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To report to this Meeting next Month

Treasurer
is Isaac
with 3/4

The Committee appointed last Month to settle with our Treasurer & report viz -
The Committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer & have attended to that service & find in his hands forty six & 1/4 dollars & propose to raise for the ensuing year five hundred dollars & propose for Benjamin Wood to be Treasurer - In behalf of the Committee William Tucker 10th Mo 8th 1851, which report is satisfactory to the Mtg. & accordingly Benjamin Wood is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year or until another appointment. Four preparative Meetings are directed to collect & pay to our Treasurer their proportion of the sum recommended and report to this Meeting when accomplished.

William Potter, Honor Potter, Barret Beard, William Tucker, Daniel Howland & John King, are appointed a Committee to consider of & if thought necessary propose a new percentage of stock to be raised by our preparative Meetings, and report to this Meeting next Mo.

The following information was forwarded through the South Preparative Mtg. viz. To the preparative Meeting, this Mo. from the order of our Society, to one not a member, which we submit to the Meeting, Timothy Ashin, Joshua M. Gifford, Overseers Dartmouth 10th Mo 15. 1851, where upon we appoint Honor Potter & Otis Slacum a Committee to treat with him for his deviations & report to this Meeting next Month.

George Ashin Clerk

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At Dartmouth the Meeting of Friends held 11th Mo 26th 1851 by order the Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the South George Allen & Jonathan Wilbur from the North Rowland Rider and Isaac C. Gifford who are present except one.

The Queries, with answers to the 1st 2nd and 10th from each of our preparative Meetings have been read at this time & summary answers approved of & directed Queries to be forwarded to our next Mtg. by Geo. Ashin & Barret Beard whom we have appointed our representatives therefore 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 behalf of this Meeting.

The Committee appointed in the 9th Mo. & continued in charge thereof at our last Meeting now present the following names for Overseers of this Meeting viz. Timothy Barrens Ashin, Joshua M. Gifford, Barret Beard, appointed George M. Francis, Benjamin Potter, & George Ashin who are approved of by the Meeting & accordingly they are appointed to that service for the year to come or until another appointment.

The Committee appointed last Month to consider of & if thought necessary propose a new percentage for our preparative Meetings to be governed by in their collecting of stock, now propose that the South preparative Meeting should pay 70 per cent & the North 80 per cent which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

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Committee
have care of
Meeting house
&c.

Burying grounds & also at Funerals, having
espoused Otis Stavron, George Abney, George
Smith, George M. Francis, William Potter,
Isaac Beard, Abraham Russell, William
Tucknor, Abner Potter Jun, & Joshua McGifford,
are appointed to that service for the year
to come or until another appointment.

The Overseers agreeable to a minute of
20th of 1846 report they have handed to the
recorder an act of all the births & deaths
& deaths that have occurred within our limits the
past year.
George Abney Clerk.

At Dartmouth the 25th of Friends held 25. 1852
by a social representation appointed by the
Preparative Meetings are from the South George
Smith & Ezra Wing, from the North William Tucknor
& Benjamin Potter who are present except one
for whose absence a satisfactory reason
was assigned.

This Meeting is informed that
Joseph Gifford having removed from within
our limits, requests a removal Certificate for
Gifford himself & wife Mary, directed to New Bedford
Monthly Meeting, Geo Abney, & Timothy Allen
are appointed to unite with our Women
Friends in preparing one on their behalf if
nothing appears to prevent & present to our
next Meeting.

The following information was
presented through the North Preparative Meeting
to the Preparative & Monthly Meetings
Dear Friends This may inform that Benjamin
Blade has married out of the order of our
religions society with one not in membership
with us, when upon we appoint Isaac P. Gifford
& William Potter a committee to treat

with him on that account & report to the
next month.

we are informed that the South
Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion
of stock to our Treasurer
George Abney Clerk.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 30th 21st 1852. by social representation
appointed by the preparative Meetings are from
the South Humphrey, Anthony & Abner Potter Jun
from the North William Tucknor & Isaac P.
Gifford who are present.

The Queries with
answers from each of the preparative Meetings
have been read at this time & general answers
considered of & adopted & are directed to our
next Quarterly Meeting by Otis Stavron, Isaac
P. Gifford & George M. Francis who 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 and sign the same on our behalf.
We are informed the South preparative Meeting have paid
their proportion of stock to our Treasurer.

We are also informed that our proportion
of Quarterly Meetings stock has been paid to
the Treasurer of that Meeting, which is to be
noticed in our act to the next Meeting.

The Friends appointed produced a
certificate for Joseph Gifford & wife to
New Bedford Monthly Meeting, which the clerk
is directed to sign on our behalf & forward
to that Meeting, the Women Meeting concerning
herin.

The committee appointed to treat
with Benjamin Blade, made the following
report

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Request for
new
appointments

At the Monthly Meeting, Dear friends, We have
 Committee in the case of Benjamin M. Wade make
 report, that we have attended to our appointment
 made from a visit (The received in kindly)
 we which endeavoring to labor with him in
 the the ability afforded, we could not discover
 in him any disposition of mind to make
 friends satisfaction or even to be retained
 a member of our religious society, which
 we submit to the Meeting, signed Isaac R.
 Gifford, William Potter, 25th 1852
 which being read the meeting accepted, and
 after a time of deliberation we do hereby disown
 him from being any longer a member of our
 religious society. The previous meeting concerning
 therein, & Geo. Army is named to give him
 information thereof & report to this Meeting
 next month.

The subject of a new appointment
 in regard to town being made between
 the several Monthly Meetings belonging to our
 Quarterly Meeting, having claimed the
 consideration of this Meeting, the Clerk is
 directed to notice the same in our act
 to that Meeting for their consideration
 George Army clerk

At Dartmouth Mo. Mtg of Friends held
 14th Mo. 28th 1852. by acts read the representatives
 appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the
 south Timothy Ashin & George Smith, from
 the North Benjamin Potter & George Army
 who are present except two for whose absence
 a satisfactory reason was assigned

The clerk & assistant being
 unavoidably absent George M. Francis is
 appointed clerk for the day.
 One of the representatives appointed last month
 to attend the 9th Mo. reports they all attended

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 George Army clerk

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 by acts read the representatives appointed by the
 preparative Mtgs are from the south John W. King
 & Paul Fisher from the North William
 Potter & Isaac R. Gifford who are all present.

Abraham Russel reports that he has
 received from the New Bedford Institution
 a donation for savings Twenty dollars it being one year
 begun on interest on the Benjamin Richeson bequest
 and has paid the same to our Treasurer.

In concurrence with the women
 the clerk is directed to sign a removal
 certificate on behalf of Lydia Ann
 Mickelson wife of Benjamin directed to
 a New Bedford Mo Mtg of Friends
 George Army clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
 held 16th Mo. 23rd 1852, by acts read the represen-
 tatives appointed by the preparative Meetings
 are from the south John King & Timothy Shore
 from the North William Fisher & William
 Potter who are present. Our beloved

Friend Daniel Bacher attended this
 Meeting with a satisfactory certificate of
 concurrence from Holly Spring Monthly Mtg
 held in Randolph County North Carolina
 8th Mo. 15th 1851. & endorsed by Southern Quarterly
 Mtg held at Marlborough 8th Mo. 25th also
 presented a certificate from

South Carolina Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders all expressing their unity & wishing as a Minister & with his present religious engagements his company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend Martha Meaden is also in attendance with a Certificate of Martha concerning from Sandwich Monthly Meeting State of New Hampshire dated 15th 1852 & attended Endorsed by Dove Quarterly ^{Meeting} & expressive of their unity with her as a Minister & with her religious engagements her company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

We have also the company of our beloved Friends Joseph Kersting from New Sweden Marlborough Monthly Meeting ~~attended~~ attended at North Carolina companion to Daniel & Oliver Meaden from Sandwich Monthly Meeting New Hampshire companion ^{to} Martha Meaden ^{from} their company & social deportment have been satisfactory to us.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with minutes embracing the substance of the foregoing & sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

The queries have been read at this time with answers from each of the preparative Meetings to the 2nd & 10th a summary of which was approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by William Tucker & Abner Potter from & Isaac Gifford whom we have appointed our representatives desiring them to report their attendance to our next Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

Received at this time a Removal Certificate from New Bedford Monthly Meeting for Thomas ^{and} ^{family} ^{consisting} of ^{his} ^{wife} ^{Mary} ^M ^{and} ^{their} ^{children} ^{Edward} [&] ^{Hannah} ^G which being read was accepted, the Womens M^{ts} concurring therewith.

Resolved from the Records through the South preparative Meeting the following information respecting David M. Smith, viz: To Dartmouth preparative and Monthly M^{ts} of Friends, (Dear friends, David M. Smith (son of George) has married contrary to the good order of our Society with one not a member, which we submit to the Meeting signed by Samuel Beard & George M. Francis Overseers Dartmouth 6th Mo 9th 1852, whereupon we appoint Paul Fisher Otis Brown and Joshua M. Gifford to treat with him in restoring love therefor, and report to this Meeting next month.

George Abing Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th Mo 28th 1852 by acts received the Representatives appointed by the preparative M^{ts} are from the South Hampshire, Anthony & George M. Francis, from the South Providence, Rider & Benjamin Potter who are present.

One of the representatives to the preparative Meeting reports they all attended.

The year for which the Clerks of this Meeting being expired, George Abing is appointed Clerk & William Tucker assistant Clerk for the year to come or until another appointment.

The Committee in the case of David M. Smith made the following report viz To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting We the Committee in the case of David M. Smith

report we have had an opportunity with him to a degree of satisfaction, and we believe him to be desirous to remain a member signed Otis Sloum on behalf of the Committee Jan^y 28th 1852, which report the meeting accepts and an acknowledgment from him being Mr. Smith presented & read the Meeting after a time of continued deliberation are united in accepting for a member the Women's Meeting, concerning them with & Barret Beard is named to give him information there of & report to this Meeting next month.

The acknowledgment is as follows
To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Dear Friends I have so far deviated from the good order of society as to name one not a member, which I desire that I might so far pass it by as to let one remain a member David M. Smith.

We have read at this time 85 London Copies of the London printed Epistle for 1851 one of which was read its contents are much to our satisfaction.

And extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee and George Abney Barret Beard, Otis Sloum & Abner Patten Jun^r are appointed to unite with our Women's Friends in forwarding to the School Committee the names of such children as they may think suitable to receive the benefit of the Charitable fund, and also to give certificates to all children going to the school from within our limits the ensuing year.

Amendment of the extracts on the article of Discipline concerning burials

discipline being read George Abney & Abner Patten Jun^r are appointed to cause copies thereof inserted in all our books of discipline & report to this meeting when accomplished.

60 copies of the printed Minutes of our last yearly Meeting have been received & then by Mr. with the London printed Epistle are directed

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THE
EPISTLE
FROM THE
YEARLY MEETING,
HELD IN
LONDON,

By adjournments, from the 21st of the Fifth Month to the 1st of the same, inclusive, 1851.

TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS IN GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.

Dear Friends,
The Lord has in his mercy given us, in our coming together at this time, to feel the preciousness of true Christian fellowship in the Gospel of his dear Son. In a measure of that love which comes from Him, we feel constrained to offer you a cordial salutation, desiring that we may all surrender ourselves to the government of the Holy Spirit.

In yielding to a religious exercise for the spiritual welfare of the body, and to a concern that both as a Society, and as individuals, we may grow in the truth as it is in Jesus Christ our Lord, we have been afresh brought to consider that before there can be growth there must be life; that we must each partake of the new birth, without which we cannot become inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. We are all by nature alienated from God and prone to sin: we all partake of the corruptions of the human heart consequent upon the fall of our first parents. In the carnal state we are all afar off, and can only be brought nigh by the blood of Christ. We all need the baptism of the Holy Ghost and of fire: the axe must be laid to the root of the corrupt tree.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, what do we individually know of this great work? We fear that there are too many amongst us who are but little acquainted with it

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George M. Abney Esq. was at the Preparation and Monthly Meeting Dear friends George M. Abney has Married out of the Order of Friends with one not a Member of our religious Society

report we have had an opportunity with him to a degree of satisfaction, and we believe him to be desirous to remain a member signed O. W. Sloum on behalf of the Committee 7th mo 28th 1852, which report the meeting accepts and an acknowledgment from him being presented & read the Meeting after a time of continued deliberation

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and that there are others who, having begun in the Spirit, are not enough in earnest that the work of divine grace may be carried on unto perfection. The cares of this life, and an undue attachment to lawful enjoyments and pursuits, interfere with their subjection to the yoke of Christ and their faithful bearing of the cross, and retard their advancement in the way of self-denial. Not submitting to the Power of him by whom the world would be crucified unto them, and they unto the world, they are not fully experiencing that purity of heart to which the blessing appertains; that spiritual vigour in which they might be called "trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified." How emphatic and comprehensive is that declaration of our Saviour, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me." For want of abiding steadfastly in Christ, and being earnest and patient in spirit to receive nourishment from Him, many are not bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit so abundantly as might have been the case.

The immediate visitations of the love of God are from time to time renewed, to the quickening of the soul, under which the blessing of a broken and contrite spirit is known to be truly precious; and those who are thus brought low before the Lord, feel him to be indeed the helper of his people. O! that there were more of this brokenness of spirit and contrition of heart before Him; that we were more concerned to work out in fear and trembling the salvation of the soul, strengthened at the same time by the cheering truth, "It is God which worketh in you, both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Continuing in this lowly state of mind, we should be kept from assimilating ourselves to the world, and from the desire unduly to accumulate its possessions.

The Church has need of the help of all its members. Under a renewed sense of our high calling of God in Christ Jesus, and with the thankful acknowledgement that the Lord is still offering his mercies to us, we earnestly desire that none amongst us may any longer delay to come with the whole heart unto Christ: then would He give them to taste the richness of his love, and to realize that amidst

discipline being read George Sloum & Abner Potter are appointed to cause copies thereof inserted in all our books of discipline & report to their meeting when again applied.

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all the allurements of the world, the adversities of life, and the snares and temptations of the devil, the mercy and compassion of the Most High are new every morning; that his loving-kindness and faithfulness fail not.

Our attention has been again turned in love and sympathy to such of our members as attend our Meetings for Worship in very small companies. How encouraging is the experience of those who, feeling their spiritual necessities, and holding fast their confidence, have diligently attended such meetings, and waited upon the Lord in them. These have found them to be seasons of the renewal of their strength and of their faith. We therefore entreat all not to relax in their diligent and regular attendance, let their numbers be ever so few,—not to be weary or to faint in their minds in the performance of this service. And though vocal ministry be seldom heard amongst them, may they never question the reality of the ministrations of the Spirit of God, who can supply all their need and nourish up the soul unto everlasting life.

We are again made sensible of the value and importance of our Christian discipline; it is our earnest concern that it may be upheld and exercised amongst us in tenderness, patience and forbearance, and at the same time with impartiality and faithfulness, and in the authority of the Truth. Many faithful brethren who have preceded us, have attended our meetings established for the right exercise of the discipline, often at no inconsiderable expense of time and money: and we take comfort in knowing that many in the present day are also diligent in this respect. We believe that the honest labours of well-concerned Friends in these meetings have been blessed of the Lord. Some of them are, we know very small; and there may at times be but little business to transact in them. We desire however that these, as well as our larger Meetings for Discipline, may be diligently attended, and be held with Christian gravity; the minds of all being kept in dependence upon Christ, to whose service whatever is transacted in them should appertain and the honour of whose cause they are designed to promote; the speech of those who take part in them being alway with grace, seasoned with salt, and their

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spirits so chastened through the prevailing influence of the love of God, that a beneficial effect may be produced on the minds of our younger friends who may be present. We affectionately invite this interesting class of our members regularly to frequent our Meetings for Discipline, in humility of mind and with desires that they may be times of religious improvement and of self examination. As their own spirits are kept in subjection to the power of the Spirit of Truth, they will be prepared for usefulness and service in the Church; thus will they become more closely bound to our religious Society and its principles, to which we affectionately desire that, on the ground of conviction, they may individually be attached.

The offices of elder and overseer amongst us are of great importance, and when rightly filled of great value. The duties which belong to them are comprehensively set forth in the volume which contains the rules of our discipline, under the head of "Oversight." we feel much for our friends who are appointed to these stations: in the right performance of their service much humiliation may prevail; but whilst it is well that they should be sensible of their own infirmity, this consideration ought not to be allowed to interfere with the right discharge of their duty. We encourage them to cherish an interest in the spiritual welfare of all their fellow members, to exercise a watchful care and affectionate oversight; and more especially to manifest their sympathy with their younger friends in the peculiar circumstances in which some of them may be placed. We invite them to be diligent in warning and counselling the young, in privacy, faithfulness and love; endeavoring to attract them to the paths of virtue and self-denial, and to a living experimental faith in Christ, as their Shepherd, their Saviour and their King. Nor would we limit the performance of these duties to those who occupy such stations; we are all to watch over one another, for good and to be mutually interested one for another, being united together as lively stones in the spiritual building of which the Lord Jesus Christ is the chief corner-stone.

That enlarged view of the duties of all the members of the Church of Christ one to another, which in its early

discipline being read George W. H. G. & others voted upon the committee's discipline to cause copies thereof to be inserted in all our books of discipline & report to this meeting when again published.

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history is presented to us in the New Testament, has been ever received by our religious Society. They have acted upon the conviction that none should be lords over God's heritage, but that all should be subject one to another in love. It was in accepting in its full import the truth, "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren," that our predecessors, amid deep and grievous suffering, faithfully withstood the usurpation of priestly domination in the things of God: in obedience to Him, their only and rightful Lord, they took joyfully the spoiling of their goods, and endured imprisonment even unto death. How different is our lot at this day! But we have still to endure the execution of laws in satisfying demands of an ecclesiastical nature, from which in the full and free enjoyment of the liberty of the Gospel, we ought to be wholly exempt. Property to the value of upwards of eight thousand two hundred pounds is reported to this Meeting as having been distrained in the course of last year from our members, in connexion with our ancient Christian testimony against all such demands.

We have felt it to be a duty to issue an Address to the Members of our Society on Ecclesiastical Claims, which we commend to the serious attention of our dear friends. We again affectionately exhort them faithfully to uphold our views on the spiritual dispensation of the New Covenant, desiring that we may each be brought to live under a sense of their deep religious import; and that, accepting the Lord Jesus as our only Holy Priest, we may be prepared through the heart-cleansing operations of the Holy Spirit, to offer unto the Lord the sacrifices of righteousness. But if, instead of being disciplined to the services of the temple of the Lord, we are sacrificing our time and our strength to the god of this world, the brightness of our testimony will be obscured, Solemn is the language of the apostle, "Quench not the spirit." Did we, in true humiliation of soul, mind the leadings of the Spirit, a right preparation would be known for the service of the sanctuary; in the figurative language of Scripture, the fine linen would be put on, the anointing oil would be poured forth, each, in his rank and order, would become a priest unto God; each would take his part in the

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services of the altar, on which living sacrifices of the Lord's preparing would be offered. Whilst there would be those qualified for the varied offices in his house, our testimony to the freedom and spirituality of Gospel ministry would be maintained in its right authority, by witnesses whose lives and services would proclaim its truth and powerfully invite others to share with them its blessed reality.

Our correspondence with our dear friends in Ireland and on the Continent of America has been continued as heretofore; and we have again highly prized this mode of intercourse. The subjects of the Slave-trade and Slavery continue to form an interesting feature in our transatlantic communications. Our sympathy has been awakened for our brethren in the United States in their peculiarly trying position, with warm desires that they may be strengthened, in meekness and boldness, to uphold our well-known testimony on these subjects. At this enlightened period of the world, to live under a government and amongst a people who profess the religion of our blessed Saviour, and at the same time uphold and strengthen by law the system of Negro Slavery must necessarily bring the Christian mind into deep sorrow. We commiserate the degraded and suffering condition of the enslaved; we feel much for our dear friends who are brought into immediate contact with this state of society, and we feel in brotherly love for the inhabitants of that widely extended and rapidly-rising country who are more or less implicated in the sin of slavery. We should rejoice to hear of the immediate and peaceable termination of this iniquitous system: earnest are our desires that it may please Him who in his love has created all men, and who, as the Almighty and All-wise Parent of the universe, has bestowed upon the slave, natural and inalienable rights of which he is unjustly deprived, rapidly to advance the coming of the day when justice and mercy shall so prevail in the councils of all governments, that Slavery shall utterly cease; not only in the United States of America, but throughout the nations of the earth.

