r</sup>** meeting, and informed that She had been mercifully enabled to accomplish the same to the peace of her own mind, Also produced satisfactory returning minutes from **Rhode Island Quaterly & Swanzey** Monthly meetings held at **Somerset** expressing that her company & Religious Servises had been acceptable to them.

**Isaac R. Gifford** also returned the copy of a minute granted him to

*I R. Gifford  
returned  
minute*

in the 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to accompany his wife in her religious visit to Friends & others within the limits of **Rhode Island** Quarterly meeting. Also produced returning minutes from **Rhode Island** Quarterly & **Swanzey** monthly meetings held at **Somerset**

expressive that his company had been acceptable to them

**George Almy Clerk**

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> mg of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1851

*3 m<sup>o</sup> 1851* By acts recd the Representatives appointed from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Ge<sup>o</sup> W. Francis, & Barret Beard**, From the north **William Tucker & William Potter** who are all present.

*Queries answered* The queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from each of our preparative Meetings & summary answers prepared & directed to our next Quarterly M<sup>g</sup> By **Benjamin Potter, Paul Fisher, Abraham Russel, & Barret Beard**, whome we have appointed our representatives to that Meeting they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this Meeting.

*South P Mgs S paid* We are informed that the South Preparative mgs proportion of stock has been paid to our Treasurer.

*Q Mgs S paid* We are also informed that our proportion of the Quarterly Mgs Stock has been paid to the treasurer of that Meeting.

**Abner Potter** informs that he has given **Ephraim T. Gidley** information of his denial.

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*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1851* The following information through the south preparative meeting respecting **Charles Smith** son of **Holder** is as follows viz To the Preparative & Mo Meeting of Friends Dear Friends **Charles Smith** (son of **Holder**) has for a long time neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, and associated in unprofitable company, for which he has been labored with, and yet of latter time he has been employed “bar keeper” for the retail of Spiritous liquors signed **George W. Francis, Barret Beard**, Overseers **Dartmouth** 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1851. which being read

*C. Smith under dealings*



we appoint **Joshua W. Gifford, Joseph Gifford, and Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** a Committe to labour with him for his transgressions & report to this meeting next month.

*T. Inman  
requests a  
R. Certificate*

Being informed that **Thomas Inman** is about to remove with his Family to reside within the limits of **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends, we appoint **Timothy Akin, Daniel Howland, & Joshua W. Gifford** to unite with a similar Committe of the womens meeting in preparing a Certificate & present to our next meeting if they find nothing to obstruct.

**George Almy** Clerk

*4 m<sup>o</sup> 1851.*

At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1851 by Acts rec<sup>d</sup> the Representatives appointed from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Joshua W. Gifford, & Ephraim Gifford,** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford, & Benjamin Potter** who are all present.

*Representatives  
to  
Q meeting  
Report*

One of the representatives appointed last Month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports that they all attended.

The Committe appointed last Month to treat with **Charles Smith** made the

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*4 m<sup>o</sup> 1851*

following report. viz To the Monthly Meeting We the committe in the case of **Charles Smith** report, that we have attended to our appointment, have had an oppertunity with him, but did not receive that satisfaction from him which would be desireable, as he did not appear to us to be in a state of mind to condem his deviations, and expressed no desire to remain a member, which we submit to the meeting. signed **Joseph Gifford, Joshua W. Gifford, Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** 4 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup>, 1851 which being read and duly considered the meeting accepts & do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our Religious Society, the Woms Meeting uniting here =in & **George W. Francis** is named to inform him of his denial & report to this Meeting when done.

*Charles  
Smith  
disowned*

*Certificate  
granted  
T. Inman &  
Family*

The Committe appointed produced a Certificate for **Thomas Inman** & Family viz = his wife **Mary W.** & Minor Children **Edward & Hannah G,** which is approved signed & directed to **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting.

