

10 M^o 1851. to report to this Meeting next Month.

The Committe appointed last Month to Settle with our Treasurer &c report Viz =
 =The Committee appointed last month to Settle with our Treasurer &c have attended to that Service & find in his hands forty Six & 64/100 dollars
Treasurer Settled with &c. & propose to raise for the ensueing year five hundred dollars & propose for **Osman Wood** to be Treasurer. In behalf of the Committee **William Tucker**. 10 M^o 8th 1851, which report is satisfactory to the Mg. & accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensueing year or untill another appointment, & our preparative Meetings are directed to collect & pay to our Treasurer their proportion of the Sum recommended and report to this Meeting when accomplished.

Committee for a new percentage of Stock **William Potter, Abner Potter, Barret Beard, William Tucker, Daniel Howland, & John Wing**, 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 from the overSeers respecting **William W. Allen** was forwarded through the South Preparative Mg. viz.~ To the preparative Meeting, this May inform that **William W. Allen** has married out of the order of our Society to one not a member, which we Submit to the Meeting **Timothy Akin, Joshua W. Gifford**, Overseers **Dartmouth** 10 M^o 15. 1851. where upon we appoint **Abner Potter & Otis Slocum** a Committe to treat with him for his deviations & report to this Meeting next Month.

W^m W. Allen Complained of

George Almy Clerk-

At **Dartmouth** M^o Meeting of Friends held 11th M^o 26th 1851 By acts recd the Representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the South **George Allen & Jonathan Wilbor [Wilbur]** from the North **Rowland Rider** and **Isaac R. Gifford** who are present except one.

The Queries, with answers to the 1st 2^d and 10th from each of our preparative

Queries answered

Meetings have been read at this time, & Summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Qr Mg by **Geo Almy, Timothy Akin & Barret Beard** whome we have appointed our represent =atives thereto, they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting, & the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & Signe the same on behalf of this Meeting.

Overseers appointed

The Committe appointed in the 9th m^o & continued in charge thereof at our last Meeting now present the following names for overseers of this Meeting viz. **Timothy Akin, Joshua W. Gifford, Barret Beard, George W. Francis, Benjamin Potter, & George Almy**, who are approved of by the Meeting & accordingly they are appointed to that Service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

New apportionment

The committe appointed last Month to consider of & if thought necessary propose a new percentage for our preparative Meetings to be Governed by in their collection of Stock, now propose that the South preparative Meeting should pay 70 pr cent & the North 30 Pr cent which is Satisfactory to the Meeting

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The committe in the case of **William W. Allen** made the following report viz =
=To the Monthly Meeting. the committe to treat with **William W. Allen** have attended to our appointment had an opportunity with him he said he wished to be retained a member— if consistent, but as he was about to go a voige to Sea (and Since gone) it was our Judgement it would be best to defer the case untill his return, which we refer to the Monthly Meeting Signed **Abner Potter, Otis Slocum**, 11 m^o 26th 1851. which is satisfactory to the Meeting and the same Committe are continued in charge thereof to report to this

Committee continued in case of W. W. Allen

Meeting when ready or called upon by the Meeting.

Our beloved Friend **Phebe R. Gifford** returned at this time the Certificate granted her in the 6th m^o last & Produced Satisfactory returning minutes from **Indiana [Indiana] & Baltimore** Yearly Meetings **Springfield, [illegible] Creek, & Baltimore** Quarterly Meetings, & **Springfield, Giliad & [illegible] Creek** Monthly Meetings, expressing her acceptable attendance. She also informed that through the aid of divine Mercy she had been enabled to perform the apprehended Service to the peace of her own mind.

*P R. Gifford
returned
Minute*

Isaac R. Gifford also returned the minute granted him in the 6 m^o last to accompany his wife **Phebe R, Gifford** in her religious visit to Friends of **Ohio** &c **I** also produced Satisfactory returning Minutes . expressive of his acceptable attendance

*I R. Gifford
returned
Minute,*

George Almy Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** M^o Mg of Friends held 12th m^o 24th 1851 by Acts recd the representatives appointed by the Preparative Meetings are from the South **Joshua W. Gifford, & Otis Slocum**, from the North **William Potter & George Almy** who are present.