We afresh feel that our brethren who are employed in agriculture, and those who are engaged in the various branches of trade claim our sympathy. The latter especially are at times exposed to close competition and to the temptation to

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pursue their own interest in a way inconsistent with true justice in dealing: they may be much tried by the very small profits often resulting from a course of honest industry and diligent attention to business: but it should never be forgotten that there is a sterling integrity which the Christian trader should always maintain; that there is a standard set before him in the New Testament which he should always keep in view. As this is the case, he will be honourable and just in his transactions, he will have a true support under all his difficulties, and he may ask the blessing of the Lord on his efforts to provide things honest in the sight of all men: and as he is concerned that his wants may be few, that his affections may in the first place be set on things above, and that he may not be ensnared by the love of money, he will escape many a bitter pang and many an anxious toil. Bright have been the examples in our Society, of men who have been enabled to maintain this Christian character amongst their neighbours. May all our members, renouncing the spirit of the world and living under the government of Christ, walk as strangers and pilgrims upon earth, having their possessions in "bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens, that faileth not."

Strong are our desires for you, our beloved young friends, that you may know the work of the Lord not only to be begun, but to be carried forward in your hearts. Seek to have your fallow ground broken up, that the seed of the kingdom may enter in and take deep root. Dwell under the power and discipline of the Spirit of the Lord. Give place to no views which would in the least degree weaken your faith in the mysterious but sacred and all-important doctrines of that salvation which is in Christ: feeling your own weakness and the limited powers of the human intellect, may you accept these doctrines in reverence of soul, in simplicity, and in godly sincerity. Pray that you may be kept in that humble, dependent state of mind in which the Lord, by his Spirit, often gradually unfolds the deep things of his kingdom, and grants a holy settlement in the experience of their reality. Love not the world nor the things of the world. Under a sense of the many temptations which beset your path, earnest is our concern that you may now, in early life, choose the Lord for your portion. Set apart at least a short

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report we have had an opportunity with him to a degree of satisfaction, and we believe him to be desirous to remain a member signed O's flourish on behalf of the Committee 7th mo 28th 1852, which report the meeting and an acknowledgment from him being presented & read the Meeting after a time of continued deliberation

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time daily for private retirement. Seek for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Thus will you be favoured to escape many trials, and practically to realize the truth, that "Godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." Let not pleasure, profit or advancement in life be your first desire, but be concerned above all things to know your calling and election in Christ to be made sure. Quickened by his love, may you rejoice, not in any earthly hopes, nor in your gifts, talents or services, but in Him who would deliver you from the bondage of corruption, and as you maintain your faith in Him, would in his mercy give you to feel that your names are written in heaven.

And now, beloved Brethren and Sisters, that we are about to separate one from another, we feel called upon to acknowledge, with reverent and grateful hearts, that unworthy as we are of the mercies of the Lord, He has been graciously pleased to grant us the overshadowings of his love and the influences of his Holy Spirit. Many important deliberations have occurred whilst we have been together, and we have been favored to issue them in love and in harmony. We desire to encourage all our dear friends everywhere to fear the Lord with the whole heart. "In his fear is strong confidence, and his children shall have a place of refuge."

In these times of excitement on religious matters, how needful is it to enter this place of refuge! "It is not for" us "to know the times or the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power; He who so loved the Church that he gave himself for it, will ever care for it, both as regards the present and the future. Jerusalem is a quiet habitation. In quietness and confidence is our strength; and in that strength the children of God are kept patient, watchful and humble before Him, Amen.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by JOHN HODGKIN, Clerk to the Meeting this year.

London Copies Epistle 1851 our our last report of Extracts and from G. W. Gifford to unite names to think the Char certifica School from within our bounds the ensuing year

Annex of the extracts on the article of Discipline concerning burials

discipline to cause copies thereof inserted in all our books of discipline & report to this meeting when accomplished.

60 copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting have been received & then lastly Mr. with the London printed Epistle are directed to be distributed

The year for which the Overseers of the Poor of this Meeting being expired we appoint Abraham Russell, Barret Beaul, William Fisher and O's flourish to that service for the year to come or until another appointment, George Henry Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Mtg of Friends held 4th mo 25th 1852, by order the representatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the South O's flourish, & Paul Fisher, from the North Isaac Co. Gifford and William Fisher who are present.

Barret Beaul informs he has given David M. Smith information of his being continued a member of our religious Society

We are informed through the South Preparative Meeting that Isaac Lawrence requests a removal certificate to Westport requests a Monthly Meeting for himself & wife Martha. Certificate George Henry & Isaac Co. Gifford are appointed to unite with our overseers in preparing one and present to our next Meeting if nothing appears to prevent

Received the following information through the South preparative Meeting respecting George W. Henry Esq. viz To the Conference and Monthly Meeting Dear friends George W. Henry has married out of the Order of Friends with one not a Member of our religious Society

which we submit to the Meeting signed
 Benjamin Potter & Barnet Beard Coarsons
 Dartmouth 8th mo 19th 1852. William Potter
 & Isaac C. Gifford are appointed to treat with
 men on that account and report to this Mo
 next month

8th mo 1852 The Committee appointed in
 8th mo 1849 to have our Meeting house in Ullens
 Wick enlarged made the following report =
 viz To the Monthly Meeting The committee
 appointed some time past, to have enlarge
 the meeting house in Ullens Wick report
 committee that at about the time of their appointment
 discharged they were not enabled to get Carpenter to do the
 work, and that the subject has been delayed
 from time to time, and now are of
 the opinion that it is not necessary to enlarge
 at present, and ask to be discharged from
 further care in the case, which we submit
 to the Meeting on behalf of the committee
 William Tucker Dartmouth 8th mo 25, 1852

The committee are discharged from further
 attention here to
 We unite with our women
 in a hearty round in receiving Caroline Elizabeth Barber
 a Minor as a member of our religious
 Member Society agreeable to the request of her Mother
 George Army cloth

9th mo At Dartmouth Mo Mtg of Friends held 9th mo 22, 1852
 by acts and the representatives appointed by the preparative
 meetings are from the South George Allen and
 George Smith from the South George Army &
 Benjamin Potter who are present.

Our beloved Friend Thomas Jones
 in attendance and acceptably with us at this time & presented
 a certificate from Durham Monthly Meeting of
 Friends held 8 mo 24, 1852 expression of their
 unity with him as a minister & with his

than before which were so liberally made, that in the sixth
 month 1851 was concluded after mature deliberation, that
 the time has come when it will be best to proceed in making
 provision for erecting buildings for the necessary accommoda-
 tion of the boarding School on the lot proposed to be given by
 our friend Jesse Brown.

Friends very generally throughout the Yearly Meeting con-
 tributed according to their ability to promote an object which
 they felt to be very desirable for the interests of our religious so-
 ciety, and the necessary buildings being completed and properly
 furnished the school was opened the 1st of 1st month, 1819.
 While many might be enumerated who gave liberally to-
 wards its establishment and contributed annually for its sup-
 port during the infancy of the institution, the following Friends
 have left bequests in their wills, which constitute a fund, by
 means of the income of which more than one half of the ex-
 penses of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting
 is defrayed, viz: Thomas Palsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylves-
 ter Wiles, Ovidiah Brown, Moses Brown, Amy Green and
 Abraham Shearman, Jr.

Since the School has been in operation subscriptions among
 a limited number of Friends have been several times made for
 specific objects, as the enlargement of the School buildings,
 the procuring of philosophical apparatus, &c. by which we be-
 lieve much usefulness has been derived to the school.

There are now many improvements and repairs proposed—
 all very desirable and some absolutely necessary.
 If the Yearly Meeting deems it proper to recommend a sub-
 scription for these purposes, we cannot doubt it will be entered
 into with cheerfulness and liberality. We trust there are none
 among us, who will not be disposed to do something for this
 institution—and however small may be the contribution, that
 some individuals may feel themselves able to make, it will
 be acceptable and will place them on the list of those, who,
 according to their ability, are benefactors to an institution, al-
 tended for the benefit of all—and the usefulness of which
 has already been extensively felt within our borders, and which
 we trust under the blessing of Divine Providence, will continue
 to be experienced not only in our day, but in succeeding genera-
 tions.

We have had during the past year in the school, the services
 of our Friends Silas and Sarah M. Cornell as Superintendents—
 Charles Atherton and Moses C. Stevens as Teachers in the boys'
 school, with the addition of John Henry Crossman for the
 summer, and of William Foster Mitchell for the winter term.
 Deborah Holway and Mary Ann Stanton have been engaged
 as teachers in the girls' school, assisted during the winter
 term by Sarah Alice Cornell.

Instruction in the Latin and Greek languages has been given
 during the summer term by George Pierce and the winter
 term by Charles F. Brownell.
 Elizabeth Prosser has also, as last year, been engaged as
 Teacher of Drawing and has had the care of some of the youn-
 ger scholars in both schools during the year. Instruction has
 also been given in the French language.

The average number of scholars has been 89, viz: 48 males
 and 41 females.
 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—

By Superintendent,	\$15,168 30
Interest and insurance paid by Treasurer,	159 17
	\$15,327 47

The income from the School Fund, \$6,838 51
 Balance in Treasurer's hands last year, 178 81
 Hired of Manufacturers' Bank, 2,500 00
 Advanced by the Treasurer, 51 85
 9,569 17

From Board, Tuition and other sources, including
 Balance in Superintendent's hands last year, 6,034 95
 \$15,604 12
 276 65
 \$15,327 47

From income of funds specially appropriated to
 the purpose, a further sum has been expended on
 the farm and premises, of \$390 00
 We recommend that the terms of last year for board and tu-
 tion be continued—books and stationery being charged at ac-
 tual cost, 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
 those 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 Latin and
 Greek languages, and the same charge for French. Payments
 to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle
 of each term.

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 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 infor-
 mation regarding them which may aid the School Committee,
 and the children to be received, to be selected by that commit-
 tee. 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."

We trust the cause of education, and the religious training
 of the youth of our society are held in unabated estimation by
 Friends. The children of our families are a sacred trust com-
 mitted to our care, for whose culture in every sense a solemn
 responsibility attaches.

This institution for the guarded education of the youth of
 our society, which has been so much the object of the relig-
 ious concern and care of Friends, and which has shared so
 largely in their liberality in its founding and support, will, we
 trust, continue to be the object of undiminished interest.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee.
 STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.
 Providence, 6th month, 1st, 1852.

It appearing that there continues to be manifest deficiency
 in the recording of births, deaths and burials, this Meeting en-
 courages Friends to greater care in this respect, and recommends
 that in each Monthly Meeting there should be an annual ap-
 pointment not only of a Recorder but of a Committee, selected
 from each Preparative Meeting, to report births, deaths and
 burials to the Recorder, and the Clerk is directed to forward
 a copy of this minute to the several Quarterly and Monthly
 Meetings.

The Committee to whom was referred the proposition from
 Smithfield Quarterly Meeting, in relation to marrying in the
 kindred by affinity, made the following Report, viz:—

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.
 The Committee to whom was referred the subject of a change
 of the discipline in relation to marriage, as proposed by Smith-
 field Quarterly Meeting, have considered the same, and are
 united in recommending that the provision of the discipline
 which prohibits the marriage of a deceased husband's brother,
 or a deceased wife's sister, should be rescinded.

For the Committee,
 BENJAMIN FRY,
 MARY SHOVE.

Newport, 6th mo. 17th, 1852."
 Which is satisfactory, and with the unity of the Women's
 Meeting, that portion of our Discipline upon this subject, re-
 vived in 1830, is hereby repealed. The Clerk is directed to
 give the necessary information to our Subordinate Meetings,
 and they are requested to expunge the article referred to from
 our Books of Discipline.

The Committee to whom was referred the consideration of
 the article of our discipline concerning burials, made the follow-
 ing report, viz:—

"TO THE YEARLY MEETING.
 The Committee appointed to take into consideration the sub-
 ject of some alteration in our Discipline relative to Burial
 Grounds—having given their attention thereto, recommend that
 the second paragraph on page 12th of our present Book of
 Discipline be rescinded and the following substituted.
 Being very plain and simplicity in the burial of a dead,
 as well as in other respects—it is the advice of this meeting that
 no monuments be set up in our burial grounds near or over the
 dead bodies of Friends, or others, except a plain stone not to
 exceed fifteen inches in height above the surface of the ground,
 on which no inscription shall be made other than the name,
 date of death and age of the deceased. And it is advised that
 the several Monthly Meetings take care that in these respects
 our testimonies be carefully maintained. And also to see that
 all burial grounds be properly enclosed.

On behalf of the Committee,
 JOHN OSBORNE.
 Newport, 6th mo. 18th, 1852."

—which being solidly considered, it is united with, and the
 article of our Discipline on the subject of Burials, on the 12th
 page, beginning with the words "and whereas Friends," and
 ending with the words "are decently enclosed," is with the
 unanimity of the Women's Meeting, hereby repealed, and the par-
 graph proposed by the Committee is substituted therefor; and
 the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this article to our sev-
 eral subordinate meetings, and they are requested to cause the
 same to be inserted in our Books of Discipline.

From the Minutes of the Meeting,
 SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island in the sixth month, 1852.

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings—

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee is approved and adopted and the Clerk is directed to forward copies of it to our several subordinate meetings.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING:

The Committee for the superintendence of the Yearly Meeting Boarding School at Providence, report, that the objects of their appointment have received their attention. Meetings of the Committee have been held at the school-house monthly and the schools have been visited in the intervals of these meetings by members of the Committee deputed to that service. The semi-annual examinations at the close of each term have also been attended by the Committee.

The department of the scholars, with few exceptions, has been orderly, and their improvement in their studies satisfactory, evincing industry on the part of the teachers and a commendable disposition on the part of the pupils to profit by the advantages enjoyed at the school.

Among the subjects of more particular concern with the Committee, has been that of enforcing the necessity of thoroughness in teaching and learning the rudimental parts of an English education—correct reading, spelling, and writing a good hand; while more advanced studies, including the Latin, Greek and French languages, mathematics, &c., have been regularly taught.

A knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and of our religious principles and testimonies, so far as it may be imparted by school education, has been considered important, and its acquisition has been an object of concern and attention in the school; and much labor has, from time to time, been bestowed to promote conformity to our well-known and consistent practice in relation to simplicity in dress and the use of the plain language.

The rules of the school in relation to these and other subjects, were, at the first meeting of the Committee the last year, revised, and having been printed, were directed to be furnished to each scholar on entering the school, and to the School Committees of the several Monthly Meetings; and it is very desirable and important that Committees of Monthly Meetings should carefully consider, when they are applied to for certificates for scholars to be admitted to the school, of the fitness of such applicants as to their habits and moral standing, as well as docility and willingness to conform to the wholesome discipline and rules of the school; and to grant certificates with due and proper discrimination in these respects.

The proposition of the School Committee to the last Yearly Meeting, in reference to the discontinuance of the holding of meetings for worship in the school-house, having been adopted by the Yearly Meeting, the subject was carefully deliberated upon by the School Committee at their meeting 7th month, 1st, and it was our conclusion that the meetings for worship in Providence should after that time, until the Committee should conclude otherwise, be considered the meetings for the scholars and family to attend.

We believe that advantages have resulted from this arrangement of much greater importance than sufficient to outweigh the difficulties sometimes experienced of all the family attending there. These difficulties have arisen chiefly in inclement weather, and when it would be improper for children, and particularly females, to walk the distance to the meeting in Providence. But the advantages are many and important: giving the children an opportunity to mingle, according to their several capacities, in religious concerns, in a meeting for worship composed of many Friends with whom they are not associated at other times, and a meeting held in the public manner in which our society have always felt themselves bound to hold their meetings for religious worship.

During the last summer, under the care of the Committee having charge of repairs, new warming apparatus in the school-house, and other improvements, including a very complete arrangement for the supply of rain water, and its use in the school-house have been made, and have been found beneficial in promoting the health and comfort of the family. Our late valued friend George Howland, kindly gave his personal attention and superintendence to this work during its progress, and farther manifested his interest in the work during its progress, and Institution, by contributing liberally towards the expenditure in thus adding to the comforts and conveniences of the school.

At our meeting in the second month the Committee came to the conclusion that the Institution, having been in constant operation, with the short vacations, since its first opening in the year 1819, no sufficient time had been afforded to make convenient, health and comfort of the family require; and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance were necessary to be done, important advantages would be derived by vacating the school for the coming summer term, for a thorough repair and renovation of the school-house and appurtenances, the subject was laid before the Meeting for Sufferings for their advice in relation thereto. That meeting advised and consented that the school should be vacated until the time of the Yearly Meeting, for the proposed purpose, and that the subject of a longer vacation be then brought before the Yearly Meeting for their decision.

In the mean time a sub-committee has been authorized to

proceed with such of the proposed repairs and improvements as are earliest required, relying upon the approval of the Yearly Meeting and the liberality of Friends to supply the necessary means to defray the expenditure.

We have thought that at the present time it might be interesting and useful to remind Friends of the early concern of the Yearly Meeting in the establishment of a school for the "virtuous education" of the youth of our society, and briefly to advert to the progress of this engagement as reflected by reference to the records of the Yearly Meeting and Meeting for Sufferings.

So far as we discover, the first minute that was made upon the subject in the Yearly Meeting was in the year 1779, when official information was called for from the subordinate meetings in relation to the state of education among them. The next year, 1780, after solid consideration, it was concluded to attempt the establishment of a school; and it was recommended to "the several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings the promotion of free, liberal and voluntary subscriptions, donations, bequests and devises, adequate to the design and importance of the subject?"—and that it become the care of Friends in future, at all the Meetings, to promote, annually, subscriptions to be applied to the use of the school, until the income of the fund shall be sufficient, and so make such annual subscriptions unnecessary.

The subject was then committed to the care and management of the Meeting for Sufferings, which accordingly proceeded to take charge of the case, and entered vigorously upon the work. It was a time when Friends, in common with others, were laboring under many difficulties and embarrassments, in consequence of the war then existing between this country and Great Britain. Nevertheless, in 1782 the Meeting for Sufferings issued a powerful and extended printed address to Friends, in which they quote the memorable words of George Fox, when he expressed his concern that our children should be instructed in "whatever things were civil and useful to the creation."

This address was liberally responded to, considering the pecuniary situation of most of our members at that time, and from year to year, funds were raised and forwarded to the Meeting for Sufferings. Rhode Island Monthly Meeting contributed freely of the income of property in its possession. A room in the meeting-house at Portsmouth, R. I., was prepared for the reception of scholars, and the school was opened under the care of Isaac Lawton as teacher, in the 11th month, 1784.

A very judicious code of Rules and Regulations was prepared by the Meeting for Sufferings for the observance of the teachers and scholars, and in a minute on record, they say—"Beside the necessary literary instruction, the children are to be taught habits of regularity, of decency, of respectful subordination to their superiors, of forbearance, affection and kindness towards each other, and of religious reverence towards their Maker, and those habits of silence and recollection, taught and practised in the ancient schools, and inculcated in the Holy Scriptures."

The school appears to have been continued until the year 1788, when the funds being found to be inadequate for its support, they being chiefly applied to the board and instruction of the children of the poor, it was concluded, best by the Yearly Meeting to vacate it for a time, or until some more adequate provision could be made for its support, and the funds on hand were placed on interest to be increased from time to time by subscriptions and donations.

The concern for re-opening the school was frequently renewed in the Yearly Meeting, but it was not thought prudent to take any decided step towards its re-establishment until the following communication was received from our late valued friend Moses Brown, viz:

PROVIDENCE, 4th of 5th mo. 1814.

TO THE MEETING FOR SUFFERINGS:

Dear Friends—As my feeble state of health prevents my attending the Meeting at this time, I thought best to inform you that in the course of my confinement by bodily indisposition for some time past, the subject of the Yearly Meeting's School, has been renewedly brought under my consideration. And believing that a permanent institution for a guarded education of the rising generation will be promotive of their usefulness in society and the honor of truth, I have, for the furtherance of these desirable objects, concluded to give a tract of land on the west part of my homestead farm, containing about forty-three acres, for the purpose of erecting suitable buildings for the Boarding School thereon; provided the Meeting should consider it an eminent of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report thereon to the next Meeting for Sufferings, which may be more generally attended, they can then act upon it, as it shall appear to them best. You will however dispose of the proposal in this or any other way that appears to you best. As Treasurer of the School Fund, I may for your information mention, that its present amount is about nine thousand three hundred dollars. With desires that this important subject may be considered, and proceeded in, in conformity to the mind of Truth, that we may hope for its blessing.

I conclude, your affectionate friend,

MOSES BROWN

Subscriptions were now renewedly recommended Friends for the purpose of proceeding in the establishment of a School upon a more extended plan and more permanent

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present religious engagements, his Company & Gospel labor have been truly acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend Joshua Douglas companion to Thome Jones is also acceptably with us, with a Douglas's factory, minutes from Durham Mo Meeting his company & solid department have been acceptable to us.

The Clerk is directed to notice their attendance in our act to the Po Mtg. they having attended all the Meetings constituting this.