The following Communication being recd viz To the preparative & Mo Mg

*G. Smith  
&  
M. Tucker  
I. Marriage*

With Divine permission and Friend approba-  
=tion we intend Marriage with each other signd  
**Gideon C Smith, Mary A. Tucker** 4 m<sup>o</sup> 6. 1851  
which being read was noticed by the meeting and  
they are desired to wait untill our next  
Meeting for an answer, **Barret Beard &  
Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed a Committe  
to see that the rights of **Marys** Children are  
legally Secured to them & report next month  
**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Mg of Friends held 5.<sup>mo</sup> 28.<sup>th</sup> 1851  
by acts recd the representatives appointed from  
the preparative Mgs are from the south **Humphry  
Anthony & Howard Potter**, from the North  
**William Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all  
present.

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*C. Smith  
informed  
5 m<sup>o</sup> 1851*

**George W. Francis** informs that he has given  
**Charles Smith** information of the minute of  
denial made in his case.

*G. C. Smith  
&  
M. A. Tucker  
on  
cert of marriage*

Received at this time a Certificate from  
**Providence** Monthly M<sup>s</sup> of Friends setting  
forth **Gideon C Smith**'s right of membership &  
Clearness to proceed in marriage with a  
member of this M<sup>s</sup> & Consent of serviveing  
Parent being produced in writing & nothing  
appearing to obstruct they the said **Gideon  
C. Smith & Mary A. Tucker** are left at  
liberty to consumate their said marriage  
agreeable to the rules of our society they advis-  
=ing with **Isaac R. Gifford** and **Geo W. Francis**  
who are appointed to attend & see that good  
order is observed & forward the certificate to  
the recorder, and report next month  
**George Almy** Clerk

*6 m<sup>o</sup> 1851*

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At **Dartmouth** mo mg of Friends held 6 m<sup>o</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup> 1851 by acts Recd the Representatives  
appointed from the preparative are from  
the South **Humphrey Anthony & Josiah  
Sherman** from the north **Benjamin Potter &  
Isaac R Gifford**, who are all present.

Our Beloved Friend **James**

*J. Jorden  
attended* **Jorden** attended this mg with a Certificate of concurrence from **Amawalk** monthly meeting held at **York Town** State of **New York** 9<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1851 Expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagements his company and gospel Labors have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend **Daniel**

*D Wood  
attended* **Wood** also attended with a certificate of concurrence from **Allum [Alum] Creek** monthly Meeting of Friends held at **Allum Creek** **Morrow** County **Ohio** 11 m<sup>o</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1850 and

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and endorsed by **Allum Creek** Quarterly mg held at **Gilead Morrow** County 12 m<sup>o</sup> 30. 1850 Expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagements, his company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed to notice their attendance in the act to the Qr meeting.

The Queries have been read at this time, with answers from each of the Preparative mgs to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> <sup>a summary of which is approved</sup> and directed to be forwarded to our next Qr Meeting by **Isaac R. Gifford, George Almy & Barret Beard**, whome we have appointed our representatives desireing them to report their attendance to our next Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this mg.

*Queries  
Answered*

*Marriage  
orderly  
conducted* One of the Friends appointed to attend the Marriage of **Gideon C Smith** & **Mary A Tucker** reports that they attended & that is was orderly conducted & the Certificate left with the recorder.

*M A Smith  
desires a  
certificate* Being informed that **Mary A. Smith** desires a removal certificate for herself & Minor son **Henry A. Tucker** to **Prov** Monthly Meeting of Friends we appoint **William Potter & Caleb Slade** to unite with our Women Friends & prepare one & present to our next mg if they find nothing to obstruct.

*B. Sherman  
under  
dealing* The Overseers presented to this meeting through the south Preparative Mg the following information respecting **Bradford Sherman** = Viz To the preparative & Monthly Meeting Dear Friends **Bradford Sherman** has for a long time neglected our religious Mg<sup>s</sup> and has now married one not of our Religious society society contrary to the good order established

amongst us which we submit to the Meeting  
6 m<sup>o</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1851 **Abm Russel, Barret Beard** Overseers

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whereupon we appoint **Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>**  
& **Joshua W. Gifford** a committee to labor  
with him for his deviations & report to this  
meeting next month.