12 m^o 1851

*Repräsentatives
to Qr Mg
attended* One of the representatives appointed last Month to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended.

Recd at this time the following acknowledgement Viz.
To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends, I have so far transgressed the good order of Society as to mary with one not a member, and I desire that friends may so far pass by my offence as to let me remain a member **Joseph E. Smith, Dartmouth** 11 m^o 26th 1851.
which being read the meeting after a time of deliberation accepts for Satisfaction and he is continued a member, the womens meeting concurring herein. and **Abraham Russel[1]** is appointed to inform him thereof & report to this Meeting next Mo,

*J. E. Smith
continued
a Member.*

George Almy Clerk

At **Dartmouth** M^o Mg of Friends held
1st m^o 28th 1852, By acts recd the Representatives
appointed by the Preparative Meetings are
from the South **Humphrey Anthony & John
Wing**, from the North **William Potter &
Isaac R, Gifford** who are present.

Abraham Russel [Russell] reports

J E Smith he has given **Joseph E, Smith** information
informed of his being continued a member.

The year for which the
Committee were appointed to have & take
all necessary care of our meeting houses
over

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1 m^o 1852
Committee to
have care of
Meetg houses
&c.
Burying grounds & also at Funerals, haveing
expired **Otis Slocum, George Almy. George
Smith, George W. Francis, William Potter,
Barret Beard, Abraham Russel [Russell], William
Tucker, Abner Potter Jun, & Joshua W. Gifford,**
are appointed to that Service for the year
to come or untill another appointment.

Act of Births
& deaths
The Overseers agreeable to a minute of
2^d m^o 1846. report they have handed to the
recorder an act of all the births & deaths
that have occured within our limits the
past year.

George Almy Clerk.

2^d m^o 1852
At **Dartmouth** M^o Mg of Friends held 2^d M^o 25. 1852
by acts recd the representatives appointed by the
Preparative Meetings are from the South **George
Smith & Ezra Wing**, from the North **William Tucker
& Benjamin Potter** who are present except one
for whose absence a Satisfactory reason
was assigned.

Jos Gifford
request a
certificate
This Meeting is informed that
Joseph Gifford haveing removed from within
our limits, requests a removal Certificate for
himself & wife **Mary**, directed to **New Bedford**
Monthly Meeting. **Geo Almy & Timothy Akin**
are appointed to unite with our Women
friends in preparing one on their behalf if

nothing appears to prevent & present to our next Meeting.

*B.W.Slade
under
dealings*

The followin[g] information was presented through the North Preparative Meeting viz To the Preparative & Monthly Meeting Dear Friends This may inform that **Benjamin W. Slade** has Marri^{ed} out of the order of our Religious Society with one not in Membership with us. ^{Benjamin Potter & Geo Almy overseers,} where upon we appoint **Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter** a committee to treat

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with him on that account & report to this Next Month.

*South P. Mg.
Stock paid*

we are informed that the South Preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer

George Almy Clerk.

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3^d M^o 24th 1852. by Ac^{ts} recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the South **Humphrey Anthony & Abner Potter J^{ur}** from the North **William Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present.

*Representatives
to
the Qr Mg*

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative Meetings have been read at this time & general answers considered of & adobted & are directed to our next Quarterly Meeting by **Otis Slocum, Isaac R. Gifford & George W. Francis** whome we have appointed our representatives thereto, desiring them to report their attendance to our next Meeting. The Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes and signe the same on our behalf.

*North preparative
mg Stock pd*

[pointed finger?] We are informed the North preparative Meeting have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer.

*Stock pd
to
the Qr Mg.*

We are also informed that our prortion of Quarterly Meetings Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting. which is to be noticed in our Acct to the Qr Meeting.

*Jos & Mary
Gifford
removed.*

The friends appointed produced a certificate for **Joseph Gifford** & wife to **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting, which the clerk is directed to signe on our behalf & forward to that Meeting, the Womens Meeting concurring herein.

The Committee appointed to treat with **Benjamin W. Slade**, made the following

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viz. To the Monthly Meeting, Dear friends, We your Committe in the case of **Benjamin W. Slade** make report, that we have attended to our appointment & made him a Visit (He received us kindly) yet while endeavoring to labor with him in The the [*sic*] 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**, 3^d m^o 24th 1852 which being read the meeting accepts, and after a time of deliberation we do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious Society the womens meeting concurring herein, & **George Almy** is named to give him information thereof. & report to this Meeting next Month.