The friends appointed inform they have not prepared a certificate for Isaac Lawrence and his wife they are continued in charge thereof to our next Month.

The committee appointed last Month to treat with George W. Army, made the following report this. To Dartmouth Mo Mtg. We gave committee in the case of George B. Billing, some report that we have made him a visit, he received us kindly & manifested a disposition to make friends satisfaction, and we believe him

to be sincere in a desire to be obtained a member of our religious society, signed William Potter & Isaac B. Gifford, 9th mo 20th 1852, which the Meeting accepts and he having presented the following acknowledgment the same Meeting

after a time of deliberation we united in accepting for satisfaction the same Meeting naming there with & Benjamin Potter is named to inform him of his being continued a member & report to this Meeting next Month

The acknowledgment is as follows—

To Dartmouth Mo Mtg. of Friends I acknowledge having deviated from one of the rules of society, by contracting myself in Marriage with one who is not in membership with us, but hope that friends will excuse the fault and receive me as a member of society & George W. Army 9th mo 20th 1852

Quinn
Answer

9^{mo} 1862

Meeting
house
repairs

The Quinns have been read at this time with answers to the 1st & 10th from each of the preparatory Meetings a summary of which were approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by John Wing, Anne Allen and Geo. Shing whom we have appointed our representatives desiring them to report their attendance to our next Meeting and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf.

The Committee having charge of our Meeting houses burial grounds &c, inform that there needs to be some repairs on & about our Meeting house in Adams neck & also that to make or cause to have made such repairs as they may think advisable & call on Friends of ~~there~~ belonging to those Meetings to contribute towards the expense & if necessary dispose of wood enough of the lot belonging to this meeting to defray the balance & report to this Meeting when accomplished.

George Shing clerk.

At Southworth the Mtg of Friends held 10th 27th 1862 by order the representatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the south Joshua W. Gifford & Ezra King, from the north Isaac B. Gifford & William Potter who are present.

The Friends appointed presenters a certificate removed Certificate for Isaac Sarovane & for his wife Martha to Westport Monthly Meeting & removed friends which was approved & directed to be signed & forwarded to that Mtg. The women's Mtg visiting there with. Benjamin Potter informs he has informed given George B. Shing information of his being continued a member of our Religious Society

The representatives to the Quarterly Mtg report they were all attended.

The friends appointed report that the paragraph of Discipline in regard to burial grounds has been inserted in all the books of discipline belonging to this Meeting.

We write with the 2^d Richard's women's meeting in denying the right of membership proposed with us to Elizabeth Richardson formerly Sisson.

We are informed through the south preparative meeting that George W. Francis requests a removal Certificate for himself his wife Mary Ann & their children Mary Taber requests Joseph Parker & Elizabeth Austin to attend certificate monthly meeting of Friends State of Ohio. Homer Potter Jun & William Tucker are appointed to unite with our women friends in preparing a Certificate & present to this meeting next month if nothing appears to prevent.

We are informed through the north preparative Meeting that George B. Shing requests a removal Certificate to Sarah Scott from the certificate meeting of Friends Isaac B. Gifford & Benjamin Potter are appointed to prepare one & present to this meeting next month if nothing appears to prevent.

William Tucker & Abraham Burrall are appointed a committee to settle with our Treasurer propose one for the year to come & also to propose if thought necessary a sum of money necessary to meet our expenses the ensuing year.

The following Communication was presented through the south preparative meeting to the Friends - In the south preparative & Monthly Meetings with Divine permission, and friends approbation we unite a marriage with each other, Eliza Marum & Hannah J. Allen, which being read was noted by the Meeting, whereupon we appoint Anne Allen & George Smith

to make the necessary enquiry respecting Etis
Stourm's claim to proceed in marriage and
report to this meeting next Month. They are
10th 1852. also directed to see that the legal rights of Etis
Stourm's children are secured to them &
report to this Mtg;

The Overseers inform
that they have from time to time paid
such attention to the case in regard to the
fund belonging to this meeting arising out
of the Mary Ford bequest, and now in the
Mary Northmonds of Benjamin Tucker and one of the
bequest Overseers having been removed by death one
removed within the limits of another Yearly
Meeting William Tucker & Isaac N. Gifford
are appointed to write ^{with} the Overseers now under
appointment or may hereafter be, in taking
such further care & act on behalf of this
Meeting in the case as they may think best
report to this meeting when ready or called
upon

George Abney, Clerk.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of
11th 1852. friends held 11th 110 24th 1852. by acts received
the representatives appointed by preparative
Mtgs are from the south Moses Smith and
Paul Fisher from the north George Abney
and Benjamin Potter, who are present.

The friends appointed produced
a certificate for George M. Francis and
G. Abney family which was approved and directed
certificate to be signed by the Clerk, the women's Mtg
of M. Francis writing therewith.

The friends appointed produced a
certificate for George N. Abney Jr. to New-
Bedford monthly meeting of friends
of G. N. Abney which was approved and directed to be
signed, the women's meeting writing therewith

The Clerk is directed to forward the foregoing
certificates to the correspondents of these meetings
respectively.

The Committee appointed to settle
with our Treasurer &c presented the following report.
viz. To the Monthly Meeting, The Committee appointed
last month to settle with our Treasurer have attend
to that service, & find a balance in his hands
of thirty eight & 53/100 dollars, we think it not
necessary to raise any money for the expenses of
the meeting for the ensuing year, & propose
Cesman Wood for Treasurer, which we
submit to the meeting. On behalf of the Committee
William Tucker 11th 10. 1852. which is satisfactory
to the meeting and accordingly Cesman Wood
is appointed Treasurer of this meeting the
ensuing year or until another appointment

The friends for which the Overseers of
this meeting were appointed having expired
Isaac M. Gifford, George Smith, Etis Stourm
and Howard Potter are appointed to consi-
der of and propose the names of such friends
for that service as they may think suitable &
present to this meeting next month.

The Prayers have been read at
this time with answers from each of our
preparative meetings to the 1st, 2^d & 10th and
summary answers approved of & directed to be
forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by
Benjamin Potter, Etis Stourm & Joshua M.
Gifford whom we have appointed our repre-
sentatives 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 & sign the same
on our behalf.

We write with the women's meeting
in accepting an acknowledgement from
Christabath S. Gifford wife of Johnathon P. Gifford

11th 1852

Treasurer
appointed

Committee
for
Overseers

Quin's
answers

G. S. Gifford

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in
minutes

11th 1852, and continuing for a number of our religious society.

The friends appointed a report they find nothing to prevent Otis Alcorn's proceeding in marriage with Hannah S. Allen. & that the legal rights of her children Alcorn have been secured to them & seems informed that consent of surviving parents is given, they allowed the said Otis Alcorn and Hannah S. Allen to be left at liberty to consummate their said marriage agreeable to the rules of our society they advising with Isaac C. Gifford and George Army who were appointed to attend & see that good order is observed, forward the certificate to the recorder & report next month.

George Army clerk.

At Dartmouth monthly meeting of friends held 12th Nov 22, 1852, by act and the representatives appointed by the preparative. Messrs are from the South George Smith & Otis Alcorn, from the North Rowland Miller & William Potter who are present.

The Committee appointed last month to consider of & propose the names of such friends for coarsers of this meeting as they might think suitable presented coarsers the following George Army, Benjamin Potter, Humphrey Anthony, George Smith, Timothy Allen, & Joshua M. Gifford, which being approved of by the meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year to come or until another appointment.

The representatives to our last 2d meeting report they all attended

12th 1852 The friends appointed to attend the marriage of marriage Otis Alcorn & Hannah S. Allen, report they orderly attended, the marriage was orderly conducted & the certificate has been recorded.

George Army clerk.

At Dartmouth monthly meeting of friends held 1st Dec 29th 1852, by act and the representatives appointed by the preparative Messrs are from the South John W. King & Paul Fisher from the North Isaac C. Gifford & George Army, who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

The Clerk being absent William Fowler who is appointed Clerk for the day.

The coarsers agreeable to a minute of 8th Oct 1852 they have handed the recorder an act of all deaths burials & deaths that have occurred within the town & coarsers for the past year.

This meeting unites with the women's meeting in obtaining that some Boston women's bible Potters in membership with us.

Mr. Alcorn is appointed in room of David Beard deceased to inform friends of David's denial of past meeting.

It appearing upon consideration of this meeting that an appointment of lay rulers & elders may be right & proper & our own friends concluding therewith, we appoint Isaac C. Gifford, Otis Alcorn, Howard Potter & Abraham Russell a committee to unite with a similar committee of our women's meeting in considering and producing to our meetings the names of such friends as they may think suitable for that situation should the Quarterly Meeting committee unite therewith.

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At Dartmouth the monthly meeting of Friends held 20th 1853
 by a special representation appointed by me
 and Jonathan Gifford from the south Abner
 Potter and Otis Shoum from the north William
 Tucker and Otis Shoum who are present
 with me

James Smith informs he has
 informed James M. Davis of his being
 denied the right of membership with us.
 George Army Clarke

At Dartmouth the Mtg of Friends held
 20th 1853. by a special representation
 appointed by the preparative meetings are from
 the south Abner Potter and Jonathan Smith
 from the north William Tucker and
 William Potter who are present.

The Minutes with answers from
 each of the preparative Mtgs have been
 read at this time & general answers considered
 & adopted & directed to be forwarded to
 our next Quarterly Meeting. William
 Tucker, George Smith & William Potter
 are appointed our representatives to that
 meeting. They are desired to report their
 attendance to our next Mtg. & the Clerk
 is directed to furnish them with the
 necessary extracts from our minutes &
 sign the same on our behalf.

We have approved in concurrence
 with our womens meeting a removal Certificate
 on behalf of Lydia Gifford to
 the church is directed to sign on our behalf
 the certificate with the womens Mtg
 in acknowledgment of their
 disconnection from these churches
 and in continuing her a member

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read at this time 18 memorials of deceased
 friends belonging to our meeting which
 are directed to be forwarded distributed among
 the families belonging to this mtg.
 George Army Clarke

At Dartmouth the Mtg of Friends held 27th 1853
 by a special representation appointed by the
 preparative meetings are from the south Abner
 Potter and Otis Shoum from the north
 Isaac M. Gifford and William Tucker
 who are present.

The representatives appointed
 last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting
 report they all attended.

The year for which
 the committee were appointed to have the
 care of our meeting houses being
 expired & having expired we appoint
 George Army, William Tucker, George
 Smith, Abner Potter, Humphrey Anthony,
 Joshua M. Gifford, Abraham Buspel,
 and Otis Shoum to that service for
 the year to come or until another appoint-
 ment. They are to have and take all
 necessary care & oversight of the meeting
 houses and burial grounds belonging
 to this meeting, also one or more of them
 to attend all funerals held within our
 limits which may be held agreeable to
 the requirements of our discipline, & report
 to this meeting at the end of the year.

We approve in concurrence with
 our womens meeting of a removal
 Certificate for Elizabeth Gifford wife of
 Jonathan P. Gifford to Westport Monthly
 Meeting which the Clerk is directed to sign
 on our behalf and forward to that meeting

Jonathan
B. Dickinson
request

Abraham Buspel reports that he has received from the New Bedford Institution for covering twenty dollars, also fifteen dollars for rent of marsh the last year, also from Jonathan Dickinson Ship three dollars which has been due several years whole amts \$38.00 all of which has been paid to our Treasurer and is the moneys arising from the Benjamin Dickinson request to date

The committee appointed some time past to make such repairs as they may think advisable on our meeting houses in Smiths & Allens neck made the following report. - To Dartmouth monthly meeting now sitting, the committee to cut and sell reports of wood to repair the meeting houses in the committee necks have attended to our appointment to repair and have cut & sold wood with the following trees in the meeting house yard to the amount of one hundred & eighty six dollars $\frac{24}{100}$ - - - - - \$ 186.24

amts repairs in Allens neck	63.47
" " Smiths neck	63.77
" cutting wood	27.36
" measuring do	11.68
	<u>155.08</u>
	\$ 37.16

Leaving a balance in the treasury when collected of thirty one dollars & sixteen cents on behalf of the committee Abner Russel Dartmouth Nov 27. 1853.

Which report is satisfactory they are continued in charge thereof to make a further report when ready or called upon by the meeting

George Henry Clerk

Nov 1853

At Dartmouth meeting of Friends held Nov 25th 1853 by act and the preservatives appointed by the preparative mtgs are from the south Howard Potter & Joseph Blad from the north Benjamin Potter and George Army who are present.

We are informed through the south preparative mtg that Samuel W. Snow requests a removal certificate to New Bedford Monthly Meeting for himself & family (see his wife Mary P. & their minor children Marianna Thomas Snowles, Sarah Barber, Maria M. and George Morton, Jonathan Wilbor & Moses Smith are appointed a committee to write with a similar committee of women friends in preparing one if nothing appears to prevent and present to our next meeting.

The Overseers presented through the north preparative meeting the following information respecting Samuel Furber viz To Dartmouth North preparative and committee Monthly Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends Samuel Furber having for a considerable length of time wholly neglected the attendance of our meetings, and identified himself with those who have seceded from our religious society by attending their meetings, we have thought it best to submit the case to the Monthly Meeting whereupon we appoint Otis Shawver, Isaac M. Gifford and Abraham Buspel a committee to visit him in restoring him on that account and report to this meeting next month.

The committee appointed in the pt. mtg last presented the following report - over -

S. W. Snow requests certificate
Samuel Furber

To Dartmouth monthly meeting
 We your committee in relation to the appoint-
 ment of Elders was report that we have
 committee given attention to that subject and are
 united in proposing the names of
 George Shury, Elizabeth Stace and
 Anna C. Shury to fill that station having
 had the advice of the Quarterly meeting
 Committee herein, on behalf of the
 committee Isaac Gifford, Phoebe Gifford

This meeting is united in the
 appointment of George Shury to the station
 of an Elder the women's meeting concurs
 in having information thereof to be
 forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting

The women's meeting inform
 they are united in the appointment of
 Elizabeth Stace to the station of an Elder
 also in the appointment of Anna C. Shury
 to the same station with which this
 meeting concurs, information thereof
 to be forwarded by the women's meeting to our
 next meeting

The committee appointed to repair our
 meeting houses in Smiths & Allen's Streets
 made the following report viz To the Monthly
 meeting was set down we your committee
 to cut & set wood to repair the meeting houses
 in the Streets aforesaid they had attended to
 their appointment and a balance was due
 the meeting after paying the bills of \$ 31.14/2
 but some were found a bill for masts at
 Weymouth of \$ 5.00 which became due
 before the meeting of \$ 27.54 which
 has a balance due the meeting had
 been paid the Monthly meeting Treasurer
 & receipts for all the bills left with him
 on behalf of the committee
 Isaac Gifford
 25th Dec 1853

Report of
 committee
 to repair
 meeting
 houses

At Dartmouth the Monthly meeting of Friends held
 at 2 o'clock 1853 by acts read the representations appointed
 by the preparative meeting are from the south George
 Allen & Everett from the north Isaac Gifford
 & Isaac Gifford who are present.

18th Dec 1853

Our beloved friend Erv G. Gray attended
 with a certificate of
 the Quarterly meeting
 in which with him
 present religious
 & gospel labors have
 Anna Thornburg
 with a certificate
 from Wallnut Ridge
 and endorsed by
 in Henry County
 of their service with
 present religious
 & gospel labors
 she having attended
 and Joel Gifford
 being with a minute
 setting state of Indiana
 with him as an Elder
 of that society

Also Jedediah Bell companion to Anna Thornburg
 with a minute from Hope well Monthly
 meeting we acceptably with us at this time
 their company & Police Department have
 been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed
 to unite with the clerk of the women's meeting in
 furnishing minutes embracing the substance of
 the foregoing as it relates each & sign the
 same on our behalf
 The committee appointed presented a
 certificate for Samuel Whitman of family to attend
 Monthly Meeting of Friends over

THE
 EPISTLE
 FROM THE
 YEARLY MEETING,
 HELD IN
 LONDON,
 BY ADJOURNMENTS, FROM THE 10TH OF THE FIFTH MONTH TO THE 25TH
 OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE, 1852:
 TO THE
 QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS
 IN GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.

Dear Sir, To Dartmouth monthly meeting
 We your Committee in relation to the affair
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 Committee given attention to that subject, and are
 Elders united in proposing the names of
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 to cut & sell wood to defray the meeting house
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 their appointment and a balance was due
 the meeting after paying the bills of \$ 21.75
 but since we ^(have) found a bill for masts at
 Weymouth of \$ 2.42 which leaves a
 balance due the meeting of \$ 24.17, which
 leaves a balance due the meeting has
 been paid the monthly meetings Treasurer
 & receipts for all the bills left with him
 on behalf of the Committee above
 Geo Shury Clerk
 5th Nov 25th 1853

The Dartmouth Monthly meeting of Friends held
 at 2 o'clock 1853 by acts read the representatives appointed
 by the preparative mtgs are from the south George
 Allen & Ezra King from the north Isaac C. Gifford
 & Isaac H. Potter who are present.
 Our beloved friend Mrs G. Gray attended

EPISTLE.

DEAR FRIENDS,

Our coming together at this time has been to our spiritual
 refreshment, and to the confirmation of our faith. We are
 bound to acknowledge with thanksgiving, that, notwithstanding
 all our unworthiness, our gracious Lord has, as we humbly
 trust, been mercifully pleased to own us by his presence, and
 to grant us renewed tokens of his love and care. Under the
 sense of his unmerited mercy, we offer you the word of apostolic
 salutation, "Grace and peace be multiplied unto you
 through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord."*

Unto you that believe, saith the Apostle, Christ is precious.†
 It is the experimental sense of this in themselves, and one with
 another, that constitutes the fellowship of the saints. By nature
 fellow-partakers in the effects of the fall, dead in trespasses
 and in sins, it is as He has quickened them by his Spirit to
 abhor and to forsake their sins, as He has given them to know
 Him to be their Passover,‡ sacrificed for them, bringing them
 nigh unto God through his precious blood, that they have be-
 come brethren in the adoption; in the blessed and endearing
 relationship of the children of God. Rooted and built up in
 Christ, He is felt to be the alone source and centre of their
 unity.

Wherefore, beloved brethren, ye who, in the largeness of
 the Father's love, are in any measure partakers of the heavenly
 calling, let it be the frequent engagement of your souls

* 2 Peter i. † 1 Peter ii. ‡ 1 Cor. v.

attended Also Sybil Bell companion of the Anna Thornberg
 with a minute from the period Monthly
 meeting we acceptably with us at this time
 their company & Police Department have
 been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed
 to unite with the Clerk of the women's mtg in
 furnishing minutes embracing the substance of
 the foregoing as it relates to each & sign the
 same on our behalf

The committee appointed presented a
 certificate for Samuel M. Mow & family to the
 Monthly Meeting of Friends - over

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Dear Sir, To Dartmouth Monthly meeting
The your Committee in relation to the appoint-
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pleas'd to report that we have
appointed in proposing the names of
George Shroy, Elizabeth Black and
Anna B. [unclear]

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to cut & sell wood to appear the meeting have
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their appointment and a balance was due
the meeting after paying the bills of \$ 81.75
but since we found a bill for masts at
Weymouth of \$ 5.42 which leaves a
balance due the meeting of \$ 27.54 which
has been paid the meeting has
& receipts for all the bills left with him
on behalf of the Committee
Geo. Shroy Clerk
5th Decr 1853

in deep reverence and humility, to "consider the Apostle
and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus."* The prom-
ised Messiah, He to whom all preceding dispensations had
pointed, and in whom they were ended and fulfilled, † He who
was with God, and was God, the Word who hath declared
to man Him that is invisible, even He was made flesh, and
dwelt amongst men. Though He was rich, yet for our sakes
He became poor; veiling, in the form of a servant, the bright-
ness of his glory, ‡ that through Him, the kindness and love of
God toward man might appear, in a manner every way suited
to our wants and finite capacities. His righteous precepts were
illustrated and confirmed by his own holy example. He went
about doing good; for us he endured sorrow, hunger, thirst,
weariness, pain; unutterable anguish of body and of soul even
unto death; and was "in all points tempted like as we are, yet
without sin."§ Thus humbling Himself that we might be ex-
alted, He emphatically recognised the duties and the sufferings
of humanity as among the means whereby, through the obedi-
ence of faith, we are to be disciplined for heaven; sanctifying
them to us by Himself performing and enduring them, and, as
"the Forerunner,"¶ at once plainly marking and consecrating
for his followers, the path in which they must tread. But not
only in these blessed relations must the Lord Jesus be ever
precious to his people. Exalted to be a Prince and a Saviour,
in him has been revealed a Redeemer at once able to suffer and
almighty to save; an High Priest, "touched with the feeling
of our infirmities,"|| who, having made reconciliation for our
sins by the offering up of Himself once for all, "is gone into
Heaven," there to appear, our Mediator and Advocate, in the
presence of God.