6 m<sup>o</sup> 1851 They also presented the following  
information respecting **Moses C Davis**  
viz To the Preparative & Monthly Meeting  
Dear Friends **Moses C. Davis** has for a long  
time neglected our Religious Meeting and  
now has married one not of our Religious  
Society contrary to the good order established  
amongst us, which we submit to the  
Meeting **Abm Russel, Geo W. Francis**  
overseers 6 m<sup>o</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1851 whereupon we  
appoint **William Potter** and **George Smith**  
a committe to treat with him for his  
transgression & report to this meeting next mo

Our beloved Friend **Phebe R.**  
**Gifford** in a weighty manner Spread  
before this meeting a prospect which for  
some length of time & esspecialy of late had  
rested with much weight upon her mind  
to attend in gospel love the Yearly Meetings  
of **Ohio Indianna & Baltimore** and  
some of the Mgs belonging to each, also  
to appoint some Meetings among Friends  
& Others on the way going & returning  
should truth open the way for it, which  
claiming the weighty consideration of the  
meeting was fully & feelingly united with  
& she left at liberty to persue her prospect  
as best wisdom may direct being a  
member of this meeting & a minister in unity  
with us.

*Phebe R.  
Gifford has  
a certificate*

With desires that when her  
religious services are accomplished she  
may be favored to return to her family &  
Friends with the reward of peace

*[Insert start]*  
THE  
EPISTLE

FROM THE  
YEARLY MEETING,

HELD IN  
LONDON,

By adjournment, from the 22nd of the Fifth month to the 1st  
of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1850;

TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS IN **GREAT  
BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.**

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EPISTLE.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

In offering you this our renewed salutation, we do it not as a mere customary act, but in a measure of the love of God in Christ Jesus; that love which flows from Him, the exhaustless fountain of all our mercies, and which we reverently believe has again enabled us enter into a united travail of spirit for the prosperity of the cause of Truth. In the same love we now address you, and invite you to thank God and take courage.

Since we last met, an awful visitation has been permitted to fall upon this and other lands. Multitudes were called from time to eternity at an unexpected moment. We desire reverently and with gratitude to God to acknowledge that, in his mercy, the pestilence was stayed. May the solemn warning not have passed unheeded by any one of us!

Our hearts turn, in the feeling of Christian sympathy and warm remembrance, to some of our dear friends in the evening of life, who have long manifested their attachment to the cause of Christ, and whose exercise of mind for the spiritual welfare of the Church is, we believe, unabated. We desire that they may be encouraged to maintain this exercise; in the humble trust that He who has been their morning light will, amid the infirmities of declining years, be their evening song, and, as they continue faithful unto death, grant them an inheritance with the saints in light.

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We feel that the mercy of the Lord is still extended to us as a Church; that He is willing to do us good, and to help us to act for the honour of His name. He strengthened our predecessors to bear an open testimony to pure, spiritual religion, and against those corruptions which had so long overspread the Church, and so greatly dimmed the bright shining of the truth as it is in Jesus. Looking unto Him as their sole and rightful Lord, they sought to live under the government of his Spirit, to renounce the world, and in life and conversation, to confess him in all things before men. Is it so with us of the present day? Under this consideration, and in the feeling of our many shortcomings, we are brought low.

The requirements of the Gospel are unchanged. It is a blessed proof of its excellency and divine origin, that it has been found adapted to the circumstances and wants of man, in every age, in every station, and at all periods of life. Striking at the root of the evil propensities of the corrupt heart, it condemns sin in the flesh; it brings man out of that state of alienation from God in which he is by nature; and enables him to resist, and finally to overcome, all his easily besetting sins. Being a message of glad tidings of great joy to the penitent sinner,—and “all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God,” —it brings him, as it is received in faith, to the Lord Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of the whole world, and it gives him a blessed hope of salvation through Him, and of life, peace, and joy with Him for evermore.

Dear Friends, —What do we individually know of having passed from death unto life? May this solemn inquiry be brought home to every one of us. In the great mercy of God, the Holy Spirit visits all, to bring about a thorough change; to begin, to carry forward, and to complete the purification of the soul, the entire subjection of the natural will, and the establishment of all in a conformity to the divine will.— This work of the spirit is an inward work, often gradual in its progress, but powerful in its operations. It is to be waited for, to be sought in prayer and in humble prostration of the soul before the Most High. In

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the progress of this work, humiliation, conflicts and self-denial are to be endured; but in the Lord's time the blessed fruits of love, peace, and joy are brought forth. To this work of the Spirit in the heart, our early Friends were brought in a remarkable manner: their souls panted for the bread of life, and for that water which Christ declared to be “a well of water springing up into everlasting life.” He gave them to partake of this bread, and of this water; and, blessed be his name, He hath bestowed this same spiritual food and refreshment upon his faithful followers who have waited for it, down to the present hour.