3^dM^o 1852

*B. W. Slade
disowned,*

*Request for
new
apportionment*

The Subject of a new apportionment in regard to Stock being made between the Several Monthly Meetings belonging to our quarterly Meeting, haveing claimed the consideration of this Meeting, the Clerk is directed to notice the Same in our act to that Meeting for their consideration

George Almy Clerk-

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mg of Friends held 4th Mo 28th 1852. by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Mgs are from the South **Timothy Akin & George Smith**, from the North **Benjamin Potter & George Almy** who are present except two for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned

The Clerk & assistant being unavoidably absent **George W. Francis** is appointed clerk for the day.

*G. W. Francis
clerk for the
day*

One of the representatives appointed last Month to attend the qr Mg reports they all attended

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B. W. Slade **George Almy** reports that he has informed **Benjamin**

informed **W. Slade** of his having been disowned from being a member of our religious Society.

*H. Cornal
Reci^eved
a Member* This Meeting unites with the womens meeting in receiveing **Hannah Cornal [Cornell]** into membership with us.

George W. Francis Clerk for the day

5 M^o 1852. At **Dartmouth** Mo Meeting of Friends held 5th m^o 26th 1852 By Acts rec^d the repretatives appointed by the preparative Mgs are from the South **Johnathan Kirby & Paul Fisher** from the North **William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are all present.,

*Interest on
B. Ricketson
bequest rcd* **Abraham Russel [Russell]** reports that he has received from the New Bedford Institution for Savings Twenty dollars it being one yrs interest on the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest and has paid the same to our Treasurer.

*Certificate
Granted
Lydia Ricketson* In concurrence with the women The clerk is directed to signe a removal certificate on behalf of **Lydia Ann, Ricketson** wife of **Benjamin** directed to **New Bedford** Mo Mg of Friends
George Almy Clerk

6th M^o 1852 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th m^o 23^d 1852, by acts recd the reprasen =tatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the south **John Wing & Timothy Akin** from the North **William Tucker & William Potter** who are present, Our beloved Friend **Daniel Barker** attended this Meeting with a Satisfactory Certificate of concurrence from **Holly Spring** Monthly Mg, held in **Randolph County North Carolina** 8th m^o 15th 1851. & endorsed by Southern Quarterly Mg held at **Marlborough** 8th m^o 25th also presented a certificate from ——— ——— ———

*D Barker
attended*

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North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Ministers & Elders all expresing their unity with him as a Minister & with his present religious engagements his company & gospel labors have ben acceptable to us,

Our beloved Friend **Martha Meader**

Martha Meader attended

is also in attendance with a Certificate of Concurrence from **sandwich** Monthly Meeting State of **New hampshire** ^{dated} 4 m^o 15th 1852 & Endorsed by **Dover** Quarterly ^{^Mg} expressive of their unity with her as a Minister & with her ^{^present} religious engagements her company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Jos Newlin & O Meader attended

We have also the company of our beloved Frds **Joseph Newling** from **Marlborough** Monthly Meeting ~~held in~~ **North Carolina** companion to **Daniel Barker & Oliver Meader** from **Sandwich** Monthly Meeting **New HampShire** companion

satisfactory Testimonials from their respective Mgs were read, to **Martha Meader**. ^ Their company & Solid deportment have been Satisfactory to us

The Clerk is directed to furnish them respectively with minutes embracing the Substance of the foregoing & Signe the Same on behalf of this Meeting.

Queries answered

The queries have been read at this time with answers from each of the preparative Meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th a summary of which was approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Mg by **William Tucker, Abner Potter J^m & Isaac R. Gifford** whome we have appointed our representatives desireing them to report their attendance to our next Meeting. and the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on behalf of this Meeting

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Certificate accepted for T. Inman & Family

Received at this time a Removeal Certificate from **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting for **Thomas Inman** & family- viz his wife **Mary W.** and their children **Edward & Hannah G.** which being read was accepted, the Womens Mg. concurring there with.