Beloved Friends! how high and holy is our vocation in
being called by the name, and invited to the service of such a
Saviour. And whilst we take comfort in believing that He

* Heb. iii. 1. † Heb. iv. 15.
‡ John i. 1, 14, 18. ‡ Pet. iii. 22.
§ Heb. ii. 7. ¶ Heb. vi. 30. || Heb. ix. 24.

Dartmouth Monthly meeting of Friends held
at [unclear] 1853 by a vote of the representatives appointed
by the preparative meeting are from the south George
Allen & Ezra King from the north Isaac B. Gifford
Isaac C. Potter who are present.

Our beloved friend Mrs G. Gray attended
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To you, dear friends who are in the position of parents, the
condition in the sight of the Lord, of your beloved offspring is
unspeakably important. Shrink not, we entreat you, from
your solemn responsibilities. Remember that your children
are born for eternity; and let it be your great concern to lead
them to the Saviour, that they may be early trained to bear
his yoke, and be prepared for an inheritance in his kingdom.
Let not their wills be unsubjected, but keep your right places;
ruling your households in the fear of God and in the author-
ity of his love. Be tenderly watchful that his holy name may
be sanctified among them through your conversation and ex-
ample. Seek for opportunities to instruct them in the Truth
as it is in Jesus, and be especially concerned that the disciplin-
ing of their hearts in righteousness, may be steadily going
forward. And, under a deep sense of the importance of these
duties, may your prayers unto God be fervent for that wisdom
and help which will not fail to be found sufficient for all the
needs of those who honestly trust in Him.

* John iii. 7. † Ephes. iv. 23. ‡ Pet. ii. 5.

attended Mrs Sybil Bell companion of the Anna Thornburg
with a minute from the [unclear] Monthly
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their company & police department have
been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed
to unite with the clerk of the [unclear] meeting in
furnishing minutes embracing the substance of
the foregoing as it relates to each & sign the
same on our behalf

The committee appointed presented a
certificate for Samuel M. [unclear] of [unclear]
Monthly Meeting of Friends - over

to Dartmouth monthly meeting
 We your Committee in relation to the appoint-
 ment of Elders now report that we have
 given attention to that subject and are
 united in proposing the names of
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cerity, not with fleshly wisdom, but by the grace of God, and thus commended to the consciences of others.
 We rejoice with our friends in a sense of the blessings of which they are partakers, while we sympathize with them in their conflicts and trials; and we cordially desire their encouragement for every right service of the day. Amidst the various exertions that are making at the present time for the promotion of the good of mankind, whilst we would strengthen every effort that has its spring and its continuance in the love of Christ, we tenderly invite all our members to keep very near to the sure guidance of the Spirit of the Lord, as to their respective lines of duty. As this is the case, we believe that in their labors for the good of others, they will be preserved from undue excitement, and enabled to guard against the love of popularity, and everything inconsistent with the character of a spiritually minded Christian.

In conclusion, dear friends, it is our concern that we may become a watchful, lowly-minded, retiring people; that we may live more distinct from the spirit of the world; that our affections may be thoroughly fixed upon heavenly things, not in anywise seeking our own glory, or desiring to occupy conspicuous positions in the world, but rather that we may individually serve God in our generation according to his will.— Thus would our hearts be more and more prepared to receive the gifts of the Spirit, if it please the Lord to confer them upon us, and to exercise them in faithfulness and in love. Building upon Christ, as our foundation, we should witness a growth in our own souls; walking in his light, our light would not be hidden or obscured, but would shine to his praise, drawing and directing others to the same blessed fountain of light, and peace, and love.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by
 JOSEPH THORP,
 Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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 balance due the meeting of \$27.08 which
 leaves a balance due the meeting has
 been paid the monthly meetings treasurer
 & receipts for all the bills left with him
 on behalf of the committee Anna Pesset
 Geo. Shug Clerk
 25th Dec 1853

at Dartmouth the Monthly meeting of Friends held
 at 2 o'clock 1853 by acts and the representatives appointed
 by the preparative mtgs are from the south George
 Allen & Ezra King from the north Isaac C. Gifford
 & Isaac H. Potter who are present.

Our beloved friend Erwin G. Pray attended
 this meeting with a satisfactory certificate of
 concurrence from Springfield Monthly meeting
 of Friends & endorsed by Eastern Quarterly meeting
 state of Ohio expressing of their unity with him
 as a minister & with his present religious
 engagements, his company & gospel labors have
 been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Anna Thornburg
 attended this meeting with a satisfactory
 certificate of concurrence from Walnut Ridge
 Monthly meeting of Friends and endorsed by
 Springfield Quarterly held in Henry county
 state of Indiana expressing of their unity with
 her as a minister & with her present religious
 engagements, her company & gospel labors
 have been acceptable to us, she having attended
 all the meetings constituting this.

Our beloved friend Joel Gilbert
 companion to Anna Thornburg with a minute
 from Hopewell Monthly Meeting state of Indiana
 expressing of their unity with him as an Elder
 also of Hopewell Quarterly meeting of that state
 also Lydia Bell companion to Anna Thornburg
 with a minute from Hopewell Monthly
 meeting we acceptably with us at this time
 their company & solid deportment have
 been acceptable to us. The Clerk is directed
 to unite with the Clerk of the same city in
 furnishing minutes embracing the substance of
 the foregoing as it relates each & sign the
 same on our behalf

The committee appointed presented a
 certificate for Samuel Thomas & family to attend
 Monthly Meeting of Friends — over —

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England, held on Rhode-Island, in the sixth month, 1853.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was laid before the meeting and read, received its deliberate consideration, was fully united with, the several propositions therein contained were approved and adopted, and the Clerk was directed to furnish copies of the Report to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings. It is as follows, viz:

To the Yearly Meeting:
The Boarding School Committee Report: That the school being vacated at the time of the last Yearly Meeting, according to its direction, the Committee proceeded to make those repairs and improvements upon the buildings and premises which they believed the interests of the Institution and the convenience and comfort of its inmates required. Many alterations were made in the interior of the House, highly promotive of this end. The several school rooms, lodging and dining rooms have been much improved and newly furnished, together with many alterations in the centre building, and all the apartments are lighted with gas, very much to satisfaction. Among the improvements upon the premises is the erection of a spacious and very convenient and substantial stone barn, sufficient, we believe, in its capacity for the purposes of the Institution. Some other out buildings have been erected and some altered and better adapted to their intended uses.

Soon after the building of the stone barn, a fire occurred on the premises, the origin of which has not been ascertained, by which nearly all that was combustible of the barn, together with a wooden barn, a corn-house, and one or two other small wooden buildings, two horses, and all the hay and fodder were consumed. The rebuilding of the stone barn, with enlarged dimensions, and the other necessary expenditures and loss accruing from this fire are estimated at about \$2500.

The expenditures for all the repairs and improvements, including the loss resulting from the fire have been \$13,804.96. The amount subscribed for these purposes at the time of our last Yearly Meeting was \$3,612, and since then, there have been collected and forwarded to the Treasurer of the School fund \$7,332.75—making a total of - - - - - 6,344.75

Leaving an indebtedness of - - - - - \$7,460.21
We think it right to mention, that \$2000 of the sum subscribed since the Yearly Meeting, was received from our late dear friend George Howland, who, not long before his decease requested his executors to pay this amount to the School.

We would propose that \$6,500—the sum received for the sale of land authorized by the Yearly Meeting in 1847, should be appropriated towards the liquidation of this indebtedness—This sum of \$6500 having by conclusion of the Yearly Meeting in 1847, when the sale of the land was authorized, and also in 1849 after the sale was completed, been funded, and the income of it concluded to be annually appropriated for the betterment of the Institution—we think it best, that the appropriation now made of the principal, should be considered in the light of a loan to the School funds, the interest of which should be annually paid from the board and tuition fees received, and be expended in the permanent improvement of the real estate. And we indulge the hope that a way may be opened, by which this loan may be repaid, by the liberality of Friends, so that the principal of it may be replaced and reinvested for the permanent use to which it was concluded to be appropriated.

The accounts of the Institution for the past year have been examined and settled, by which it appears, that there have been received from the income of the School Fund during the past year - - - - - \$6,936.40
From the Charity Fund - - - - - 430.00
From the Farm Fund - - - - - 390.00
From Scholars for board, tuition &c. one Term, including a balance of \$286.65 in Superintendent's hands last year - - - - - 4,915.14
And from other sources - - - - - 1,388.44

Making a total of - - - - - \$14,059.98
The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including \$459.72 from Treasurer's account have been - - - - - \$12,555.76
The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is - - - - - \$544.01

At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about \$2500. Should the Yearly Meeting approve of that the indebtedness of the School will then be \$1955.99.
In view of the accommodations of the Institution it was believed that 80 scholars of each sex were as many as could be well provided for and a circular to this effect was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings.

At the time proposed, first of the 11th month, the school was opened, and 150 scholars, viz: 77 males and 73 females have

attended most of the time. A few who were admitted, from ill health or other causes, having failed to come.

Our friends Charles Atherton and Gertrude E. Whitner as Principals, assisted by Edward G. Hoag, William L. Dean, Charles F. Varney, Lydia M. Neal, Elizabeth Prosser, and acceptably filled the places of Teachers. Mary Atherton has also been usefully engaged in the Institution. Our friends Levi Varney and his wife, acceptably occupied the stations of steward and matron during a part of the term; but owing to the delicate state of the health of the latter, they were released at their own request, and Hannah Allen now fills the place of matron. Whether any additional assistance will be required in the domestic department remains to be determined.

By the conclusion of the Yearly Meeting the Committee may admit into the school, besides our own members, those connected with our society or who are being brought up as Friends, as well as members of other Yearly Meetings, when the accommodations of the School will permit. We are of the opinion that none should ever be received to the exclusion of our members, but that it is safe for the Yearly Meeting to confide to its Committee, appointed from year to year, a discretionary power to extend the privileges of the Institution, when they are not occupied by our own members, to those and those only who, they believe will be exemplary in their conduct and faithfully observe the requisitions of the School in all respects. As the cost of living and other expenses, are greater than they were at the time the existing prices were established, it is evident that some change herein is required, and we would propose, that the charge per Term when one or both parents are members of our Yearly Meeting; \$50, or the children are being brought up as Friends, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings, and \$61 for any others that may be admitted—that \$5 per Term additional charge be made for instruction either in the Ancient Languages, in French or in Drawing—payments to be made half at the commencement and half at the middle of each actual cost. With these prices and a careful economy, it is to be hoped that the current expenses of the school will be met.

We would propose that the summer term should commence on fourth day before the first fifth day in the fifth month, and continue until fourth day four weeks previous to the commencement of the winter term—that the winter term should begin on fourth day before the first fifth day in the eleventh month, and continue until fourth day, four weeks before the commencement of the summer term. We apprehend that a period of twenty two weeks continuous study, is as long as will be useful to the pupils or consistent with the health of the teachers, and that four weeks vacation in the spring and autumn will not prove more than is requisite for the proper preparation of the house, and other necessary arrangements for the ensuing term.

As the number to be admitted is limited to 80 of each sex, it will be necessary that the Committee should be seasonably informed of all in this Yearly Meeting that desire to occupy places in the school, in order that they may determine, how many others, if any, may be received. Applications should therefore in all cases be made seasonably to be laid before the meetings of the Committee held on third day before the first fifth day in the ninth month, for those who desire to attend during the winter term—and on third day before the first fifth day in the third month for those wishing to attend the summer term. Monthly Meetings desirous of occupying the privilege of the Charitable Fund are requested to send their applications in season for the meeting of the Committee in the ninth month, and to specify whether they desire it during the winter or succeeding summer term. All communications respecting the admission of scholars may be addressed to one of the principal teachers.

The following regulation was adopted by the Committee in the eleventh month last viz: "It is expected that scholars will be at the school punctually at the commencement of the term, but if circumstances occur to prevent such attendance, notice is to be forwarded to the principal teachers, within one week of that time, stating whether or not their places are desired to be reserved for them. A failure to attend the school or to give the notice above specified shall be considered a relinquishment of the privilege, unless again admitted by the Committee, and in all cases of children being admitted for the term and attending the school, it is expected that payment will be made for the term."

The earliest age at which children can be admitted into the school as now established by the Yearly Meeting is eight years. We would suggest to Friends that at this tender age, they are not likely to derive that benefit from being placed in the Institution which more maturity would probably give. We also would remind Friends, that sending pupils for a less time than

one term can confer very little benefit upon the scholars, and is a great interruption to the classes. We desire that applications for such admissions may be discouraged.

Early after the opening of the school in the eleventh month, there were several cases of serious indisposition: one of which, viz:—that of Joseph H. Crocker, a member of Nantucket Monthly Meeting, a lad of about 16 years of age, resulted fatally after an illness of a little more than two days. In reference to this solemn event the following minute was entered upon our records, viz: "In the removal of this dear young man by a sudden attack of inflammation of the stomach, the family and scholars were, we think, brought deeply to feel the uncertainty of life; and while we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom preservation from Him with whom are the issues of life."

Near the close of the term, the scarlet fever prevailed to some extent among the scholars, producing much anxiety with parents and great unsettlement in the school. Many of the scholars were removed by their friends and the greater part of those that remained being desirous to leave, it became evident that little benefit would be likely to result from any attempt to continue the school, and the term was therefore closed about two weeks sooner than it would have been in ordinary course.

The Committee after solid deliberation came to the conclusion at the commencement of the term to re-establish the meeting for religious worship in the school house on first day mornings—and that the family and scholars should continue to attend on first day afternoon and in the middle of the week, the meetings of Friends held in the city of Providence. At nearly all the meetings held in the Institution some of the Committee have been present. They have been seasons of comfort to us, and we think it right thankfully to record our renewed sense of the Lord's goodness, and that He continues graciously to bless the concern and efforts to promote and secure in this school, the guarded, religious education of our youth.

We commend the Institution with all its present advantages to the increased attention of Friends.
Signed on behalf and by direction of the School Committee
STEPHEN A. CHASE, Clerk.
Providence, 5th mo. 21st, 1853."

The following minute was adopted, viz:
"The testimony of our religious society against the iniquitous system of slavery as it exists in some parts of our highly favored country which has now for a long series of years been dear to Friends, and, as they have believed, has been incumbent upon them faithfully to uphold, as a religious testimony, and to be borne on religious grounds, is with respect regarded by Friends as increasingly important."

It is and must be matter of grief and concern to Friends, that the tendency of the legislation of our country should be in any way designed to foster, perpetuate or protect this system so full of evil, or that under any contingency any of us or our fellow countrymen, and especially those who are comparatively free from immediate connection with it, should be required by such legislation to aid in its support.

We believe that Friends are called upon faithfully to maintain the testimony to their abiding conviction that slavery in its nature and in its effects is wholly inconsistent with the principles of our holy religion, which teaches that "one is your Master even Christ and all ye are brethren." How different are its requirements from that divine precept of our blessed Lord, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them, for this is the law and the prophets."

A system thus characterized by evil is so entirely opposed to our religious profession, that we cannot sanction or uphold it in any degree, without at the same time being unfaithful and inconsistent—hence no compromise, no human agreements, no human enactments even, can render its support just or right.

We repeat—the testimony of the Society of Friends against slavery is a religious one and is to be borne on religious ground alone—with firmness yet with meekness—in humility, in love, in faith and with a single eye to our duty and accountability to Him who created us—with no view to worldly advantage or to please men, but with singleness of purpose as unto God.

We believe the testimony of Friends on this subject, consistently borne, is and has been in the hands of an all wise Providence, among the means by which, as it is to be hoped, the evils of slavery are to be done away. How important then is that we be faithful herein. We we engage earnestly to exhort all Friends that they continue to bear this testimony unflinchingly before the world, and against the requirements of slavery in all their forms, as well as against every measure calculated to strengthen or perpetuate this lamentable evil."

From the Minutes of the Meeting.
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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Certificate which was approved & directed to be signed by the Clerk & forwarded to that meeting. The names of the family meeting concerning them with.
The names have been read at the time with answers from each of our preparative meetings to the 11th & 10th and summer answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Yearly Meeting. William Fisher Timothy Elwin Moses Smith & George Abney are appointed our representatives to that meeting, they are directed to report their attendance to our next meeting & the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes and sign the same on our behalf.
The committee appointed to treat with Samuel Fisher in person they have paid some attention to the case & will not receive a full report they are continued to report next month.
George Abney clerk.
At Quaker Monthly Meeting of board held 27th 28th 29th 30th 1853 by authorized representatives appointed by the preparative, who are from the South George Abney Benjamin Potter and are present.
The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.
Committee continued to treat with same Fisher with George Abney, Moses Smith, Bruce Potter, and Ezra Walling are appointed a committee to unite with a similar committee of our women friends to whom at the 10th of our boarding school at Providence

may apply for certificates, and they are also to forward the names of such as they may think suitable to receive the privilege of the charitable fund

George Henry Clarke

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 24th 1853. by a record the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South River Allen & Nicholson Stearns from the North Isaac Gifford & Wm Lusher who are present.

The year for which the clerk & assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed being expired George Henry is appointed clerk for the year to come or until another appointment. And the representatives were under appointment to this meeting are directed to consider of & propose to this meeting next month the name of a friend to act as assistant clerk. Wm Lusher being desirous of being released.

The Committee appointed to treat with Samuel Tucker made the following report - viz. To Dartmouth Monthly meeting Dear Friends We your committee in the case of Samuel Tucker report that we have made him a visit, he received us graciously, but said that he was willing to tell us that he did not consider himself a member of our meeting. & further we that he felt satisfied with the course he had taken which we submit to the meeting & our report. Isaac Gifford and Etie's statement herewith 8th mo 24th 1853 which report the meeting are united in accepting and hereby releasing him from the said Samuel Tucker from being any longer a member of our religious society, the town meeting meeting him with Wm Lusher's name to inform him of his denial & report to this meeting next month.

the year for which the ^{of the Poor} clerk & assistant clerk of this meeting being expired we appoint

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Overseer of Poor 1860-1861

William Tucker, Sr. in New York, & to inform Mr. Humphrey Anthony to that service for the year to come or until another appointment.

We have received & read an extract from the minutes of our last yearly meeting embracing an interesting report of the Boarding School Committee also advice in regard to slavery &c. of which are satisfactory to us.

85 Copies of the London printed Epistle of last year have been received one of which being read is truly satisfactory & meeting edifying to us. These with 55 copies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are directed to be distributed among our members in the usual way.

George Shury, Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th mo 28th 1853 by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south George Smith & Timothy Shaw, from the north William Potter & William Tucker who are present.

The representatives having proposed Moses Smith for assistant clerk the proposition was united with & he is accordingly appointed to that service for the year to come or until another appointment.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th & Summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. William Tucker, Howard Potter & Otis Stoumen are appointed representatives to that Meeting, they are directed 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.

Queries Answered

George Shury

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From 1853. William Tucker informs he has given Daniel S. Tucker & Clerk information of his having been denied the right of membership with us.

George Shury, Clerk

Representatives attended

At Dartmouth assembly meeting of Friends held 10th mo 26th 1853 by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south Paul Fisher & Howard Potter from the north Isaac M. Potter & Isaac M. Gifford who are present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended.

Committee certificate

We are informed through the south preparative meeting that William Gifford has removed to reside within the limits of Westport Monthly meeting Timothy Shaw & Howard Potter are appointed a Committee to prepare a certificate for him and present to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

Quaker London

We unite with the women's meeting in denying the right of membership with Phoebe Anderson letter Anthony George Shury Clerk

Queries Answered

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 23rd 1853. by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south George Smith & Ezra King from the north William Tucker & William Potter who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative meetings to the 1st 2d & 10th & Summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. Mr. Humphrey Anthony, George Shury & Moses Smith are

appointed our representatives to that Meeting, they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting & the Clerk is desired to furnish them with the minutes & extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf.

1100th / 1850

Certificate for William Gifford

The friends appointed presented a Certificate for William Gifford to Westport monthly Meeting of Friends which was approved - the Clerk is directed to sign the same on our behalf and forward it to that meeting the women meeting uniting there with William Tucker & Abraham Paruel are appointed a committee to settle with our Treasurer propose one for the year to come also if thought necessary propose a sum of money need- ary to be raised to meet our expenses the ensuing year, & report next month. George Abney Clerk

1220th / 1850

At Dartmouth No. 11th of Friends held 12th Mo. 28th 1850. by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South John King & Howard Potter from the North Benjamin Potter & George Abney who are present

Representatives

Treasurer

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended. The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer he presented the following report viz. To the Monthly Meeting. The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer, report that they have attended to that service and find in his hands ninety three and 70/100 dollars and think it not necessary to raise any money for expenses of the

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meeting for the ensuing year, and propose Benjamin Wood for Treasurer which we submit to the meeting, on behalf of the committee William Tucker 12th Mo. 28th 1850 which is satisfactory to the meeting, & accordingly Benjamin Wood is appointed Treasurer for the year to come or until another appointment.