You know, beloved brethren and sisters, that in order to partake of

this spiritual sustenance, and as a public testimony of our dependence upon God, and of our allegiance unto Him, we assemble together for the worship of our Creator. We entreat you to avail yourselves of all the privileges thus placed within your reach. Some of our meetings held for this purpose are, we know, very small; we sympathize with those who attend them, and desire their encouragement and help, and that it may be given them to experience the fulfilment of the blessed assurance of our Lord, often referred to amongst us and ever retaining its undiminished force and authority, "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." We again remind our members of the great advantage of attending those meetings which are held in the middle of the week. In a feeling of love we call upon our friends to withdraw for a time from the cares of the world, unitedly to feel after God, looking unto Him for the renewal of their spiritual strength. We invite them also, on these occasions, to set at liberty, as far as practicable, all their fellow professors who are their assistants in trade, or who are in other ways dependent upon them, that they may share with them in the religious benefits which may be thus enjoyed. And we afresh desire that all our members may be alive to the importance of the right occupation of the first day of the week, not only in the attendance of meetings, but in the profitable use of other parts of the day for their spiritual improvement, being at the same time

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careful that they do not by undue exertion, even for laudable objects, disqualify themselves for the performance of public worship. It is a real privilege to live as we do in a country in which there is so little to interfere with the performance of this duty. We further encourage our dear friends to wait before the Lord in private, when in consequence of travelling in foreign lands or from any other circumstance they may be unable to attend a meeting. The truly awakened mind will not confine itself to the occasions to which we have alluded, but amid the daily avocations of life will often be lifted up unto God; and will seek for opportunities to draw nigh unto Him, and to pray for wisdom and strength to live acceptably before Him.

We take comfort in the belief that the practice of the family daily reading of the Holy Scriptures is very generally prevalent among our members: we desire that it may be observed by all Friends. And we would at this time further recommend the diligent private reading of them. They are a revelation of the will of God to the children of men, —the records of the way of life and salvation most surely to be believed by us: they contain divine mysteries which are to be accepted in the simplicity of faith. As the enlightening influence of the Holy Spirit is sought for, they are opened and applied to our various wants, contributing to our growth in grace. They are thus felt to be most precious and invaluable, being made instrumental in bringing us to a

holy settlement on Him who is the “way, and the truth, and the life.”

The precepts of our Lord and his Apostles apply to us, whatever may be our pursuits or avocations. In the counting-house, in the shop, or in the market; in the crowded city, or in the retired hamlet, in the most solitary allotment, as well as in the performance of our duties one to another, and in our endeavors to serve our fellow-men, we are all exposed to temptation to violate the pure and holy law of God. The adversary of man’s happiness adapts his temptations to all the varied circumstances of life. The Lord is our only refuge and sure defence against these assaults; the help of his Spirit is graciously afforded in all

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our exigencies. But if we expect to be thus preserved and led along in safety through the journey of life, we must ask in prayer for the help of the Spirit, and be concerned to follow its guidance.

The believers in Christ are spoken of as a royal priesthood. To the great privilege of offering “spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ,” we are all invited under the new covenant. As we come to enjoy this privilege, we are brought not to depend one upon another, or upon stated performances in the public worship of God, and are confirmed in the truth, that typical rites and ceremonies are no part of the spiritual dispensation under which we live. In the love of the Gospel, we would express our warm desire that not only all the members of our own Society, but that all who profess the name of Christ may be brought to feel and to acknowledge, and to be established in the truth, that “the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.”

This view of the spirituality and freedom of the Gospel leads to the non-observance of days enjoined by the civil or ecclesiastical authority as those of humiliation or thanksgiving. Whilst endeavoring faithfully to obey all laws which do not infringe upon the divine law, we continue to believe that to impose such observance, in the name of any ecclesiastical rulers whatever, is an interference with the prerogative of Christ, who alone is the head over his own Church. It is the great duty of Christians so to live, that when public calamities visit a nation, their sense of the chastening which is laid upon them may be manifested by humiliation of soul, under a feeling of that constant dependance upon God in which our spiritual strength so greatly consists. In connexion with the support of the principles already stated, we have in usual course received the reports of the sufferings of our members on account of ecclesiastical claims, to the amount of upwards of eight thousand eight hundred pounds. We press upon all our dear friends a faithful refusal, in the spirit of meekness, of all those demands which are made for the support of a system from which we are well known to dissent.