Receivd from the Overseers through the South preparative Meeting the following information respecting **David W. Smith**, viz =

D.W. Smith under dealings

“To **Dartmouth** preparative and Monthly Mtg of Friends, Dear Friends, **David W. 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 **Barret Beard & George W. Francis** Overseers **Dartmouth** 6th M^o 9th 1852. whereupon we

appoint **Paul Fisher Otis Slocum** and **Joshua W. Gifford** to treat with him in restoring love therefor, and report to this Mtg, next Month

George Almy Clerk

7^m 1852 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th m^o 28th 1852 By acts received the Representatives appointed by the preparative Mtg^s are from the South **Humphrey Anthony & George W. Francis**, from the North **Rowland Rider & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

Representatives to Qr Meeting attended Clerks appointed One of the representatives to the Qr Meeting reports they all attended. The Year for which the Clerks of this Meeting being expired, **George Almy** is appointed Clerk & **William Tucker** assistant Clerk for the Year to Come or untill another appointment.

The Committe in the case of **David W. Smith** made the following report viz To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting We the committe in the case of **David W. Smith**

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7^m 1852 report we have had an oppertunity with him to a degree of satisfaction, and we believe him to be desireous to remain a member signed **Otis Slocum** on behalf of the Committee 7 m^o 28th 1852, which report the meeting accepts and an acknowledgement from him being presented & read the Meeting after a time of deliberation are united in accepting for satisfaction & he is accordingly continued a member the Womens Meeting concurring therewith & **Barret Beard** is named to give him information there of & report to this meeting next month.

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

We have recd at this time 85

*London
Epistle
rc^d.*

coppies of the **London** printed Epistle for 1851 one of which was read its contents are much to our satisfaction.

*Extracts
from Yr M^s*

Recd Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly meeting embracing the report of the boarding school Committee And **George Almy, Barret Beard, Otis Slocum & Abner Potter Juⁿ** are appointed to unite with our Women 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 grant certificates to all children going to the school from within our limits the ensuing year.

A number of the extracts on the article of Discipline concerning burials

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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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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

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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 always 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 to 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 envite 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

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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 on 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 of 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 mon-

ey, 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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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 gra-

ciously 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.

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alteration of discipline being recd **George Almy & Abner Potter Jun** are appointed to cause coppies thereof inserted in all our books of discipline & report to this meeting when accomplished.

minutes of last Y Mtg Recd 60 coppies of the printed minutes of our last yearly meeting have been received and then with the **london** printed Epistle are directed to be distributed.

Overseers of Poor appointed The year for which the overseers of the Poor of this meeting being expired we appoint **Abraham Russell, Barret Beard, William Tucker and Otis Slocum** to that Service for the Yr to come or untill another appointment.
George Almy Clerk.

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8 m^o At **Dartmouth** monthly Mg of Friends held 8th m^o 25th 1852, by acts recd the representatives [^]appointed by the preparative mgs are from the south **Otis Slocum, & Paul Fisher** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford** and **William Tucker** who are present.

D.W. Smith informed **Barret Beard** informs he has given **David W. 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**

I Lawrence requests a certificate Monthly Meeting for himself & wife **Martha. George Almy & Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to unite with our women friends in preparing one and present to our next Meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

G. B. Almy 2^d married out Received the following information through the south preparative meeting respecting **George B. Almy 2^d** viz To the Preparative and Monthly Meeting Dear friends **George B. Almy 2^d** has married out of the order of Friends with one not a member of our religious Society

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which we submit to the meeting signed **Benjamin Potter & Barret Beard** overseers **Dartmouth 8th m^o 19th 1852. William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to treat with him on that account and report to this M^g next month.

8 m^o 1852 The committee appointed in 5th m^o 1849 to have our Meeting house in **Allens neck** enlarged made the following report = viz To the Monthly Meeting The committee appointed some time past to enlarge the meeting house in **Allens Neck** report that at about the time of their appointment they were not enabled to get carpenters to do the work, and that the subject has been delayed from time to time, and now we are of the opinion that it is not necessary to enlarge it 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 m^o 25, 1852** The committee are discharged from further attention thereto.

A. Neck Mt^s house Committe discharged

C.E. Carleburg rec^d a member We unite with our women friends in receiving **Caroline Elizabeth Carleburg** a minor as a member of our religious society agreeable to the request of her mother.