And the following information from the Overseers through the South preparative meeting viz. To the preparative Meeting of Friends this may inform that Ebenezer P. B. at her had married out of the good order of Friends to one not a member Humphrey Anthony George Abney Overseer Dartmouth 12th Mo. 19, 1850. George Abney & William Tucker are appointed a committee to treat with him on that subject report to this Meeting when ready or called upon by the Meeting.

A. P. Tucker under dealings

George Abney invited dealings

And the following information from the Overseers through the North preparative meeting viz. To the preparative & Monthly meeting, Dear Friends Ebenezer P. Abney, has married out of the order of our society with one not a member with us which we submit to the meeting, Benjamin Potter, Timothy & John Overseers Dartmouth 12th Mo. 22th 1850. Isaac M. Gifford and Benjamin Potter are appointed a committee to treat with him on account of his departure to this meeting next month.

The year for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed having expired we appoint Benjamin Potter, George Abney, Humphrey Anthony, George Smith, Timothy Abney & Joshua M. Gifford to that service for the year to come or until another appointment.

George Abney Clerk.

At Dartmouth Mo. Meeting of Friends held the 22nd 1854 by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South Moses & Humphrey Anthony from the North William Tucker & William Potter who are present.

The Committee appointed last month to treat with John D. Army made the following report

To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
continued we your Committee on the case of John D. Army now report that we have attended to our appointment that he received us kindly and we believe him sincere in a desire that friends would pass by his transgression & let him remain a member of our religious Society, Isaac Gifford Benjamin Potter Dartmouth the 22nd 1854 which is satisfactory to the meeting and his acknowledgment being read is a relief for satisfaction and he continued a member of our religious Society the previous meeting concerning there with. Benjamin Potter is named to inform him of his being continued a member report to this meeting next month.

We have in concurrence with the Critique or P. W. Bacon Certificate to New Bedford Monthly Meeting on behalf of Phoebe Robinson wife of Pelag Adams which the Clerk is directed to sign on our behalf & forward to that meeting.

We are informed that the Overseers have handed to the recorder an list of all the births & deaths that have occurred within our limits the last year.

acknowledgment of John D. Army To Dartmouth monthly meeting of Friends having transgressed the good order of the

J. D. Army
continued
a member

Major A
Lodge's
death

acknowledgment
of
J. D. Army

Discipline by marrying one not a member of the Society of Friends I am desirous the meeting may so far pass it by that I may remain a member John D. Army New Bedford the 22nd 1854
George Army Clerk.

22nd 1854

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 22nd 1854 by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South Minkleton Sloum and Paul Fisher from the North Miss Potter & George Army who are present except one Benjamin Potter informs he has given John D. Army information of his being continued a member of our religious Society
George Army Clerk.

John D. Army
informed

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held the 22nd 1854 by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the South Moses Smith & Humphrey Anthony from the North Wm Tucker & Benjamin Potter who are present.

Our beloved Friend Beadish Chase attended this meeting with a satisfactory amount of concurrence from Inwamy Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Fall River the 27th 1854 expressive of their united with him as a minister and with his present religious engagements his company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute & sign the same on our behalf.

Chase
attended

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of the preparative meetings. A summary of which were approved of & directed to be

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forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting Benjamin Potter, Moses Smith & James Allen are 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 & sign the same on our behalf.

Received the following from the Overseers through the South preparative meeting viz To the preparative & Monthly meeting this may inform that James King having as we apprehend needed the advice & assistance of Friends. We have accordingly had several opportunities with him, but he declines taking up with Friends advice & has placed himself & property in the care of one not a member of our religious society which we submit to the meeting signed Humphreys Anthony & George Smith Dec 11th 1854. William Tucker & Isaac Gifford are appointed to labor with him on that act & report to this meeting next month. George Shry is clerk.

The following information from the At Oustmouth Mr. Smith of the preparative meetings are from the same viz W. Gifford & James Allen from the North Peace the Gifford & William Potter who report to Committee appointed at our last meeting to labor with James King make the following report viz. On the Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends this may inform that we have had several opportunities with James King in which we find the complaint against him by the Overseers to be fully substantiated, and that we have not

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George
& A. Gordon

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been able to discover how or in what way he can make friends satisfied signed Isaac Gifford & William Tucker Dec 25th 1854 which report the meeting after a series of deliberation are united in accepting & we do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious society the womens meeting chose with Moses Smith is named to inform him of this disownment & report to our next meeting.

John King
appointed
Clerk

We are informed through the north preparative meeting that John King is desirous of a removal consequent on his behalf to attend Monthly Meetings of Friends. Benjamin Potter & William Tucker are appointed to prepare one & present to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

Committee
care of
Nov 1854

The committee appointed last year to have the care of our meeting houses school grounds &c made the following report viz To the monthly meeting the committee appointed to have the care of our meeting houses school grounds &c report that they have attended to the service for which they were appointed, one or more of their number having attended all the funerals that have been held within our limits the past year agreeable to the requirements of our discipline. They would also mention for the attention of the Monthly Meeting that the burial ground at Oustmouth should be more properly considered agreeable to the maintenance of our discipline. On behalf of the committee Wm. Tucker Nov 25th 1854 which report is satisfactory to the meeting & the same committee now under appointment viz William Tucker, George Shry, George Smith, Isaac Potter, Humphreys, Joshua Gifford, Abraham Mansel & Christman are continued to that office for the ensuing year to report to this meeting at the end thereof & they are desired to encourage friends in taking the

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messary Currier having outcrippng grounds
properly owned.

Income
from
plantation
request

Mr. Abraham Cassel reports that
he has received from the B. S. Col. Socy. Institute on foremaning
two dividends amounting to \$22. Also an extra dividend
of 2 1/2 per cent for five years amot \$50. also received for
rent of marsh for the last year \$15. whole amount
Eighty five dollars being the income arising from
the Benjamin Backston request and has paid
the same to our Treasurer which is satisfactory
to the meeting.

George Henry Clarke.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting
reports they all attended. Geo. Henry Clarke

5th 1857

At Dartmouth the Mtg of Friends held
the 2nd 2nd 1857 by act and the representatives
appointed by the preparative mtg are from the
south Isaac King & Timothy King from the
north Benjamin Potter & Isaac H. Gifford
who are present except one for whose absence
a sufficient reason was assigned.

Meeting
inform

Mrs. Smith informs she has given
Daniel King information of his being
disinced from being a member of our religious
society.

Certificate
sent by

The Friends appointed at our last
meeting to prepare a certificate for John
Dunham present one which was read &
approved & directed to be signed by the Clerk
& forwarded to Friends of our Monthly meeting
at Friends the numerous meeting meeting
there with

Certificate
sent by
D. B. Brown

We have read a numerical Certificate
from Friends of our Monthly meeting of Friends
on behalf of Daniel C. White which was
read & accepted the numerous meeting
convening there with

George Henry Clarke

George Grace
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At Dartmouth the Mtg of Friends held
the 11th 28th 1857 by act and the representatives
appointed by the preparative mtg are from
the south Isaac King & Isaac Allen from
the north Isaac H. Gifford and Benjamin
Potter who are present.

Meeting
inform

We have at this time the acceptable
company of our beloved Friend John H.
Potter with a satisfactory certificate of conver-
sion from Friends of our Monthly meeting of
Friends held in New York City & endorsed
by Alumni Friends. Recently meeting
his company & Gospel labors have been
acceptable to us.

Meeting
inform

also the company of our
beloved Friend the Rev. Mr. Roberts companion
of John H. Potter with a certificate of conversion
from Friends Monthly meeting held at West
in Morrow Co Ohio expressive of his being
an Elder in good esteem & unity with this
for a set engagement his company has
been acceptable to us. The Clerk is
directed to furnish them with minutes
embracing the substance of this & to sign
the same on our behalf. Stating that they
have acceptably attended all the meetings
constituting this.

Meeting
inform

The Minutes have been
read at this time with answers from each
of the preparative meeting to the 1st 2d & 10th
and a Summary there of are directed to
be forwarded to our next Quarterly
Meeting. George Henry Clarke & Isaac H.
& Isaac H. Gifford are appointed our
representatives to that meeting. they are
directed to report their attendance our next
meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish
them with the minutes of our meeting
minutes & sign the same on our behalf

Thomson, and I. I have been by
 a written communication published their
 intention of taking each other in morning
 school which was noted by the meeting & they
 are desired to wait until our next
 meeting for an answer.
 George Henry Blakey.

At Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends
 held at 25th 1854 by order of the representatives
 appointed by the preparative Meetings from the
 south George Smith & John S. Gifford from
 the north William Tombs & Isaac S. Gifford
 were present.

Our beloved Friend Paol Ballou
 attended this Meeting with a satisfactory
 certificate of connection from Ferrisburgh Monthly
 Meeting of Friends held at Ferrisburgh and
 a statement by Ferrisburgh Quarterly Meeting
 bearing testimony of their united services
 as a minister & with his present religious
 engagements, his company & gospel labor
 have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk
 is directed to furnish him with a copy
 of a minute embracing the substance of
 this & sign it on our behalf.

We have read at this time 90 Copies
 of the London printed Epistle of last year
 one of which which was read & its contents
 is instructive & edifying to us.

An extract from our last year's Minutes
 containing the report of the Sacramental
 committee & order in regard to the 14th
 Queria to have been read & read & are satis-
 fying to us. These with the printed minutes
 of our last year's yearly meeting are directed
 to be forwarded & distributed among our
 members.

George Henry, Abner Potter, & Moses Smith were
 appointed a committee to write with a similar
 committee of our previous meeting in granting
 certificates to all children going to the boarding
 school also to forward the names of
 such children as they may think most
 suitable to receive the benefit of the charitable
 fund.

One of the representatives to our last
 Quarterly Meeting reports they were attended
 We have received the following report
 from our last Q. Meeting.

At Sandwich Quarterly Meeting of Friends
 held at Ferrisburgh 7th 1854
 that the representatives reported they had met
 together and were united in proposing that
 the sum of six hundred & fifty dollars be raised
 for the service of this meeting the ensuing
 year, which proposition was united with
 and our several Monthly Meetings are
 requested to forward their respective proportions
 of that sum to our Treasurer.

They also proposed the following
 appropriation of the stock to be raised for the
 service of this Meeting viz
 Sandwich Monthly Meeting to pay 20 per cent
 Pembroke " " " " 4 " "
 Wampanoag " " " " 2 " "
 Bostonworth " " " " 19 " "
 Westport " " " " 5 " "
 New Bedford " " " " 50 " "

which is satisfactory and the clerk is
 directed to inform our respective Monthly
 Meetings of this conclusion, from the
 minutes of the meeting Mr. C. Labor Blakey

Our Treasurer is directed to pay a proportion
 viz ten hundred & twenty five dollars & 50 cents
 to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting when the
 state of our treasury will admit.

We have read at this time a certificate from
 Smith's Monthly meeting of friends Ohio on
 behalf of Thomas W. Sudd to make him in
 the report found in marriage with Hannah P. Gifford
 whose parents is disapproving to the marriage if they have
 a number of surviving parents, making an appeal
 to prevent they are left at liberty to proceed with
 any advising with George & some William
 Tucker who are appointed to attend the
 solemnization thereof, that good order is
 observed, believe be certificate to be recorded
 and report to this meeting next month.

The parties being desirous to consummate
 their marriage on 14th Dec the 16th of next
 this meeting grants their request & liberty
 is given to hold a mtg at our meeting room
 at Westtown on that day at 10 o'clock
 George Henry Block

8th mo 1854 At Dartmouth Me. Mtg of Friends held
 8th mo 23rd 1854 by acts read the representatives
 appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from
 the South John King & Moses Smith from
 the North William Potter & George Henry
 who are present.

The year for which the
 clerk & assistant clerk of this meeting being
 expired George Henry is appointed clerk &
 Moses Smith assistant clerk for the year
 to come or until another appointment

Wm Sudd The committee appointed to attend the
 14th of Gifford's Marriage of this W. Sudd & Hannah P. Gifford
 Mtg duty report they attended to their appointment. that
 conducted it was orderly conducted & the certificate has
 been copied on our records.

The year for which the Overseers of
 the poor of this meeting being expired we
 appoint William Tucker. As above

George Grace
 & A. Gordon

Resolved that service for the year to come or until another
 appointment.

Catharine St. Gifford is appointed
 to unite with Otis Shown in visiting
 with Mrs. H. Allen on account of his decease
 one of the Committee having some that time
 deceased. they to report to this meeting with
 George Henry Block

9th mo 1854 At Dartmouth Me. Mtg of Friends held 9th mo 27th 1854
 by acts read the representatives appointed by the preparative
 meetings are from the South Anne Allen & Paul
 Fisher from the North Benjamin Potter and
 George Henry who are present except one for whom
 absence a sufficient reason was adduced.

The committee appointed to treat with
 William H. Allen made the following report
 viz To the Monthly Meeting our committee
 in the case of Wm. H. Allen have had an opportunity
 with him to some degree of satisfaction and
 W. H. Allen claims him to be desirous of retaining his
 continued right of membership signed Catharine St. Gifford
 member St. Gifford 9th mo 27th 1854. which the meeting
 are united in accepting & he having presented
 an acknowledgment the meeting are also united
 in accepting for satisfaction the reasons. Meeting
 writing therewith & Paul Fisher is named to
 inform him of his being continued a member of
 our religious society & report to this meeting next
 month.

The acknowledgment is as
 follows. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear
 Friends I have deviated so far from the good order
 of society as to marry one who is not a member
 for a which I desire Friends may so far see
 by act to let one remain a member signed
 William H. Allen Dartmouth 9th mo 7th 1854

9th 1854 50 copies of a minutes of deceased Friends issued by
Memorials on last year's meeting have been read & distributed
amongst our members.

The subject of bringing
business of this house & making such other repairs
committee as may be thought advisable being brought
before this meeting we appoint Abraham
Atkinson, Joseph Atwood & James Smith a committee
at their expense to have it done. Deacons on our Treasurer for
the amount of cost & report to this meeting
when accomplished.

The overseers are directed
to dispose of a lot of land more or less situated
situated on the water side a deed thereof on behalf of
lots of land this meeting, plan the words thereof in the
hands of our Treasurer & report when
accomplished. George Henry Clarke

9th (omitted) 9th The Queries have been read
at this time with answers from our preparative
meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th a summary thereof
was approved of & directed to be forwarded to our
next Quarterly meeting. Timothy Allen
Humphrey Anthony & William Potter
are appointed our representatives to that
Meeting & they are desired to report their
attendance to our next meeting. The Clerk
is directed to forward the necessary
extracts from our minutes & sign the same
on our behalf.

10th At Dartmouth monthly meeting of Friends
held 10th mo 25th 1854.
By act read the representatives appointed
by the preparative Meetings are from the
South Ezra King & Abraham Gifford
from the North William Tucker and
William Potter who are present.

Joseph Grace
& J. Gordon

10th 1854 One of the representatives appointed to attend our
Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended
except one for whom absence a sufficient reason
was assigned.

The Friend appointed to give
William W. Allen information of his being
informed continued a Member informs he has given him
that information.

William Tucker Forward
committee Potter & Abraham Budget are appointed
to settle with our Treasurer propose one for
the year to come, also propose a sum of money
necessary to be raised to meet our expenses for
the ensuing year & report to this meeting next
month.

We unite with our women's
Sabbath Meeting in accepting an acknowledgment
continued for satisfaction from Sylvia M. Leonard late
Further & in continuing her a member of
our religious society.

Being informed that
some of our books of records need new
binding George Henry is appointed to
have it done & report to this meeting when
accomplished. George Henry Clarke.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 11th mo 22^d 1854 By act read the representa-
tives from the preparative meetings are from the
South Humphrey Anthony & George Allen
from the North Isaac M. Gifford & Benjamin
Potter who are present.

The Queries have
been read at this time with answers from
each of our preparative meetings to the
1st 2^d & 10th & summary answers approved
of & directed to be forwarded to our next
Quarterly Meeting.

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Benjamin Potter Joshua M. Gifford and
Dora Wising are appointed our representatives
& are desired to report their attendance to our
next meeting. The clerk is directed to
forward the necessary extracts from our
minutes & sign the same on our behalf.

Treasurer
appointed
&c

The friends appointed at our last
meeting to settle with our Treasurer &c
made the following report, viz. To the Mo.
Meeting. The committee appointed last Mo.
to settle with our Treasurer &c have attended
to the service assigned to them and find
in his hands \$20.00. and propose to raise
for the year ensuing \$117.00. and propose
Esmer Wood for Treasurer which we
submit to the meeting on behalf of the
committee William Tucker 11th Mo 22^d 1854
all of which is satisfactory to the meeting
and accordingly Esmer Wood is appointed
Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year
or until another year & appointment,
and our preparative Meetings are directed
to raise their proportions of the sum
recommended & report when accomplished

books
returned

George Shury informs he has had
the 3 books rebound as directed best Mo
the cost one dollar & fifty cents he is directed
to call on our Treasurer for

Metg
expended

The committee appointed in the 9th
last to shingle the roof of this house &c
made the following report, viz. To the
monthly meeting now sitting. we your
committee to buy materials to repair
the meeting house at a spaniganet have
attended to our appointment, & have
accomplished it. & the whole cost is one
hundred forty eight dollars & 41 which
sum has been drawn from the Treasury
& receipts lodged with him

George
Harden

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Nov

on behalf of the Committee Abner Bristol
all of which is satisfactory to the Meeting.
George Shury clerk

12th 1854

Representatives
attended

Wm. S. H. S. S.
under

Committee
for
business

Committee
to
see
account

At Carborough Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 12th Mo 27th 1854. 154. attended the
representatives from the preparative Metg
are from the South Wm. Wising & Misses
Smith from the North William Tucker
& George Shury who are present except one.

One of the representatives appointed
to attend the last Quarterly Meeting
they all attended

And the following information
from the Treasurer through the South preparative
meeting viz. To the preparative Meeting
Wm. S. H. S. S. May inform that William W. Potter
has so far deviated from the good order
of our society as to many contrary to
discipline. 12th Mo 20th 1854. Timothly
Shury Joshua M. Gifford, Dora Wising,
& Esmer Wood and Benjamin Potter
are appointed a committee to treat with
him on that account & report to this
meeting next month

The year for which the Officers
of this meeting were appointed having
expired Isaac M. Gifford, Abner Bristol
and Howard Potter are appointed
to consider of & propose to our next meeting
the names of such Friends for that service
as they may think suitable

The information now laid before
this meeting it appears there is wood now
standing & owing to this meeting that
it would be desirable to have cut & whed
we appoint William Tucker, Abner Potter
& Howard Potter & Abraham Bristol a
committee to have about fifty cords

and disposal of report to this meeting when accomplished
George Henry Clarke.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held ^{the} 20th of 1855 by acts read the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Howard Potter & Timothy Skin from the North Isaac M. Potter and Isaac M. Gifford who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned

The committee in the care of Wm S. Allen made the following report to the Monthly Meeting, We your committee to visit William S. Allen have attended to a good degree of satisfaction he manifesting a regard for society and wish to be retained a

continued member - Benjamin Potter Moses Smith member in accepting and he having professed a communication expressive of a wish to be continued a member of our religious society which the Meeting after a time of deliberation are united in granting the women's meeting visiting there with Joshua M. Gifford is named to inform him there of and report to this meeting next month.

To the Monthly Meeting Dear Friends, Although I have married W. Allen out of the order of society I wish friend to pass it by & let me remain a member
Your friend William S. Allen

We unite with our Women Friends in the approval of a Memorial Certificate approved for Hannah P. wife of Thos. W. Ladd to the P. S. Ladd Smithfield Monthly Meeting of Friends

George Grace
of London

State of Ohio, which the clerk is directed to sign in our behalf & forward to that meeting.

The committee appointed last month to consider of & propose names for overseers of this meeting presented the following

To Dartmouth May 11th 1855 Dear Friends We the committee in the case of Overseers, now report that we have attended to that service & are united in proposing Benjamin Potter overseers George Henry, Humphrey Anthony, George Smith, Moses Smith, Timothy Skin, & Joshua M. Gifford to fill the station of overseers for the ensuing year, which we submit to the meeting signed on behalf of the committee Isaac M. Gifford 1855 which are satisfactory to the Meeting & they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment

Our beloved Friend Phoebe Gifford appeared before this Meeting a concern which had rested on her mind to attend in Gospel love the ensuing for P. S. Ladd Smithfield Quarterly Meeting of Friends and to appoint a few meetings amongst Friends & others as they may open the way.