Our love to our absent brethren has afresh extended to those on the American Continent; from all the Yearly Meetings of which, as well as from our dear friends in **Ireland**, we have at this time received acceptable Epistles in usual course. In this love we desire that the power of the Lord may be sought and felt among them, in all their assemblies for his service, and in all their efforts for the spreading of his truth upon earth.

And now, dear Friends, in conclusion, let us encourage one another to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called as a Church and as individuals. This vocation is nothing less than to uphold the standard of Gospel Truth in its primitive purity and power. The recent agitations of the public mind on many important subjects of doctrine and of discipline, and especially on baptism and ministry, may, through the overruling providence of God, be preparing the people more at large to perceive the errors which crept into the Church in the apostacy, and to apprehend the nature of the one true and saving baptism, the real character of spiritual worship, and the only right call and qualification of Gospel ministers. On each of these great subjects a testimony has, we reverently believe, been given us of the Lord to bear,—a testimony strictly accordant in all points with Holy Scripture, and resting thereon; but which we renewedly feel can only be borne in integrity and Christian consistency, through the help of the Holy Ghost dwelling in us. It is only as we are living under its government that we can be enabled to adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things and by the purity and self denial of our lives and the weight of our spirits, practically hold out to others the inviting language—Come and “have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.” May this be more and more known amongst us, to the increase of our joy in the Lord, to the extension of the Redeemer’s Kingdom upon earth, and to the glory of his holy name!

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by

**JOHN HODGKIN,**

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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Our Esteemed Friend **Isaac R. Gifford** informed this meeting that he had a prospect of accompanying his wife **Phebe R. Gifford** in her proposed religious visit to friends of **Ohio** &c as expressed in her Certificate, which claiming the weighty consideration of this Meeting was feelingly united with, and he left at liberty to proceed therein being a member of this meeting and an elder in good esteem.

*I. R. Gifford  
has a certificate*

And the Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the Woms Meeting in furnishing our friends respectively with coppys of the foregoing & signe the same on behalf of this meeting

**George Almy** Clerk.

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7 m<sup>o</sup> 1851

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Mg of Friends held 7 mo 23<sup>d</sup> 1851, by Acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Mgs are from the south **Paul Fisher** and **Abner Potter** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & Rowland Rider** who are all present.

*Clerks appointed*

The year for which the clerks of this Meeting being expired **George Almy** is appointed Clerk & **William Tucker** ass[is]tant Clerk for the year to come or untill another appointment.

*Reprasantives to the Qr Mg all attended*

One of the Friends appointed to attend our last Quarterly Mg reports they all attended.

*Certificate approved for M.A.S. & Henry A. T.*

The friends appointed last month to prepare a certificate for **Mary A. Smith** & her minor son **Henry A. Tucker** produced one which was approved signed & directed to be forwarded to **Prov M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting.

*Overseers of Poor*

The year for which the overseers of the Poor of this Meeting having expired we appoint **Abr<sup>m</sup> Russel, Barret Beard, William Tucker & Otis Slocum** to that

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Service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

*Bradford Sherman disowned*

The Committe appointed to treat with **Bradford Sherman** made the following report viz, We your committe in case of **Bradford Sherman** have attended to our appointment and had an opportunity with him he manifested no disposition to condem his outgoings and expressed no desire to remain a member which we submit to the Meeting **Joshua W. Gifford Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup> 7 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1851** which after a time of deliberation the Meeting accepts and do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious society the Woms Mg uniting herein. **Abrm Russel** is named to give him notice of his denial & report to this Mg next m<sup>o</sup>

One of the committe appointed last mo to treat with **Moses C. Davis** inform

that they are not ready to make a full report  
they are continued to report next month.

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mg of Friends held <sup>mo</sup>8.27.1851  
By acts recd the representatives appointed  
from the preparative mgs are from the south  
**Ezra Wing & Prince Allen**, from the North  
**Benjamin Potter & George Almy** who  
are present.