George Almy Clerk.

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9 m^o At **Dartmouth M^o Mtg** of Friends held 9 m^o 22^d 1852 by acts rec^d the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south **George Allen** and **George Smith** from the North **George Almy &**

*Tho Jones
in attendance*

Benjamin Potter who are present.

Our beloved Friend **Thomas Jones** is acceptably with us at this time & presented a certificate from **Durham** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8 m^o 1852 Expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his

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than before which were so liberally made, that in the sixth month 1815 [i]t was concluded after mature deliberation, “that the time ha[s] come when it will be best to proceed in making provision fo[r] erecting buildings for the necessary accomodation of the b[o]arding School on the lot proposed to be given by our friend **Moses Brown**.”

Friends ve[r]y generally throughout the Yearly Meeting contributed acc[o]rding to their ability to promote an object which they felt to [b]e very desirable for the interests of our religious society, and t[h]e 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 towards its establishment and contributed annually for its support 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 expense of each scholar who is a member of our Yearly Meeting is defrayed, viz: **Thomas Folsom, Lydia Tillinghast, Sylvester Wickes, Obadiah 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 believe 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 subscription 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, alike intended 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 generations.

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 younger 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, <u>159 17</u>		\$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, - - <u>51 85</u>		9,569 17
From Board, Tuition and other sources, including balance in Superintendent's hands last year, <u>6,034 95</u>		\$15,604 12
Leaving unexpended in Superintendents hands. <u>276 65</u>		\$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 tuition be continued—books and stationery being charged at actual 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 whose parents are members of our Yearly Meeting, forty-five dollars per term, and that the same price be charged for any others who may be admitted; five dollars per term additional charge being made in all cases for instruction in the 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.

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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 information regarding them which may aid the School Committee, and the children to be received, to be selected by that committee. The condition of the bequest of the principal part of the charitable fund being in the words of the donor, "For the schooling of such members of the society as are actually poor, supported or not as such by the respective Monthly Meetings. Females to have equal advantages of the whole of the legacy as males."

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 committed 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 religious 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 encourages Friends to greater care in this respect, and recommends that in each Monthly Meeting there should be an annual appointment 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 **Smithfield** 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, revised 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 following report, viz:

“TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee appointed to take into consideration the subject 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 desirous that Friends should keep a commendable plainness and simplicity in the burial of the 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 unity of the Women’s Meeting, hereby repealed, and the paragraph proposed by the Committee is substituted therefor; and the Clerk is directed to furnish copies of this article to our several 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.

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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 deportment 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 our 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 concern, 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 facilities for bathing and washing in the eastern wing of 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 prosperity and good of the 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 that thorough repair and renovation of the house which the convenience, health and comfort of the family require; and it appearing that alterations in some of the rooms, and several other matters of importance are 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 purposes, 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

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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 manifested by a 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 promoting 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, in 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 “whatsoever things were civil and useful in 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— “Besides 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 reviv-

ed 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 eligible situation, and conclude to carry into effect the establishment of the benevolent institution thereon. If the Meeting should appoint a committee to view the ground, consider of the proposal and report their prospect 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 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 labors have been truly acceptable to us

Our beloved friend **Joshua Douglas** companion to **Thom^s Jones** is also acceptably with us, with a satisfactory minute from **Durham Mo Meeting** his company & solid deportment have been satisfactory to us. The Clerk is directed to notice their attendance in our act to the Qr Mt^g they having attended all the meetings constituting this.

The friends appointed inform they have not prepared a certificate for **Isaac Lawrence** and wife they are continued in charge thereof to report

*Joshua Douglas
attended*

*I Lawrence
certificate not*

prepared next Month.