Which claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting was freely united with & she left at liberty to proceed therein being a minister with whom we have unity. The clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting in furnishing her with a minute embracing the substance of this & sign it on behalf of this Meeting.

George Henry Clarke

Dec 1855

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held Dec 11th 28th 1855 by acts read the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Ephraim Gifford, Humphrey Anthony from the North William Potter & George Abney who are present.

Joshua W Gifford & W. Allen informs he has given William S. information of his being continued a member of our Religious Society

A removal certificate from Granville Monthly Meeting of Friends State of New York on behalf of Nathaniel Potter & Minor son Albert G. being read, was read and accepted the womens meeting uniting therewith

Had the following information from the Overseas through the South Preparative Meeting viz Co the Committee Preparative & Monthly Meeting this week have been informed that Leander Smith had married out of the order of our Society with one not a member Humphrey Anthony, Moses Smith Overseas Dartmouth Dec 21st 1855. Humphrey Anthony and Paul Fisher are appointed a committee to treat with him on that out and report to this meeting next month.

We are informed that the North Preparative Meeting's proportion of stock has been paid to our Treasurer George Abney 6th

George Grace
Isaac Braden

Dec 1855

At Dartmouth 100th meeting of Friends held Dec 11th 28th 1855 by accounts read the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Prime Allen & Moses Smith from the North William Tucker & Isaac W. Potter who are present.

The Quores have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative meetings a summary thereof was approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. Geo Abney, George Smith & Paul Fisher are appointed our representatives & desired to report their attendance to our next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to forward the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on our behalf. We are informed that our proportion of the Dec Meeting's stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

The Committee appointed to treat with Leander Smith are continued in charge thereof to report next month.

Phoebe W. Gifford returned at this time the certificate granted her in the Dec 1854 & informed she had been enabled through divine favour to accomplish the visit to the place of her own mind. She also produced a returning minute from Smithfield Quarterly meeting which is satisfactory to this Meeting.

We are informed Thomas Abney is desirous of a removal certificate to W. Allen's Monthly Meeting of Friends. William Potter & Isaac W. Gifford are appointed to prepare one on his behalf & present to our next meeting if nothing appear to prevent.

We are informed the South preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of stock to our Treasurer George Abney 6th

4th mo 1855

Representatives
to Mtg
Certificate removed
to New Bedford
to belong

At Dartmouth the Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th mo 25th 1855 by vote read the representation from the preparative Meetings are from the South Moses Smith & Abner Potter from the North Isaac W. Gifford & William Potter who are present.

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report they all attended except one who was prevented by sickness.

The committee appointed presented a certificate removed to New Bedford Monthly Meeting on behalf of Thomas Abney which was approved & directed to be signed by the clerk & forwarded to that Meeting. The Womens Meeting uniting there with.

The committee appointed in the 2nd mo continued at our last meeting to treat with Scudder Smith now made the following report viz To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting the committee that was appointed to treat with Scudder Smith on account of his Marriage out of the order of Friends have had continued conference with him and found a member good a good degree of satisfaction which we submit to the Monthly Meeting signed Humphrey Anthony & Paul Fisher 3rd mo 12 1855 which the Meeting we united in uniting and he having presented the following communication, The Meeting after due consideration thereon do hereby continue him a Member of our religious Society, the Womens Meeting uniting there with and Moses Smith is named to inform him there of.

The following act being read was satisfactory to the Meeting viz To the Monthly Meeting now sitting the end of the Institution for Savings the past year two dividends

price of Grace
to garden

Also received for rent of Marsh from the bequest of Benja. Westcott property \$13.
Dividends also read for wood that was cut on the several side of the road, on the Monthly meeting ground lot which had been paid to the Treasurer \$47.
In behalf of the committee Abraham Newell 4th mo 25th 1855.

We unite with our women
The other friends in continuing Kathy G. Allen late
continued with a member of our religious Society
a member
George Henry Clapp

5th mo 1855

L. Smith
informed

Decided a minute made
to 3rd Baker by

At Dartmouth the Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th mo 28th 1855 by vote read the representation from the preparative Meetings are from the South Ezra King and Joseph Shude, from the North William Tucker & William Potter who are present.

Moses Smith informs he has given Scudder Smith information of his being continued a member of our religious Society

The committee appointed 9th mo 1854 to dispose of a lot of land belonging to this meeting made the following report.

viz. To the Monthly Meeting agreeable to Decided a minute made 9th mo 1854 we have conveyed to 3rd Baker by deed to Job Baker the lot of land therein mentioned & paid the proceeds to our Treasurer viz \$35. And propose that the money be placed in the savings bank if agreeable to the Monthly Meeting on behalf of the Overseers Humphrey Anthony, Moses Smith 5th mo 11 1855. which is satisfactory to the Meeting & Abraham Newell is directed to place the balance of 34. after paying for the deed in the New Bedford Institution for Savings

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5th Mo 1855

Committee report
care of the
house

The committee appointed in the 11th Mo of last year to have the care of our meeting house ye make the following report viz -
To the Monthly Meeting, The committee appointed last year to have the care of our meeting houses, burial grounds &c. report, that they have attended to the service for which they were appointed, one or more of them have attended all the Funerals that have been held under the care of Friends within the limits of this Monthly Meeting. We have noticed some variation from what the Discipline recommends, in some of the inscriptions on some of the monuments set up in our burial grounds. It is desirable that all Friends should feel an interest in keeping strictly to the discipline in regard to the inscriptions alluded to. The committee think that the time has nearly come that the roof of the meeting house at Newtown and also a portion of the roof of the school should be shingled. In behalf of the committee William Tucker 5th Mo 23rd 1855
This report is satisfactory to the meeting.
And the same Friends namely William Tucker, George Abney, George Smith, Abner Potter, Humphrey Anthony, Joshua M. Gifford, Abraham Russell, C. S. Bacon, & Moses Smith, are appointed to the same service for the ensuing year or until another appointment to report but the end of the year.
And the same committee are directed to make the proposals &c. on our meeting house & school at Newtown & draw on our Treasurer for the amount expended & report to this meeting when accomplished. Benjamin Potter is appointed to assist them.
Our beloved Friend Phoebe M. Gifford informed this Meeting that she had a

proceeds Grace
to the Garden

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prospect of attending the ensuing yearly Meeting of Friends in New York which claiming the Minute of Friends for the Gifford mightly attention of this meeting was fully visited with & she left at liberty to proceed there in being a minister with whom we have unity & the clerk is directed to sign on our behalf a minute prepared for her by our women's meeting.
We unite with our women friends in denying the right of membership with Sarah Tallman late Anthony.
Our esteemed Friend Isaac M. Gifford informed this meeting that he had a prospect of attending the ensuing yearly Meeting of Friends of N York as companion to his wife Phoebe M. Gifford with which this meeting unites in being an Elder in good esteem with us & the clerk is directed to furnish him with minute embracing the substance of this & sign it on our behalf.
George Abney Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th Mo 27th 1855 by certificate the respective from the preparative Meetings conform the South Joshua M. Gifford and George Smith from the North Benjamin Potter & George Abney who are present.
Our beloved Friend Isaac M. Gifford attended this meeting with a certificate of connection from Mississinewa Monthly Meeting and endorsed by Northern Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Mississinewa S. A. 3rd Mo 17th 1855
Expression 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 Phoebe Bishop attended this Meeting with a certificate

of Communion from Norwich Monthly Meeting
Jan 1855 of Friends Comrade West, and endorsed by Betham
Quarterly Meeting held at Pelham 2nd mo 10 1855
expressive of unity with her as a minister
and with her present religious engagements
her company & gospel labors have been
satisfactory to us

Isaiah Thomas companion to Isaac Day
attended this meeting with a certificate from
Thomas New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends dated
attended at New Garden in Wayne Co. N. C. his company
and social deportment have been acceptable &
satisfactory to us.

William P. Barker & Sarah V. Barker
companion to Phoebe Bishop attended this
attended meeting with certificates of Communion from
Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends Comrade
West their company & social deportment
have been acceptable & satisfactory to us

Since the clerk is directed to unite with
the clerk of our women's meeting in furnishing
them respectively with minutes embracing the
substance of these and sign them on
our behalf.

The Minutes have been read at
this time with consensus to the 18th 2nd 10th
from each of our preparative meetings
summary answers approved of & directed to
be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting
and Benjamin Potter Joshua W.
Gifford & Moses Smith are appointed
our representatives to that meeting and
the clerk is directed to forward the
said extracts from our minutes & sign
the same on our behalf

These representatives are desired to report
their attendance to our next meeting
Phoebe Gifford attended at this time
the minute granted her last month

George's Grace
to the Garden

Jan 1855 to attend the sittings of New York Epistle Meeting
of Friends & informed the attendance was to
the full of her own mind. Isaac the
Gifford Gifford also returned the minute granted
her to a company her wife. The returning
minutes minutes granted them are satisfactory to
us.

George Abney clerk

Jan 1855 At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 7th mo 25th 1855 by acts read the representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from the
South Howard Potter & Timothy Allen
from the North William Potter & Isaac W.
Gifford who are present.

One of the representatives to our last
meeting reports they all attended.

Preced at this time 90 Copies of
the London printed general Epistle of last
year one of which was read & the excellent
advice therein is much to our satisfaction.
These Epistles with the 75 printed minutes
of our last Yearly Meeting which have been
used at this time are directed to be distrib-
uted amongst our members.

An Extract from our last Yearly
Meeting embracing the report of the
boarding school committee has been read
& read & Moses Smith, Horner Potter &
George Abney are appointed a committee
to unite with a similar committee of our
women's Meeting in granting certificates
to all children going to the boarding school
from within our limits. also to forward
the names of such as they may think most
desirable to receive the benefit of the charitable
fund. They are also ordered it appears our
proportion of stock called for by the Quarterly
Meeting is one hundred forty four $\frac{40}{100}$ dollars

Our Paper which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the
Deputies Treasurer of the Co Meeting when the State
of the Treasury will admit
George Henry Clarke.

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th Mo 22th 1855

8th Mo 1855 by called the representatives from the
preparative Meetings are from the south with
John King & Humphrey Anthony from
from the north William Tucker & Benjamin
Potter who are present.

The year for which the Clerk
Clerk & Assistant of this Meeting were appointed
assistant having expired George Henry is appointed
Clerk & Moses Smith assistant Clerk for the
year ensuing or until another appointment

is made at this time from N. Bedford
Monthly Meeting of Friends a removal
Certificate for George M. Francis, his wife
Mary Ann & their two minor children
family Joseph Pecker & Elizabeth Austin which

this meeting is united in emitting the
Womens Meeting concurring therewith

the unite with our Womens Meeting
in emitting a removal Certificate from
Certificate of our Monthly Meeting of Friends
on behalf of Mary T. Johnson wife of
David S. Johnson.

The year for which the Overseers of
Brethren of the Poor of this Meeting were appointed
Pastor having expired Messrs Tucker, Horns
Otis Hallow & Humphrey Anthony are
appointed to that service for the ensuing
year or until another appointment

is made
The Committee appointed in 5th Mo
last to have the roof of our meeting house
shingled at Newtown & a portion of the shed shingled
made the following report viz =

meeting since
to the garden

To the Monthly Meeting, we your Committee
appointed to have the roof of the Meeting house &
a portion of the shed at Newtown shingled
report that we have attended to our appointment
have had the roof of the Meeting house and
the front side of the roof of the shed shingled
& some other needed repairs done, the whole
expense of which is \$125.21 etc. On behalf of
the Committee Wm Tucker 8th Mo 22th 1855.
all of which is satisfactory to the meeting
and our Treasurer is directed to pay to
Wm Tucker the amount expended from
the State of the Treasury will admit
George Henry Clarke

Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 9th Mo 26th 1855 by called the
representatives from the preparative Meetings
are from the south Ephraim Gifford and
Humphrey Anthony from the north
Isaac Gifford and Benjamin Potter
who are present.

Our beloved Friend Thomas Jones
attended this Meeting with a Certificate
from Durham Monthly of Friends expressing
of their unity with him as a Minister and
with his present religious engagements, his
company & gospel labours have been
acceptable to us

Our esteemed Friend
Sevier Meador attended this Meeting as
companion to Thomas Jones with a certi-
ficate of concurrence from Durham
Monthly Meeting of Friends his company
and soled disportment have been acceptable
& satisfactory to us & The Clerk is directed
to unite with the Clerk of the womens
meeting in furnishing them with minutes
embracing the substance of the above

9th 1855 The Queries have been read at this time ^{and} with answers to the 1st & 10th and ^{the} answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Q^r Meeting George Army & Wm Tucker & George Allen are appointed our ^{answering} representatives to that Meeting, and they are desired to report their attendance to our next Meeting, and the Clerk is directed to forward the necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf
George Army Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 24th 1855 by order of the ^{10th mo 1855} representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South George W. Francis and Prime Allen from the North Isaac M. Potter and George Army who are present.

The representatives to our last ^{representatives} Quarterly Meeting report they collected ^{all attendees} ~~collected~~.

Abraham Russel & William Tucker are appointed a committee to settle with ^{to} our Treasurer propose one for the year ^{to} still with to come also to propose a sum of money ^{Treasurer} necessary to be raised to meet our expenses the ensuing year and report to this meeting next month

George Army Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 28th 1855 by order of the ^{our} ^{secret} ^{page} ^{news} representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South George W. Francis & Prime Allen from the North Isaac M. Gifford & George Army who are present

meeting once
at garden

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th mo 28th 1855 by order of the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South Abner Cappel and Joseph Stead from the North William Tucker & Isaac M. Gifford who are present.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative Meetings to the 1st & 10th a summary of which was approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting.

William Potter, Prime Allen and George M. Francis are appointed our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting who are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting.

The Committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer & ^{Treasurer} ^{appointed} ^{to} ^{of} ^{the} ^{Meeting} made the following report viz. To the ^{of} ^{the} ^{Meeting} ^{the} ^{Committee} ^{appointed} ^{last} ^{month} ^{to} ^{settle} ^{with} ^{the} ^{Treasurer} ^{of} ^{this} ^{Meeting} & for other purposes, have attended to that service & find in his hands eleven dollars & 9^{cts}. there is due to the Meeting about two hundred dollars for wood sold, the Committee propose to raise seventy five dollars for expenses of the Meeting for the ensuing year.

Osman Wood having expressed a desire for a number of years past & at this time particularly to be excused from serving any longer as Treasurer of this meeting on account of his age & infirmities. The committee propose the name of William Tucker for Treasurer for the year to come in behalf of the committee Abner Cappel
Dartmouth 11th mo 27th 1855

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The report is satisfactory to the meeting and William Tucker is appointed Treasurer for the ensuing year or until another appointment. And our preparative Meetings are directed to raise to raise their proportions of the sum we commanded report to this Meeting when accomplished
George Abrey Clerk

12th 1856 At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 26th 1855 by acts and the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south Timothy Allen and Ephraim Gifford from the North S. 1800 Mr. Potter & William Potter who are present

O Dudley Our beloved friend David Dudley attended this Meeting with a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from Sitchfield Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with him as administrator & with his present religious engagements, his company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend Joseph Taylor as companion to O Dudley attended this Meeting with a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from Sidney Monthly Meeting of Friends, his company & undeviating deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us

The Clerk is directed to furnish there with minutes embracing the substance of the above and sign the same on our behalf.

The representatives to our last quarterly Meeting report they all attended except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

George Abrey
Clerk

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1855 The Committee appointed 12th mo 1854 to have wood cut on the lot belonging to this Meeting made the following report. viz To the Monthly Meeting now sitting we your Committee do cut & sell wood on the Meetings lot have attended to our appointment & have cut & sold of Merchantable wood 47 cords 6 feet & 2 inches for \$199.02 also 14. 4 feet 7 in Trash wood for \$24.45 whole amount \$223.47

and have paid one hundred & twenty three dollars & 24 cents into the Treasury, and the balance will be ready soon. The cutting was paid by the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting amount is \$35.75 cents on behalf of the committee Abm Russell

Dartmouth 12th mo 26th 1855. also which Committee's satisfactory to the Meeting & the same continued Friends now under appointment viz William Tucker, Sbrer Potter, Howard Potter & Abm Russell are continued a Committee to complete the collection have about fifty cords more of wood cut & sold of the same & pay the proceeds to our Treasurer & report to this Meeting when accomplished
George Abrey Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 12th mo 26th 1856 by acts and the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south Joshua Gifford & Prine Allen from the North William Tucker & George Abrey who are present

The year for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed having expired & the subject claiming the attention of the Meeting were united in appointing the same friends viz Benjamin Potter, George Abrey

Humphrey, Anthony, George Smith, Moses Smith, Timothy Allen & Joshua M. Gifford to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

cut sides
of plates

We are informed by the Overseers that an act of all the births & deaths that have occurred within our limits the past year have been handed to the recorder.

P. Potter
dismissed of

We write with the women's meeting in disowning of Elizabeth Potter (daughter dismissed of her father) from being a member of our Religious Society.

George Henry, Clerk.

Jan 1856

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held Jan 27th 1856 by actived the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south George Allen & Moses Smith, from the North Isaac M. Gifford & George Henry who are present.

X.P. Miss
flash
piece

The South preparative Meeting informs their proportion of stocks has been paid to our Treasurer.

X.P. Miss
flash
piece

We are also informed that the South preparative Meeting's proportion of stocks had been paid to our Treasurer.

Received the following information through the South Preparative Meeting

Committee
visit

To the preparative Meeting this may inform that George G. Allen has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry one not in membership with us which we submit to the Meeting Timothy Allen & Joshua M. Gifford Overseers Jan 20th 1856 Prine Allen & Joshua M. Gifford are appointed to treat with him on that cut report to our next Meeting.

The committee continued 12 not last to finish the collection due for wood

old last year made the following report
To the Monthly Meeting the balance one hundred & 21/100 dollars due for wood sold has been paid to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting In behalf of the Committee William Tucker Dec 27th 1855 which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

Balance
paid
forward

M. Under
dismissed of

The Women inform that they have become to the conclusion to disown Mary Under wife of Henry Under & Sarah M. Under daughter dismissed of Thomas M. Under with which this Meeting writes

George Henry, Clerk.

Jan 1856

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held Jan 27th 1856 by actived the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South Abner Potter & Moses Smith, from the North William Tucker and Isaac M. Potter who are present.

William
continued
number

The committee appointed last month to treat with George G. Allen made the following report, viz. At the Monthly Meeting, we your committee in the case of George G. Allen inform that we have had an opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction and believe him to be sincerely desirous of remaining a member, signed Prine Allen Joshua M. Gifford Jan 26th 1856 which is satisfactory to the Meeting and he having presented a communication to this Meeting expressing a desire to be continued a member the meeting have come to the conclusion to grant his request the women's meeting uniting their wish Joshua M. Gifford is named to inform him above of report to this Meeting next month.

By information through the North preparative meeting we are informed

3rd 1856 Benjamin Potter requests a certificate to
to Potter request
participation in the
Monthly Meeting of Friends to
Mary Chase, William Tucker and
George Army are appointed to prepare
one on that act & present to this meeting and
nothing appears to prevent.

The Quois have been read at
this time with answers thereto from
Quois each of our preparative meetings a
summary thereof was approved of &
directed to be forwarded to our next
Quarterly Meeting. William Tucker
Dea. King & Prince Allen are appointed
our representatives to that meeting and
desired to report their attendance next
month. The Clerk is directed to
forward any necessary extracts from
our minutes & sign the same on our
behalf

George Army Clerk.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
12th 1856 held 4th 11th 23rd 1856 by acts read the
representatives from the preparative Mtgs
are from the south Abner Potter & George
Smith from the north George Army &
William Potter who are present.

One of the representatives to our last
Quarterly Meeting reports they all
attended

Joshua W. Gifford who was named
to inform George C. Allen of his being continued
a member of this meeting being absent is
continued in charge thereof to report next month

The Committee appointed last month to prepare
a certificate for Benjamin Potter to his wife's
Monthly Meeting on act of kneeling presented
one which was read approved & directed to be signed

received from
of London

by the Clerk & forwarded to that Meeting.
Received at this time the following
viz To the Monthly Meeting now sitting,
The Committee that has the care of the Benjamin
Dickinson bequest have received from the
Trustees Institution for Savings for the past year
\$2570
Bequest, Also for rent of Marsh
13.60
and for the privilege of sea wead
which has been paid into the
Treasury, on behalf of the committee

Abner Russell
Dartmouth 11th 11th 23rd 1856
which is satisfactory to the Meeting.
George Army Clerk.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
12th 1856 held 5th 11th 28th 1856 by acts read the representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from the south
Ephraim Gifford & George W. Francis from the
North William Tucker & William Potter
who are all absent except one

Joshua W. Gifford who was named
to inform George C. Allen of his being
continued a member of this meeting being
absent he is continued in charge thereof to
report to this meeting next month.