Recd at this time extracts from  
the minutes of our last yearly meeting  
embracing the report of the Boarding School  
Committee, which being read is satisfactory  
& **William Tucker, George W. Francis, Barret  
Beard, & Otis Slocum**, are appointed a Committee  
to unite with our women friends in forwarding  
to the School Committee the names of such  
children as they may think suitable to

*Extracts  
from Yearly  
Mg*

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At our Yearly Meeting of FRIENDS for **New-England**,  
held on **Rhode-Island** in the sixth mo. 1851.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings—

The subjoined annual Report of the Boarding School Com-  
mittee was presented and read, and a committee was appointed  
to take the same into consideration, and report their judgment  
on the propositions contained therein to a future sitting.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR **NEW-ENGLAND**,  
SIXTH MONTH, 1851.

The Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding  
School at **Providence**, Report—that they have given attention  
to their appointment, and from time to time met as a Committee  
at large and by Sub-Committees for the supervision of the  
School and its various concerns.

The Committee have, they trust, felt the weight and import-  
ance of their interesting charge, and have endeavored according  
to their ability to promote in the Institution a religious, guarded  
education, consistent with our religious profession.

The School during the year has been under the charge of  
our friends **Silas** and **Sarah M. Cornell** as Superintendents.—  
**Charles Atherton** and **Moses C. Stevens** have served as Teach-  
ers through the year, in the male department, with the addition  
of **John Henry Crossman** during the Winter Term. In the  
female department we have had the services of **Anna B. Page**  
and **Anna Inman** during the Summer Term, and of the latter  
with **Deborah Holway** and **Mary W. Hawkes** during the Win-  
ter Term. **Elizabeth Prosser** has also been engaged as Teacher  
of drawing, and has had the care of some of the younger  
scholars in both Schools during the year. Instruction in the

Latin and Greek Languages has been given by **George Peirce** for both terms, and in the French Language during the Winter Term by **Louise Parrot**, a native French Teacher.

The average number of scholars has been ninety-two, viz., forty-eight males and forty-four females.

During the Summer Term, the health of the family was generally good. In the Winter Term the measles prevailed to a great extent among the scholars, there having been forty-six cases among one hundred and twenty-one scholars in the School at the time.

It was cause of thankfulness that all these cases terminated in recovery to health, except one. **Mary Smith**, daughter of **Moses Smith**, of **Dartmouth**, an interesting young woman, of amiable disposition and very exemplary deportment, was removed by death. She took the disease while laboring under some other bodily infirmities, which probably tended to increase its severity. Her strength rapidly declined, and after being confined to her room four days only, her gentle spirit passed away on the evening of the 21st of First month, being a few days over 18 years of age.

The accounts of the Superintendent and Treasurer of the School Fund have been audited.

The expenditures of the School for the year ending with the Winter Term have been \$13,413 12.

The Income received from the School Fund has been \$7,495—and from board, tuition, and other source, \$6,137 77. Total income, including balance of last year, \$13,632 77; — leaving unexpended in the Superintendent's hands \$219 65, an amount about equal to that in hand in Spring of 1850. Beside the above expenditures, the sum of \$529 50 has been expended on improvements on the farm and premises, and in the purchase of scientific Books, from funds specially appropriated to those objects.

We would propose that the terms for board and tuition the coming year, should remain as last year, viz.: for members of our Yearly Meeting Thirty Dollars per Term—for members of other Yearly Meetings Fifty Dollars per Term—and for children not members, one or both of whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, Forty-five Dollars per Term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted. Five Dollars per Term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the Languages.

That the amount to be appropriated the coming year, for free board and tuition, be restricted to the amount of the income of the charitable fund. Monthly Meetings to send forward to the School Committee, at their Meetings in the Ninth and Third months, the names and ages of such children, within their limits, as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the Fund, and any information regarding them which may aid the School Committee; and the children to be received, to be selected by that Committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being, in the words

of the donor, “For the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males.”