The committee appointed last Month to treat with **George B. Almy 2^d** made the following report viz = To **Dartmouth M^o M^s** We your committee in the case of **George B. Almy 2^d** now report that we have made him a visit. He received us kindly & manifested a disposition to make friends satisfaction, and we believe him sincere in a desire to be retained a member of our religious society, signed **William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford.** 9^{m^o} 20th 1852. which the meeting accepts and he having presented the following acknowledgment the ~~time~~ meeting after a time of deliberation are united in accepting for satisfaction the Womens Meeting uniting therewith & **Benjamin Potter** is named to inform him of his being continued a member & report to this meeting next month

*G.B. Almy 2^d
continued
a member*

The acknowledgment is as follows -

To **Dartmouth M^o M^s** of Friends I acknowledge haveing deviated from one of the rules of society, by connecting myself in Marringe with one who is not in membership with us, but hope that friends will excuse the fault and retain me as a member of socity
9 **George B. Almy 2^d** 9th m^o 20th 1852

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The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1st 2^d & 10th from each of the preparative Meetings a summary of which were approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting by **John Wing, Prince Allen** and **Geo Almy** whome we have appointed our representativ[es] 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 & signe the same on our behalf.

*Queries
Answered*

9 m^o 1852

The committee haveing charge of our Meeting houses burial grounds &c, inform that there needs to be some repairs on & about our Meeting house in **Allens neck** & also that in **Smiths neck**, that committee are directed to make or cause to have made such repairs as they may think adviseable & call on Friends

*Meeting
houses to be
repaired*

~~of those~~ belonging to those Meetings to contribute towards the expence & if necessary dispose of wood enough of the lot belonging to this meeting to defray the balance & report to this meeting when accomplished.

George Almy Clerk.

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mtg of Friends held 10.^{Mo} 27th 1852 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative mtgs are from the South **Joshua W. Gifford & Ezra Wing**, from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter**, who are present.

Certificate for I Lawrence & Wife The Friends appointed presented a removal Certificate for **Isaac Lawrence & his wife Martha to Westport** Monthly Meeting of friends which was approved & directed to be signed & forwarded to that Mtg. The womens mtg uniting therewith.

G B Almy 2 informd **Benjamin Potter** informs he has given **George B. Almy 2^d** information of his being continued a member of our Religious Society

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Representatives to Q. Mtg all attend Paragraph of Dicipline inserted The representatives to the Quarterly mtg report they 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.

E. Nickerson disowend We unite with the womens meeting ins denying the right of membership with us to **Elizabeth Nickerson** formerly **Sisson**

G W. Francis requests Certificate 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 Joseph Parker & Elizabeth Austin** to **Gilead** monthly meeting of Friends State of **Ohio**. **Abner Potter Jun [Jr.] & William Tucker** are appointed to unite with our wom friends in preparing a certificate & present to this meeting next month if nothing appears to prevent.

G B. Almy 2^d requests Certificate We are informed through the North preparative Meeting that **George B. Almy 2^d** desires a removal Certificate to **New Bedford** month ly meeting of Friends **Isaac R. Gifford & Benjamin Potter** are appointed to prepare one & present to this meeting next month if nothing appears to prevent.

William Tucker & Abraham Russel[1]

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Settle
Treasur &c* are appointed a committe 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 expences the ensuing Year.

*Otis S &
H S. Allen
intend
Marrige* The following communication was
presented through the South preparative meeting
viz = To the South preparative & Monthly Meeting
"With Divine permission, and friends approbation,
we intend marriage with each other, **Otis
Slocum & Hannah S. Allen**, which being
read was noticed by the Meeting, whereupon
we appoint **Prince Allen & George Smith** –

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10 M^o 1852. to make the necessary enquire respecting **Otis
Slocum**'s clearness to proceed in marriage and
report to this meeting next Month, they are
also directed to see that the legal rights of **Hannah
S. Allen**'s children are secured to them &
report to this Mtg.

*Mary Hart
bequest* The overseers inform
that they have from time to time paid
such attention to the case ^{as they thought adviseable} in regard to the
fund belonging to this Meeting arising out
of the **Mary Hart** bequest, and now in the
hands of **Benjamin Tucker**, and one of the
overseers having been removed by death & one
removed within the limits of another yearly
Meeting **William Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford**
are appointed to unite ^{with} the overseers now under
appointment or may hereafter be, in takeing
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 Almy, Clerk.