We concur with our women's Meeting
in disowning Hannah Stewart late member
from being any longer a member of our
religious society.
George Army Clerk.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 6th 11th 25th 1856 by acts read the representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from the south
Otis Shawmut & Abner Potter from the North
Isaac R. Potter & William Potter who are
present

Our beloved Friend Ann Mearns who attended this meeting & presented a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from White Water Monthly Meeting of Friends & endorser by White Water attended Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with her as a Minister & with her present religious engagements her company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend James Jones attended this Meeting & presented a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from Chinese Monthly Meeting of Friends & endorser by Vassalborough Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with him as a Minister & with his present religious engagements, his company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Our beloved Friend William Mearns who attended this meeting as companion to his wife & presented a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from White Water Monthly Meeting expressive of his being an Elder in good stead, his company & whole deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us. And the Clerk is directed to forward these with minutes embracing the substance of the above as directed to each & sign them on our behalf.

Poshua M. Gifford informs he has given George M. their information of his being continued a Member of our religious Society.

The Queries have been read at Christiana with answers from each of our preparatives answered meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th a summary thereof was approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. George & Mearns Isaac M. Gifford & Poshua M. Gifford are appointed our representatives to the Quarterly Meeting & desired to report their attendance next Month. The Clerk is directed to forward any queries or extracts from our minutes and

George Gifford
of the Garden

sign the same on our behalf

The Committee appointed last year to have the care of our meeting houses burial grounds & to attend at Funerals made the following report viz To the Monthly Meeting The Committee appointed in 5th mo last year to have the care of Meeting Houses Burial Grounds & to attend at Funerals report that they have endeavored to attend to the services for which they were appointed, we still have to inform that whilst Friends appear to be concerned to maintain our testimonies in regard to monuments erected in our burial grounds and inscriptions thereon, yet there is a departure from what our discipline requires by some who are not in profession with us in regard to the inscriptions. we would recommend a more proper enclosure around the burial ground at Newtown, one or more of the Committee have we believe attended at all the Funerals that have been held under the care of Friends within the limits of this Monthly Meeting on behalf of the Committee Moses Smith Dartmouth Dec 25th 1855. The report is satisfactory & believing usefulness might arise from a new appointment Isaac B. Gifford, Howard Potter, Humphrey Anthony & Priner Allen are appointed a committee to consider of & propose such names of Friends for a committee for that service as they may think suitable to our next meeting.

We concur with our own meeting in receiving a removed certificate from West Port Monthly Meeting of Friends on behalf of Hannah F. Davis wife of Davis John Davis George Henry Gifford

7th mo 1856

Representatives
all
present

Committee
appointed
Nov 7th 1856

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 23rd 1856 by call read the representatives from the preparative Meetings were from the South Benjamin Gidley & George Smith, from the North Isaac H. Gifford and Benjamin Potter who are present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended. The committee appointed last month to consider of & propose names of Friends to have the care of our Meeting houses several grounds & to call on all friends presented the following viz, William Tucker, Benjamin Potter, George Abney, Joshua H. Gifford, Otis Moccum, Moses Smith, Abram Knapp, George H. Francis, Abner Potter, Thompson, Anthony & Prax King which are satisfactory to the Meeting and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

We have recd at this time 90 copies of the London printed Epistle for 1855 one of which was read & was interesting & satisfactory to us, these Epistles with 70 copies of the printed minutes of our last quarterly meeting are directed to be distributed amongst our members.

An Extract from our last yearly Meeting embracing the report of the Boarding School Committee, advice in regard to answering Queries & to the appointment of Elders have been read & read. Moses Smith, George Abney & Abner Potter are appointed a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of our Womens Meeting in granting certificates to children going to the boarding school from within our

see Grace
To the Garden

7th mo 1856

Out from
Dartmouth

A. P. Barker
declined

limits, else to forward names of such as they may think most suitable to receive the benefit of the charitable fund.

By an account read it appears our proportion of the Quarterly Meetings stock is seventy six dollars (19 per cent) which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurers of the Quarterly Meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit.

The Committee appointed in 12th mo 1855 to treat with Abner P. Barker on act of his staying out of the order of our society made the following report, viz To Dartmouth Mo. Mtg. Dear Friends we your Committee in the case of Abner P. Barker reports that A. P. Barker have had an interview with him he received us kindly acknowledged he had an attachment for the society of Friends in preference to any other sect could not say he wished Friends to continue him a member, apprehending further labor from us will be unavailing we submit the case to the Monthly Meeting William Tucker George Abney Dartmouth 7th mo 23rd 1856 the meeting accepts the report and are united in disowning him from being any longer a member of our Religious Society the Womens Meeting concurring therewith & Isaac H. Gifford is named to inform him thereof & report next month.

George Abney Clerk

At Dartmouth Mo. Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 27th 1856 by call read the representatives from the preparative Meetings were from the South Joshua H. Gifford & Abner Potter from the North William Tucker & Benjamin Potter who are present.

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The year for which the Clerks & Assistants of this Meeting having expired George Abney is appointed Clerk & Moses Smith appointed assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment

Isaac M. Gifford informs he has not given Abner P. Barker information of his ^{not} informed disavowment, he is continued in charge thereof report next month.

The following information was presented by the Overseers viz To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Dear Friends This is to inform that William S. Potter has for a considerable length of time neglected the attendance of our Religious Meetings, and is about to unite himself with a society holding ^{different} principles & views different from those of Friends Benjamin Potter George Abney Treasurer 25th 1856 which being read Isaac M. Gifford and William Tucker are appointed a committee to visit him on that act and report next month.

Where for which the Overseers of the previous of this Meeting having expired William Tucker Thompson, Benjamin Potter Abner Potter & Ephraim Gifford are appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until another appointment

George Abney Clerk

At Dartmouth the Monthly Meeting of Friends held 15th 1856 by order of the Overseers from the preparative Meetings from the south Timothy Abner & Prince Allen from the north Isaac M. Gifford & William Potter who are present

Isaac M. Gifford informs he has given Abner P. Barker information of his being disavowed from being a member of our religious society

Answer Grace To the Garden

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The Minutes have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2d & 10th & a summary thereof approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. William Potter, Moses Smith & B. A. Abney are appointed our representatives & directed to report their attendance next month. The Clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf

The committee appointed last month to visit William S. Potter made the following report, viz To the Monthly Meeting Dear Friends We your committee in the case of Wm S. Potter now report, that we have attended to our appointment, and that he received us kindly & that after stating to him the objects of our ^{disavowment} visit he replied & said that for a considerable length of time he had found himself disagreeing with the discipline of our society, also that he was now engaged or about to engage in a theological study, to prepare himself for the ministry, and that we believe any further labor to restore him to our views & practices at present would be unavailing Isaac M. Gifford & William Tucker Committee of the 24th 1856 which report the meeting is united in accepting and we do hereby disavow him from being any longer a member of our religious society. The women's meeting concerning them with Isaac M. Gifford is named to inform him thereof & report to when accomplished or called upon by the meeting

Our much Esteemed Friend Abner Purstep having read & paid to the Treasurer of this Meeting the income arising from the Benjamin Whitelton bequest since the year 1828 until his decease in 1856 - 28 years we now appoint George Abney to receive on behalf of this Meeting & on behalf of the =

17th

9th 1855

Oversors any & all incomes arising from
said bequest & also the income from any other
property belonging to our Monthly Meeting
and pay the same to our Treasurer & present
an annual acct thereof to this Meeting. The said
Geo Army to act as above until otherwise
directed. George Army Clerk.

10th 1855

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 10th mo 2^d 1855 by act & order the representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from the south
George Allen & Otis Blossum from the North
William Tucker & George Army who are present
One of the representatives to our last
Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended
Abner Potter & Benjamin Potter are
appointed a committee to settle with our Treasurer
propose one for the ensuing year, also propose
a sum of money necessary to be raised to
meet our expenses for the year to come &
report next month.

representatives
attended

committee
for
Treasurer

the given
by

the father

We are informed there
is in the hands of the Overseors 40 dollars
given for the use of this Meeting by our dear
deceased friend Maria Barker. The Overseors
are directed to pay the same to our Treasurer
it being the judgement of this Meeting that
it should be appropriated towards a new
enclosure around the burying ground
at New Town. George Army, Clerk.

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of
Friends held 11th mo 2^d 1856 by act & order
the representatives from the preparative
meetings are from the south John
Wing and Ephraim Gifford from the
North George Army and Benjamin
Potter who are present

11th mo
1856

The Queries have been read at this ^{14th} time
with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th
from each of our preparative Meetings
a summary of which was approved of
and directed to be forwarded to our
next Quarterly Meeting. George Army
Moses Smith, and Joshua M Gifford
are appointed to attend the Quarterly
Meeting as our representatives and
they are desired to report their attendance
next month. The Clerk is directed
to forward any necessary extracts from
our minutes & sign the same on
our behalf.

Treasurer
settled

The Committee appointed
last month to settle with our Treasurer
Co. Made the following report -
Via. To the Monthly Meeting, The committee
appointed last month to settle with our
settled Treasurer & have attended to the object of
with our appointment. We find in the Treasury
one hundred & one dollars & one cent. =
we are of the opinion that it is not necessary
to raise any money for expenses of the Meeting
the ensuing year, and propose the name
of William Tucker for Treasurer for the year
to come which we submit to the meeting
Benjamin Potter, Abner Potter 11th mo 2^d 1856
which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and
accordingly William Tucker is appointed
Treasurer for the ensuing year or until
another appointment.

W B Potter
informed

Benjamin M. Gifford informs hereby
given William B. Potter information
of his being disowned from being a member
of our religious Society.

This Meeting being informed that
there is a person wishing to purchase a lot
of land belonging to this meeting =

lying on the east side of the road leading
Committee to Mussels Mills, we appoint William
in regard to Potter, Shner Potter, Howard Potter,
Wood lot, George Smith, and Moses Smith to
consider of the subject & have the lot
surveyed and report their judgement
in the case next month.

We unite with our womens
Certificate Meeting in receiving a removal Certif
icate from Westport Monthly Meeting of
Friends on behalf of Mary G. Potter wife
of Benjamin Potter

George Shury Gledy

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
12th 1856. held 12th mo 21st 1856 by acts read the
representatives from the preparative Mtgs
are from the south Joshua Gifford &
Moses Smith, from the North William
Tucker & William Potter who are present
representations One of the representatives to our last
attended Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended

The Committee appointed last month
to consider of the propriety of disposing of a
Committee wood lot & report they have given some
consideration to the case but are not ready to
report make a full report they are continued
in charge thereof to report next month

Received the following communication
from Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends
viz through Falmouth Preparative Meeting
Apr 21st we have received the following complaint against
Septimus Swift. viz To Sandwich Monthly
Meeting, Septimus Swift had so far de-
viated from the good order of our Society as to
many contrary to the rules of our discipline
and to absent himself from our religious
meetings Stephen Dillingham, Barnabas
Bowman, Arnold Gifford - transers

And he now residing within the limits of Dartmouth
Monthly Meeting, it is concluded to refer the case to
that meeting and request them to attend such case
& assistance as may appear proper & inform this Meeting
of the result, and the Clerk is directed to forward to
that meeting a copy of the Complaint, with the
substance of this minutes. Extracted from the
minutes of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends
held at Dartmouth 11th mo 7th 1856 David H. Ash
Clerk, which this meeting accepts and Resolves
that Gifford & George Shury are appointed a
Committee to visit them on that case & bestow
such labour as they may apprehend the case
calls for and report next month.

George Shury Gledy

12th 1857 At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held
14th mo 28th 1857 by acts read the representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from the
south George Smith & Moses Smith, from
the North William Potter & George Shury
who are present.

The Committee to consider the
Committee propriety of disposing of a wood lot
not being ready to make a full report
continued are continued in charge thereof to report
next month

The Committee to treat with
Septimus Swift not being ready to report
continued they are continued in charge thereof to
report next month.

George Shury Gledy

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2^o
mo 25th 1857. by acts read the representatives
from the preparative Mtgs are from the south
John Shury & George Allen from the North
William Tucker & Benjamin Potter
who are present.

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25th 1857

The committee appointed in 11th mo last to consider the propriety of selling a lot of land belonging to this meeting made the following report viz The of the committee appointed 11th mo last to take into consideration the propriety of selling part of the wood lot that belongs to the Monthly Meeting report we are united in opinion that it is not for the interest of society to sell it which we submit to the meeting. Howard Potter, George Smith, Moses Smith, Abner Potter June 5th 18th 1857 which the meeting and the committee are discharged from further attention thereto.

We unite with our women's meeting in disowning Rhoda D. Poor late Sherman disowned from being any longer a member of our religious society

Selling land committee

The following information respecting Abner T. King was recd through the South meeting viz To the preparative meeting they may inform that Abner T. King has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry one who is not a member of our society. Tim. H. Allen Joshua M. Gifford Dec^r 18th 1857, Otis Shuman & Ephraim Gifford are appointed to treat with him on that account and report to this meeting next mo.

Committee for Overseers

The year for which the Overseers of this Meeting were appointed having expired we appointed Isaac M. Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Abner Potter, George Abney & Moses Smith, to consider & propose to our next meeting the names of several friends as they may think suitable for that service

Swift report of committee

The committee appointed in 12th mo last to treat with Stephenus Swift made the following report viz To the Monthly Meeting the above committee to visit Stephenus Swift on an act of a complaint from the Overseers of Sandwich Monthly

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Meeting report that we have had an interview with him, he fully justifies himself in the course he has taken, and was satisfied with & should continue to attend the Meetings of those who have seceded from our religious society, believing further attention from us will be unwarrantable we submit the case to the Monthly Meeting. Isaac M. Gifford, George Abney Dec^r 25th 1857. which after a time of consideration the meeting is united in accepting & the clerk is directed to forward a copy of the report with such extracts from our minutes as may be thought necessary to send to the No. of Friends

We are informed the Overseers have handed to the recorder an act of all the births & deaths that have occurred within our limits the past year

George Abney & Clerk.

Dec^r 1857

At Dartmouth Mo Meeting of Friends held Dec^r 25th 1857 by act and the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south Anthony Humphrey Anthony & Ephraim Gifford from the North Isaac M. Gifford & William Tucker who are present.

Committee two part.

The committee appointed last month to treat with Abner T. King inform that they have paid some attention to the case but not being ready to make a full report they are continued in charge thereof to report next mo.

Queries answered

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative Meetings, a Summary there of was approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. William Potter, Joshua M. Gifford & Howard Potter are appointed to attend as our representatives & desired to report their attendance to our next meeting. The clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf

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Dec 1857

We are informed our proportion of Quarterly Meetings, & costs has been paid to the Treasurers of that Meeting.

Business
appointed

The committee appointed last month to propose names for Treasurers of this Mtg. presented the following, Benjamin Potter, George & Henry George Smith, Moses Smith, Timothy Ashin, Rodina M. Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, & Braithing, which being read with they are accordingly appointed to perform for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Communication
from
Sandwich
Meeting

Received & accepted the following information from Sandwich Monthly Meeting by To Carborough Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends, We have received your communication in the case of Hyman's draft, referred to you by minute of our last. And after a time of consideration and having the concurrence of our women's meeting, we are united in denying him the right of membership with us. And the clerk is directed to forward the substance of this minute to your meeting & request you to inform him of his denial and right of appeal. From the minutes of Sandwich Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Carborough Dec 18th 1857. David H. Ashin Clerk. Humphrey Anthony appointed to inform him of his being disowned from being a member of our religious society by Sandwich Monthly Meeting report next month.

Our beloved Friend Probe M. Gifford in a weighty manner shewed before this Mtg. that Gifford a concern which has rested on her mind for some length of time to perform in gospel love a visit to Friends within the limits of Sandwich yearly Meeting, in attending their Meetings & appointing Meetings among Friends and others not members of our religious society as way may open for it in the truth

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which claiming the weighty consideration of this Meeting was feelingly united with & she left at liberty & encouraged to proceed there in being a Minister with whom we have unity. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the women's Meeting in furnishing her with a certificate embracing the substance of the above & sign it on our behalf.

George Henry Clerk

1857

At Carborough Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th 18th 22d 1857. By acts read the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South Otis, Accorn & Abner Potter from the North Paul M. Gifford & Benjamin Potter who are present

Representatives
all
attended

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports they call attended. The committee appointed in Dec. last to treat with Abner T. Strong made the following report. To the Monthly Meeting. - We your committee in the case of Abner T. Strong have attended to our appointment and found him desirous of being continued in membership with us which we submit to the Monthly Meeting Otis, Accorn, Appocorn Gifford 11th 17th 1857, which being read the meeting is united in unity & she having presented a communication requesting to be continued a member, the Meeting hereby grants his request the women's Meeting uniting therewith, Abner Potter jun is named to inform him of his being continued a member and report next month.

Abner T. Strong
continued
a
member

Humphrey
Anthony
has
given
over
his
draft

Humphrey Anthony informs he has given over our draft information of his disownment by Sandwich Mtg. Meeting. The clerk is directed to inform that Meeting then of

W. Kelly
member of
18th Nov 1857

Recd the following from South Bedford Monthly Meeting, To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting.
Dear Friends Wm Kelly who was formerly a member of and disowned by your Meeting, has requested to be received into membership with us, having made due enquiry by a committee, we are united in receiving him provided there is no objection on your part signed on behalf of S Bedford Monthly Meeting held 5th Nov 26th 1857. Charles M. Tucker clerk, which claiming the consideration of this Meeting, & nothing appearing to hinder his being received to membership the clerk is directed to give this information to that Meeting.

B. Winslow
request to
member of

Bra Winslow Jun having for several months through the north preparative Meeting a request to become a member of our religious society we appoint Isaac M. Gifford, George Henry & William Potter to visit him & endeavour to find the sincerity of his request and fitness to become a member report next month.

Wm Gifford

Our beloved Friend Isaac M. Gifford informed this Meeting that he felt it right to stand signed to accompany his wife Phoebe M. Gifford in her proposed religious visit to Friends & others within the limits of S. for the Yearly Meeting, which claiming the weighty consideration of this Meeting was feelingly invited with will he felt at liberty to proceed therein, being an older in good esteem with us. The clerk is directed to write with the clerk of the women's Meeting in favour of him with a certificate embracing the substance of this & sign it on our behalf.

George Henry Clerk

18th Nov 1857

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5th Nov 27th 1857. By acts and proceedings from the preparative Meetings are from the South of Wm Gifford & Joseph Hind from the North William Tucker & William Potter who are present. Abner Potter reports he has informed Abner T. King of his being continued a member of our religious society.

The committee appointed last month to visit Ezra Winslow Jun on act of his request made the following report, viz To Dartmouth Monthly Meeting Dear friends We the committee appointed in the case of Ezra Winslow Jun, were not able to visit him on act of his request he received us kindly, but we were not able to discover that the time had yet fully come to receive him into membership which we submit to the meeting. Isaac M. Gifford, William Potter & Geo Henry 5th Nov 26th 1857. The meeting is united in accepting the report and the committee are discharged.

Committee to have
been
report.

The committee appointed in 1855 to have a wood cut on the lot belonging to this Meeting made the following report. To the monthly Meeting your committee having charge of cutting & selling a wood report that they had severed three & one half cords of No. 1 white oak & eight & one half cords of refuse wood cut & sold last year, amounting to eighty nine & 83/100 dollars after paying expenses of cutting, which amount has been paid to the Treasurer of the Meeting on behalf of the committee Abner Potter Jun 5th Nov 27th 1857. which is satisfactory to the Meeting & Abner Potter Jun, George Smith, Moses Smith & Benjamin Potter are appointed

15th Nov 1857

Committee
to make
arrangements
at Dorchester

to have the care of disposing of what arrangements
to have about fifty cords
more but a report of it & report to their Wets
when accomplished.

The subject of having a better enclosure
around our burying ground at Dorchester
having claimed the attention of friends
William Tucker, William Potter and
Benjamin Potter are appointed to
have a view suitable one made & report
to this meeting when accomplished
George Henry Clerk.

18th Nov 1857

At Dorchester Monthly Meeting of Friends
held the 24th 1857 by vote the representatives
from the preparative Meetings are from the
South Joshua M. Gifford & Moses Smith
from the North William Tucker & Benjamin
Potter who are present.