The subject of the continuance of holding meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, has been several times, during the year, solidly considered by the Committee; and it has resulted in the conclusion to bring the subject before the Yearly Meeting for their consideration, with a view, if the Yearly Meeting should unite therein, of the Committee for the superintendence of the School the coming year, being authorized, as way may open for it, to direct the discontinuance of such meetings in the house, and the attendance of the scholars and family of the Meetings for worship in **Providence**.

In conclusion, we would express a feeling of thankfulness for the sense we have of the continued usefulness of this School, and for the religious concern cherished, we trust, by Friends, that under the blessing of Divine Providence, the School may be increasingly useful in fostering in the minds of

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our young Friends a love for the religious profession of the Society in which they have the privilege of membership, and a continued and increasing solicitude, that the precious doctrines professed by us may be faithfully upheld before the world—that the injunction of our blessed Saviour may be increasingly obeyed amongst us, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.”

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

**STEPHEN A. CHASE**, *Clerk*.

**Providence**, 6th month 3d, 1851.

The Meeting for Sufferings having proposed a regulation of Discipline as to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, (the subject having been referred to that Meeting by this Meeting last year,) it claimed our solid consideration, and was referred for further deliberation to our next sitting.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Boarding School Committee, made the following Report, viz: “TO THE YEARLY MEETING NOW SITTING.

The Committee of men and women Friends appointed to consider the subject of authorizing the Committee for the Superintendence of the Boarding School, to discontinue as way may open for it, the meetings for worship for the scholars and family in the house, and to provide for them to attend meetings for worship in **Providence**—Report: That they have taken the subject into solid consideration, and they would recommend that the proposition in the Report of the Boarding School Committee in relation thereto, be adopted by the Yearly Meet-

ing. On behalf of the Committee,

**ESTES NEWHALL,  
RUTH H. BAKER.**

**Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1851.”**

—which is satisfactory, and the Report of the School Committee is adopted, and the Clerk directed to forward copies of it to our subordinate Meetings.

The proposition of a regulation of Discipline in regard to the manner of making additions to our Meetings of Ministers and Elders, being now again brought before us, claimed our solid consideration, and was united with by this Meeting, and with the concurrence of the Women’s Meeting, is adopted and established as Discipline—and the Clerk is directed to have it printed in suitable form and furnished to subordinate meetings, to be by them inserted in the Book of Discipline, and to go into effect when the meetings shall have received a copy of the same. It is as follows: —

“Instead of the paragraph commencing on the 78th page with the words, “As these are officers, &c.” and ending on the 79th page with the words “case of Elders,” in the edition of the printed discipline of 1849. —the following paragraphs are to be substituted, viz.:

In the appointment of Elders, the following order is to be observed—Whenever it shall appear on solid consideration to any Monthly Meeting that an appointment of an Elder or Elders in such Monthly Meeting is right and proper, the Monthly Meeting are to appoint a Committee to consider of a suitable friend or friends rightly qualified for that station. The Monthly meeting both of men and women uniting therein. When said Committee are united in judgment, that any friend is rightly qualified for such station, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to join with them in considering the subject, without communicating the name or names of the friends proposed. The Quarterly Meeting shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women’s meeting uniting therein; and if the Committee of the Quarterly Meeting so appointed shall advise thereto, the Committee of the Monthly Meeting shall propose such friend or friends to their Monthly Meeting; and after the Monthly Meeting have approved such, adjudging them duly anointed and qualified for that service, as they are officers of the church at large, let them acquaint the Quarterly Meeting therewith, who after waiting for their concurring unity, and finding nothing to hinder, are to minute the same, and the friend or friends so appointed, may then sit in any of our Meetings of Ministers and Elders. Information of such appointments is to be given by the Quarterly to the select Quarterly Meetings, and by each of the Quarterly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting, and the names of the friends appointed are to be entered on the minutes of the select Quarterly Meetings, and on the Yearly Meeting’s records.

And where any friend appears in public ministry, whose conversation shall be clean and blameless, and the Elders of the

Monthly Meeting he or she belongs to, (or in case the Quarterly Meeting shall have joined the select members of two or more Monthly Meetings into one Meeting, then the Elders of such Meeting,) are convinced that the Lord hath called them to that weighty work, after duly waiting for due proof thereof, they shall in writing request the Quarterly Meeting to appoint a Committee to unite with them in considering the same, who shall thereupon comply with such request, the men and women's Meeting uniting therein, and if said Committee of the Quarterly Meeting shall advise thereto, the Elders of the Monthly Meeting or of the Select Meeting to which the select members of such Monthly Meeting may belong, shall signify their unity with the gift of such friends in the ministry to the Monthly Meeting, who after weightily feeling after the mind of truth therein, and being united in approving him or her as a Minister in the Church, the same be entered and sent forward, in like manner as in the case of Elders."