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

*Certificate
for* The friends appointed produced
a certificate for **George W. Francis** and

~~G B. Almy~~ family which was approved and directed
certificate to be signed by the clerk, the womens Mtg.
for uniting therewith.
G W. Francis
& family

certificate
G B. Almy 2^d
The frds [friends] appointed produced a
certificate for **George B. Almy 2^d** to **New**
Bedford monthly meeting of friends
which was approved and directed to be
signed, the womens meeting uniting therewith

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The clerk is directed to forward the foregoing
certificates to the correspondents of those meetings
respectively.

11 M^o 1852
The committe appointed to settle
with our Treasurer &c presented the following report.
viz =. To the Monthly Meeting. The committe appointed
last month to settle with the 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 expences of
the meeting for the ensuing year, & propose
Osman Wood for Treasurer, which we
submit to the meeting. On behalf of the committe
William Tucker 11 M^o 10. 1832, which is satisfactory
to the meeting and accordingly **Osman Wood**,
is appointed Treasurer of this meeting the
ensuing year or untill another appointment

Committe
for
Overseers
The Yr for which the Overseers of
this meeting were appointed haveing expired
Isaac R. Gifford, George Smith, Otis Slocum
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.

Queries
answerd
The Querys 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, Otis Slocum & Joshua W.
Gifford whome we have appointed our repr=
sentatives thereto desireing them to report their
attendance to our next meeting, & the clerk
is directed to furnish them with the necessary
extracts from our minutes & signe the same
on our behalf.

E S. Gifford
continued
a
member
We unite with the wome[n]s meeting
in accepting an acknowledgement from
Elizabeth S. Gifford wife of **Johnathan P Gifford**

11 M^o 1852.

and continueing her a member of our religious society.

*O Slocum
&
H S. Allen
allowed
to
proceed
in marriage*

The friends appointed report they find nothing to prevent **Otis Slocum**'s proceeding in marriage with **Hannah S. Allen**, & that the legal rights of her children have been secured to them & being informed that consent of surviveing parents is given, they the said **Otis Slocum** and **Hannah S. Allen** are left at liberty to consumate their said marriage agreeable to the rules of our society they adviseing with **Isaac R. Gifford** and **George Almy** who are appointed to attend & see that good order is observed, forward the
^Certificate to the

George Almy Clerk.

12 M^o 1852

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 12th M^o 22^d 1852, by acts recd the repressen-
=tatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the South **George Smith & Otis Slocum** from the North **Rowland Rider & William Potter** who are present.

*Overseers
appointed*

The Committe appointed last month to consider of & propose the names of such friends for Overseers of this meeting as they might think suitable presented the following, viz **George Almy, Benjamin Potter, Humphrey Anthony, George Smith, Timothy Akin, & Joshua W. Gifford**, which being approved of by the Meeting they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

The repressentatives to our last Qr meeting report they all attended

12 M^o 1852
*Marriage
orderly
conducted*

The friends appointed to attend the Marriage of **Otis Slocum & Hannah S. Allen**, report they attended, the Marriage was orderly conducted & the certificate has been recorded.

George Almy Clerk.

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st M^o 26th 1853, by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the South **John Wing & Paul Fisher** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & George Almy**, who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

*W^m Tucker
clerk for
the day.*

The Clerk being absent **William Tucker** is appointed Clerk for the day.

*Births &
deaths
reported.*

The overseers agreeable to a minute of 846 [1846?] report they have handed the recorder an act of all the births & deaths that have occurred within our limits the past year.

*M Ann Howland
continued a
member
M. Smith
to
inform
J H. Davis*

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in returning **Mary Ann Howland** late **Potter** in membership with us.

Moses Smith is appointed in room of **Barret Beard** deceased to inform **James H. Davis** of his denial & report next month.

*Committee
for
Elders*

It appearing upon consideration of this meeting that an appointment of an Elder or Elders may be right & proper, & our women friends concurring therewith, we appoint **Isaac R. Gifford, Otis Slocum, Howard Potter & Abraham Russel**[I] a Committee to unite with a similar Committee of our womens meeting in considering of and producing to this meeting, (the names of such friends as they may think suitable for that station. Should the Quarterly Meetings committee unite therewith.

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2^m 23^d 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the South **Prince Allen & Moses Smith** from the North **William Potter Rowland Rider** who are present except one (

2^d M^o 1853

*J H. Davis
informed of
denial*

Moses Smith informs he has given **James H. Davis** information of his being denied the right of membership with us.