Committee
to have
care of
funerals

The committee appointed in Jan^o
last year to have the care of our Meetings &
burial grounds & to attend at Friends
made the following report viz, To Dorchester
Monthly Meeting we the committee appointed
to attend & have the care of funerals burial
grounds &c reports we have attended all
funerals which have been held under
the care of Friends within the limits of this
Meeting & believe they were orderly conducted
& that the order of discipline has been so far
observed with regard to the inscriptions on
stones & other subjects as to be satisfactory to the
committee signed on behalf of the committee
Moses Smith Nov^o 24. 1857 The report is
satisfactory since the same friends were with
appointment (with the exception of our
deceased one above named) are continuing
for that service next year their
names are William Tucker, Benjamin

William Potter, George Henry, Joshua M. Gifford,
Oth. Norman, Moses Smith, George M. Thomas,
Abner Potter jun^r, Humphrey Arthur, & Ezra
Wing

Queries
answered

The Queries with answers to the 1th
D^o & 10th from each of our preparative Meetings
have been read & read & summary answers
approved of & directed to be forwarded to our
next Quarterly Meeting. George Henry
John Wing & William Potter are
appointed to attend as our representatives
They are desired to report their attendance
next month & the Clerk is directed to forward
any necessary extracts from our minutes &
sign the same on our behalf.

Out of
the
request.

The following act was read & read
& is satisfactory. - To the Monthly Meeting
the following is an act of the income arising
from the Benjamin Bricketson bequest the
past year -
viz Two dividends from the D^o of Dorchester £26. 0/4
institutions for savings
For rent of Marsh £12. 2/5
£38. 2/9

which has been paid to the treasurer of the
Monthly Meeting. George Henry
Dorchester the 20th Nov 1857.

P. Gurnea
attended

Our beloved Friend Priscilla Green
from Gutterton attend this Meeting and
attended previous satisfactory certificates from that to
the Mtg held at Dorchester County of Essex
England - The Quarterly Mtg of Essex & the yearly
Mtg of Ministers & Elders

M. Richardson
attended

Also our beloved friend Mary Richardson
who is engaged with Priscilla Green in
religious service, who procured satisfactory
certificates from the Mtg of Pardshaw
the Quarterly Mtg of Cumberland & Westmorland
held at Wigton and one from

The Morning Meetings of Ministers & Elders that in London all expressing unity with them as Ministers of the Gospel & with their present religious engagements. Their company & gospel labors have been satisfactory & acceptable to us
George Abney Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th mo 2^d 1857. by act and the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south William Gifford & Abner Potter from the north George Abney & Benjamin Potter who are present

One of the representatives to the Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended report except one

Extracts from our Yearly Meeting embracing the report of the board of school committee & information respecting the admission of members to the Meetings of ministers & Elders have been read & read & are satisfactory. George Abney, Moses Smith, Ephraim Gifford & Abner Potter are appointed a committee to write with a similar committee of our own Meeting granting certificates to children going to the boarding school from within our limits also to forward names of such as may apply to receive the benefit of the charitable fund

90 copies of the London printed Minutes of last year have been read one of which was read at this time which is satisfactory to us then with 75 copies of the printed Minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are directed to be distributed amongst our Members

George Abney Clerk

8th mo 1857

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th mo 2^d 1857. by act and the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south Timothy Skin & Paul Fisher from the north William Potter & George Abney who are present.

blocks appointed

The year for which the Clerk & Assistant Clerk of this Meeting were appointed having expired George Abney is appointed Clerk and Moses Smith assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

oversight of the poor

The year for which the Overseers of the Poor of this Meeting were appointed having expired William Tucker Otis Abner, Humphrey Anthony, & Abner Potter Jun are appointed to that service for the ensuing year or until an other appointment

By act of the Meeting

By an act read at this time it appears our proportion of Quarterly Meetings stock is \$75.00 dollars, our Treasurer is directed to pay that amount when the state of the treasury will admit

George Abney Clerk

9th mo 1857

At Dartmouth Mo Mtg of Friends held 9th mo 2^d 1857 by act and the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south Ephraim Gifford & Abner Potter Jun, from the north William Tucker & Benjamin Potter who are present.

Queries answered

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st & 10th from each of our preparative Meetings, a summary of which was approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. William Tucker, William Potter & Humphrey Anthony are appointed representatives to the Q^r Meeting and the Clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf

passed the following through the South preparative Meeting - to the preparative Meeting. This may inform that Benjamin B. Allen has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry one who is not in membership with us. Timothy Allen Joshua M. Gifford 9th mo 16th 1857. Paul Fisher and Moses Smith are appointed to visit him on that act & report to this meeting next mo. George Army clerk

10th mo 1857 At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10th mo 28th 1857 we received from representatives from the preparative Mtgs are from the South since & also from Newbury Anthony from the North Isaac M. Gifford and George Army who are present.

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended. The committee appointed last month to visit with Benjamin B. Allen made the following report viz to the monthly Mtg. Be your committee appointed last month to visit with Benjamin B. Allen on acct of his deviation in marriage report we had an opportunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction he manifesting a number regard for society & wishes to remain a member. Paul Fisher, Moses Smith -

10th mo 1857 which is satisfactory to the meeting & he having presented a committee desiring to remain a member the meeting is united in granting his request. The next meeting visiting them with Joshua M. Gifford is named to in join him there of report next month. George Army & Isaac M. Gifford are appointed a committee to settle with our Treasurer propose one for the 1st to come also propose some necessary to our real to meet our expenses the committee to report next mo. George Army clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 18th mo 25th 1857 we received representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South Ezra King & Paul Fisher from the North William Fisher & Benjamin Potter who are present.

Our beloved friend Joseph M. Peck attended this meeting with a satisfactory exhibit of concern from Unity Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lebanon a signifier of their unity with him as a minister & with his present vigorous engagements his company of Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

Also Martha B. Peck Companion to her husband J. M. Peck with a satisfactory exhibit from Unity monthly Meeting held at Lebanon her company and service department have been acceptable & satisfactory to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the evening Mtg in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of the above as it relates to each they having attended all the Mtgs constituting this.

The Minutes with a warrant to the Mtg of 10th from each of our preparative Mtgs have been read & summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. William Fisher & Timothy Gifford & Moses Smith are appointed to attend as our representatives they are desired to report their utterance to this meeting next month and the clerk is directed to copy any message extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf.

The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer & make the following report viz to the Mo Meeting. The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer & have attended to that service and find a balance in his hands of eighty =

11th Nov 1857

Nov 9th for old bills and fees, on the 20th we were
money for the purchase of the meeting that year
and prof on William Tucker for the same
Cash on the 11th Nov 1857 on behalf of the committee
Henry Potter gave which is satisfactory to the
meeting & accordingly William Tucker is appointed
treasurer of this meeting for the ensuing year or
until another appointment.

The committee appointed in to Nov had to
bring in a better enclosure made around our
meeting ground at Newtown made the following
report to the Monthly Meeting. The committee
appointed some time past to attend to enclosing
the burial ground at Newtown report that
they have attended to that service and have
had twenty eight & one half rods of new wall
made & six rods of old wall rebuilt at a
cost of one hundred and twenty five dollars
which are added to the meeting. On the 20th
11th Nov 25th 1857 on behalf of the committee William
Tucker which is satisfactory & our Treasurer
is directed to pay the amount of said expense
when the state of the Treasury will admit
the \$40.00 given by our state friend Maria
Kirk to be appropriated in part payment as
directed by this meeting in Nov 1856

Rev. Gifford Duke has been ordained at this time
and the certificate granted her in Nov last for a
testimonial service within the limits of New York by the
meeting. She had been married to a man of the
same name to the comfort & relief of her
own mind. Also presented returning minutes
from the following meetings viz one from the
Yearly Meeting of Ministers held in New York
on each from Saratoga West Lake held at Ham
Potts, Marlbury, Purchase, Nine Partners
& Manford Quarterly Meetings, also from
Saratoga the 11th held at Pickinghamade
New York Street Monthly Meeting held at

Township Farmington and Rochester Monthly
Meetings expressive of unity with with her visit and
services

George & Henry Gifford

12th Nov 1857

The District Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 12th Nov 28th 1857 from 10th we read from
the Preparative Meetings the representatives
are from the South Joseph Smith & Posina
M. Gifford, from the South William Potter
& Isaac M. Gifford who are present.

Minutes

The Clerk being absent the Minute Clerk
is appointed Henry Gifford for the day.

Business

One of the representatives appointed
last month to attend the Yearly Meeting
reports that they will attend it.

Rev. Gifford

Rev. Gifford returned the
certificate granted him in 11th month last
to accompany his wife to the Gifford
on her religious visit to Friends & others
within the limits of a Yearly Meeting
Meeting. He also returned satisfactory
minutes expressive of his acceptable
attendance.

William Tucker Clerk for the day

11th Nov 1858

The District Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 11th Nov 27th 1858 by request the representatives
from the Preparative Meetings are from the
South Jonathan Kirby & Abner Smith
from the North George Henry & Benjamin
Potter who are present.

Minutes

Received & accepted a testimonial
certificate from Rev. Gifford on behalf of Friends
Meeting of Friends on behalf of Friends
Henry his wife Sarah and their two
Miss Children viz Sarah & Sophia the
Women's Meeting uniting therewith

193,
Febr 1858

with deaths
transact
to consider

We are informed the Overseers have handed
to the records an act of the British & Indians
that have occurred within our bounds the
past year.

Our beloved Friend Phoebe the
Gifford in a worthy manner informed
Miss Bentley that she felt her moral
decision in Gospel love to wait a great
part of the Families of Providence at Monthly
Meetings, and to attend to such
brother Prelogians, service within the
limits of the Middle Island Quarterly Meeting
as Truth may give the way for, which
claiming the deliberate consideration of the
Meeting was united with and she left
at liberty to proceed therein as best wisdom
may direct, being a minister in unyielding
good esteem with us. And she is
directed to unite with the State of the
Societies Meeting in furnishing her
with a minute embracing the substance
of the above design at our behalf.

And her husband Isaac M. Gifford
is appointed to make the necessary arrangements
to carry out the above concern.

George Army Clerk

Febr 1858

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 2^d mo 24th 1858 by authority
the representatives from the Preparative
Meetings are from the south Prime Collier
and John King from the North Isaac
M. Gifford & William Tucker who
are present except one

George Army Clerk

Febr 1858

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2^d mo 24th 1858
by authority the representatives from the Preparative Meetings
are from the south, Paul Fisher & George Smith, from
the North Benjamin Collier & George Army who are
present.

Isaac M. Gifford rendered a satisfactory reason
for his not attending our last Monthly Meeting as
representative.

The Queries have been read at this
time with answers from each preparative Meeting
a summary of which was approved & directed to be
forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. Isaac M. Gifford
George M. Francis & Paul Fisher were appointed to
attend the Quarterly Meeting as our representatives,
& desired to report their attendance next month.
The Clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts
from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf.

Queries
considered

Q^r Meeting
State of

Our proportion of Quarterly Meeting State
has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

Q^r Meeting
State of

The year for which the business of this
Meeting were appointed having expired & the
subject having claimed the deliberate consideration
of the Meeting we are united in appointing Benjamin
Collier, George Army, George Smith, Moses
Smith, Timothy Skin, John M. Gifford,
Benjamin Anthony & Ezra King to that service
for the ensuing year or until another appointment.

Q^r Meeting
State of

George Army Clerk

Febr 1858

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 11th mo 25th 1858 by authority the representa-
tives from the preparative Meetings are
from the south Josiah Smith & Isaac
M. Gifford from the North William Tucker &
William Tucker who are present.

Q^r Meeting
State of

The representatives to our last Quarterly
Meeting were by meeting great may with a hundred
George Army Clerk

1888
11. 26. 1888
held at the 26th of 1888 by invitation of the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South Hampshire & Boston & also from the North West Mass. Teachers & Deacons & Gifford who are present.

Read the following viz -
To the Monthly Meeting the following is a request of an act of the income from the Benjamin & Deborah Leitchson bequest the part of a bequest viz two dividends from the Methodist Institution for Savings
For rent of a house
Which has been paid to the Treasurer of the Monthly Meeting
George Henry on behalf
4th 25, 1888 with the Treasurers

Phoebe Leitchson returned at this time & prepared the certificate granted her in 1886 last year amounting to \$100 & in annual it had been amounting to \$100 satisfaction of her own mind she also presented a subscription from her income of \$100 & it was considered satisfactory
George Henry on behalf

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with their present religious engagements their company & Gospel labor have been acceptable to us

Our beloved friend Lydia Thompson attended this 1st Annual Meeting as companion to her husband. Elizabeth Thompson attended with a satisfactory certificate of conversion from the Monthly Meeting her company & kind deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us

The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of our women's meeting in furnishing them with minutes embracing the substance of the above & sign them on our behalf

The Treasurers have been read at this time the answers from each of our preparative Meetings to the 1st of 10th from which summary answers were approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Annual Meeting. Benjamin Dotter, Mrs. South & Joseph E. Smith are appointed as our representatives & directed to report their attendance to our next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to forward one copy of the same to our next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to forward one copy of the same to our next Meeting

The Committee appointed to attend at Concord & Concord the following report. To the Monthly Meeting the Committee on preparative districts grounds & grounds & reports with general order the case of friends have been attended by our officers of the Committee & have been orderly conducted. In some of the monuments in our burial grounds the inscriptions are in the limits of our discipline. In behalf of the Committee the affair Dotter Jan 20th 1888 advised the members of the committee have been satisfied & report of the committee and the following friends are now appointed to act as our representatives for the coming year to unite in our next Annual Meeting and the same are William L. Gifford, Benjamin Dotter, Elizabeth Thompson, Lydia Thompson, Mrs. South & Joseph E. Smith

At Cantonment Monthly Meeting of Town of
7th Mo 25th 1858. The undersigned the preparative letters
from the preparative Meeting from the South
Gifford George Smith from the North
to be read William Potter was present.
The preparative letters to our last Quarterly
Meeting which they are attended.

Reports from our last Quarterly Meeting
embracing the report of the boarding school
committee was read and some issues which
arose were explained of the same printed & with a
copy of the same the reading of which is desired to our
meeting to be read at the meeting
in which the committee with 75 bibles
the amount of money to be distributed in
the usual way.

The committee with our women's
committee presenting a renewed certificate from
monthly Meeting of funds on behalf of a
committee.

George Abney, Abner Potter, James
Potter, William Gifford & the undersigned were
present and presented a letter to the committee
of our women's Meeting in granting a certificate
to be presented to the boarding school from our
committee, also to be read names of such
as may wish to reside the benefit of the
circulating fund.

By our last issue from our last
meeting it appears our proportion of quarterly
contribution is of dollars, which our Treasurer is directed
to pay to the Treasurer of that Meeting when
in funds. George Abney Clerk

8th Mo 1858 At Cantonment Monthly Meeting of
held 8th Mo 25th 1858 By acts read the
preparative letters from the preparative Meeting
are from the South Allen Howland

8th Mo 1858 and Joshua M. Gifford, from the North
William Furber & George Abney who
are present.

The year for which the clerk
and assistant clerk of this Meeting were
year for appointed having ^{Geo. Abney wishing to be elected} expired
clerk having claimed the attention of the
Meeting it is left with the present preparative
letters for them to consider of & report next
Month.

The year for which the overseers of
the Poor of this Meeting were appointed
having expired we appoint William
Furber, Abner Potter, James Paul Fisher
& Ezra King to that service for the ensuing
year or until another appointment.

Our beloved Friend Deborah G.
Winsdale attended this Meeting and
presented a satisfactory certificate from
Newport Monthly Meeting held 7th Mo
of 4th Mo 1858 endorsed by Westport Quarterly
Meeting held at Newport expressive of
unity with her as a minister & with her
present religious engagements her company
& Gospel labours have been acceptable to
us.

Our beloved Friend Maria Willits
attended this Meeting as companion
to Deborah G. Winsdale with a satisfactory
certificate from Newport Monthly Meeting
held 7th Mo of 4th Mo 1858. her company & solid
deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory
to us. The clerk is directed to unite with
the clerk of the women's Meeting in furnishing
them with minutes embracing the substance
of the above & sign the same on our set.
Geo. K. Sherman read the following through the work
of preparative Meeting viz To Cantonment
Preparative & Monthly Meeting

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This may inform that George K. Sherman
has married out of the good order of our
Society with one not a member signed
George Smith, Moses Smith bersers
8th mo 18th 1858. Paul Fisher and
Isaac W. Gifford are appointed to visit
him on that act, and report next month.

Paul the following through the
South preparative Meeting. To the
Preparative & Monthly Meeting (Decorative
W. P. Lawrence) I have for some time felt a concern on
my mind to request to become a member
of your religious society. If I may be
found worthy, William P. Lawrence
8th mo 18th 1858. Moses Smith and
Joshua W. Gifford ^{are appointed} to visit him on that
act & report to this Meeting their sense
& judgment the state of his mind and
fitness to become a member of our religious
society.

The London Printed Epistle of
last year has been read & its contents
were much to our satisfaction
George Abney Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of
Friends held 9th mo 22nd 1858. By acts
the representatives from the preparative
meetings are from the South John
Wing & Abner Potter Jun from the
North William Potter & Isaac W. Gifford
who are present

The representatives in
appointed they have conferred together and are
united in proposing George Abney for
Clerk & Moses Smith for assistant which
being united with they are accordingly
appointed to that service for the ensuing
year or until another appointment

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The Committee in the case of William P. Lawrence
request to become a member of our Religious Society
made the following report viz To the Monthly Meeting
The committee appointed last month in
the case of William P. Lawrence, have had
an opportunity with him to a good degree
of satisfaction, we think him sincere in
his request & in a measure convinced of
Friends principles. Which we submit to the
meeting To Isaac W. Gifford & Moses Smith
The report is accepted, And the Meeting
after due deliberation is united in granting
his request, and he is accordingly received
as a member of our Religious Society, the
Worms Meeting uniting there with.

The Queries have been read at this
time with answers to the 1st 2nd & 10th from
each of our preparative Meetings, & Summary
answers approved of & directed to be forward
to the ensuing Quarterly Meeting
William Potter, Abner Potter Jun & Paul
Fisher are appointed as our representatives &
directed to report their attendance to our next
meeting & The Clerk is directed to forward
any necessary extracts from our minutes &
signe the same on our behalf.

The Committee in the case of George K.
Sherman inform they are not ready to report
at this time they are continued in charge
there of to report next month.
George Abney Clerk

At Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 10th mo 27th 1858 by acts and the representa
tives from the preparative Meetings are from
the South Aaron Allen & Howard Potter
from the North William Parker & Benjamin
Potter who are present.

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10th 1858

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended.

The committee in the case of George K. Sherman made the following report. To the Monthly Meeting Dear Friends agreeable to appointment we have had an opportunity with George K. Sherman, he received us kindly but stated he thought he should not attend Friends meetings, and did not manifest any wish to be continued in membership with us, feeling ourselves clear of further labor we submit the case to the Meeting on behalf of the committee Paul Fisher, which is another & the Meeting after due deliberation we hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious society, the worms Meeting uniting there with and Moses Smith is named to inform him thereof & report next month.

J. S. Wilbur received the following through the under month Preparative Meeting viz To Dartmouth dealing, another Preparative & Monthly Meeting

Dear Friends, James F. Wilbur son of Thomas K. Wilbur has for several years wholly neglected the attendance of our religious Meetings and attended the Meetings of those who have seceded from our religious society which is a scandal for the information of the Monthly Meeting Benjamin Potter and George Abney Overseers 4th Month 21st 1858 Benjamin Potter and William Fisher are appointed to visit him in a loving love & report to this Meeting next month
George Abney Clerk

11th Month 1858 At Dartmouth the Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th Month 24th 1858 by a record the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south Para King & Paul Fisher from the north

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11th Month 1858 Isaac M. Gifford & William Potter who are present our beloved friend Thomas Grover attended this Meeting & presented a satisfactory certificate of his coming from Southfield Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with him as a Minister & with his present religious engagements, his company & labor have been acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to write with the Clerk of the Women's Meeting in furnishing him with a minute embracing the substance of this & sign it on our behalf.

Answers The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th from each of our preparative Meetings & summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting.

Timothy Akin, John King & George Abney are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as our representatives & directed to report their attendance to our next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes & sign the same on our behalf.

Information Moses Smith informs he has given George K. Sherman information of his being disowned from being a member of our religious society.

The committee appointed last month to visit James F. Wilbur made the following report - viz To the Monthly Meeting. The committee appointed last month to visit James F. Wilbur on account of his absenting himself from our religious Meetings.

Report that we have had an interview with him he fully justifies himself in the course he has taken, and gave us no encouragement of again attending our meetings. Believing that further labor from us would be unavailing we submit the case to the Monthly Meeting. Benjamin Potter & William Fisher committee 11th Month 24th 1858 we are united in accepting their report & do hereby disown him from being a member of our religious society the worms Meeting uniting there with Isaac M. Gifford is named to give them this information & report next month