From the Minutes of the Meeting,

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY**, *Clerk*.

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to receive the benefit of the charitable fund and other information in relation therto agreeable to the direction of the yearly Meeting, & they are also directed to grant certificates to all children going to that school from within our limits the ensuing year.

The extract in relation to a regulatin of discipline as to the manner of makeing additions to our meetings of Ministers & Elders was read & is satisfactory, **George Almy & George W. Francis** are appointed to see the same is placed in all the books of Discipline belonging to this meeting & report next month.

*Regulation  
of  
Discipline*

We have also recd 60 copies of the printed minutes of our last yearly Meeting & 85 coppies of the **London** printed Epistle of last year the re<sup>a</sup>ding of which is defered to our <sup>next</sup> meeting.

*Minutes of  
Y. Mg. &  
London  
Epistle*

125 Coppies of the **London** Epistle to its Junior Members have also been recd, all of which are directed to be distributed

*London  
Epistle to  
its  
J members*

**Abraham Russel** informs

**B. Sherman** he has given **Bradford Sherman** information

*informed of Denial* of his being denied the right of membership with us.

The committee appointed to treat with **Moses C. Davis** made the following report. viz. =“**Dartmouth Monthly Mg** of Friends Dear friends, we have attended to our appointment in the case of **Moses C. Davis** and have had an opportunity with him on account of his deviations he did not appear in a state of mind to make friends satisfaction & expressed that he had no desire to remain a member of our Society which we submit to the meeting **W<sup>m</sup> Potter Geo Smith.** 8 m<sup>o</sup> 27. 1851

*M.C. Davis disowned*

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which being duly considered we accept and do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our Religious society the Woms Meeting uniting hereing & **Barret Beard** is named to inform him there of & report to this meeting next month.

**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting of Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1851. By acts recd the representatives appointed from the preparative Meetings are from the south **John Wing & Jonathan Wilbur** from the North **William Potter & Rowland Rider** who are present.

*M.C. Davis informed of denial.*

**Barret Beard** informs he has given **Moses C. Davis** information of his being denied the right of membership of our religious society.

*Regulation of Discipline inserted*

The friends appointed report that the regulation of Discipline in regard to the appointment of Ministers & Elders has been inserted in the Books of Discipline belonging to this Meeting.

*Act to Or Mg*

The queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been read at this time, & summary answers approved of & are directed to our next Quarterly Mg by **Abraham Russel, William Tucker,**



& **Humphrey Anthony**, whom we have appointed our representatives thereto, desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting, & the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this meeting.

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Committe  
to  
propose  
overseers* The year for which the overseers of this Meeting being expired **Daniel Howland, Abner Potter, William Potter, George Smith & Humphrey Anthony** are appointed a Committe to consider of & propose the names of such friends as they may think suitable for that service & present to this meeting next m<sup>o</sup>.

*Qr Mgs  
Stock  
is \$540. ~* By an act from our last Quarterly Meeting it appears our proportion of that Meetings expences for the ensueing year is five hundred <sup>^</sup>& forty dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when in funds.

*Committe  
to  
settle with  
Treasurer* **Abraham Russel, William Tucker, & Barret Beard** are appointed a committee to settle with our Treasurer propose one for the year to come & also a sum of money necessary to meet our expences the ensueing year & report next month.

*L. Epistle  
read* The **London** General printed Epistle for the last year has been read at this time to our comfort & edification  
**George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 10 m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1851 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative mgs are from the south **George Allen & George Smith** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter**, who are present.

*Representatives  
to the  
Qr. Mg attend* One of the representatives appointed to attend our last Q<sup>r</sup> M<sup>g</sup> reports they all attended.

*Committee for  
overseers* The committee appointed last month to consider of & propose names of Friends for overseers of this meeting are continued in charge thereof