George Almy Clerk

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mtg of Friends held 3^d M^o 23^d 1853, by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south **Abner Potter Jun & Jonathan Kirby** from the north **William Tucker** and **William Potter** who are present.

Queries answered The Queries with answers from each of the preparative Mtgs have been read at this time & general answers considered of & 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 & signe the same on our behalf.

Certificate approved for L G. Allen We have approved in concurrence with our womens meeting a removal Certificate on behalf of **Lydia G Allen** to **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting which the clerk is directed to signe on our behalf

Phebe B. Slocum continued a member We unite with the womens Mtgs in accepting[?] an acknowledgment for satisfaction from **Phebe B. Slocum** late **Akin** & in continueing her a member

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3 M^o 23^d read at this time 68 Memorials of deceased friends belonging to our Yearly Meeting which are directed to be ~~forwarded~~ distributed – amon gst the familys belonging to this mtg.

George Almy Clerk

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mtg of Friends held 4 m^o 27th 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South **Abner Potter** and **Otis Slocum** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford** and **William Tucker** who are present.

4 M^o 1853. Representatives all attended Q Mtg The Representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly Meeting report they all attended.

Committe care Mtgs The year for which the committe were appointed to have the care of our meeting houses burying grounds &c haveing expired we appoint **George Almy, William Tucker, George Smith, Abner Potter, Humphrey Anthony,**

houses &c **Joshua W. Gifford, Abraham Russel**[1], and **Otis Slocum** to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment. 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 requireings of our discipline & report to this meeting at the end of the year.

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

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Interest on B Ricketson bequest.

Abraham Russel reports that he has recieved from the New Bedford Institution for saveings twenty dollars, also fifteen dollars for rent of marsh the last year, also from **Jonathan Trip** three dollars which has been due several years whole amo^t \$38.~ all of which has been paid to our Treasurer and is the income ariseing from the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest to date

Report of committe to repair Mtg houses

The committe appointed some time past to make such repairs &c as they might think adviseable on our meeting houses in **Smiths & Allens neck** made the following report. = To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting now sitting the committe to cut and sell wood to repair the meeting houses in the necks have attended to our appointment and have cut & sold wood with the tree in the meeting house yard to the amount of One hundred & eighty six dollars & 24/100 — — — — — \$ 186.24
 Amot repairs in **Allens neck** 63.47
 " " **Smiths neck** 63.77
 " Cutting wood 27.36
 " measuring do 48 155.08
 \$ 31.16

Leaveing a balance in the treasury when

collected of thirty one dollars & sixteen cents
on behalf of the committe **Abrm Russel**
Dartmouth 4 M^o 27 1853.

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

George Almy Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** M^o Mtg of Friends held 5th m^o 25th
1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed
5 m^o 1853. by the preparative mtgs are from the South
Howard Potter & Joseph Slade from the
north **Benjamin Potter** and **George Almy**
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 Viz his wife **Mary**
C. & their Minor children **Marianna**
Thomas Knowles, Sarah Barker,
Maria W. and **George Morton,**
Jonathan Wilbor & Moses Smith are
appointed a committe to unite with a
similar committe of women friends in
preparing one if nothing appears to prevent
and present to our next meeting.

S.W. Snow
requests
Certificate

The Overseers presented through
the north preparative Meeting the following
information respecting **Samuel Tucker**
viz To **Dartmouth** North preparative and
Monthly Meeting of Friends, Dear Friends
Samuel Tucker haveing 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 Slocum,**
Isaac M. Gifford and **Abraham Russel**
a committe to visit him in restoreing
love on that account and report to this
meeting next Month.

Comitte
Sam^l Tucker

The Committe
appointed in the 1st m^o last presented the
following report — over —

viz To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting
 We your committe 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
George Almy, Elizabeth Slade and
Anna E. Almy to fill that station, haveing
 had the advice of the Quarterly meetings
 Committe herein, on behalf of the
 committe **Isaac R. Gifford, Phebe R. Gifford**

*Report of
Committe for
Elders.*

This meeting is united in the
 appointment of **George Almy** to the Station
 of an Elder the womens meeting concur-
 =ing herein, information thereof to be
 forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting

*G. Almy
appointed
Elder*

The womens meeting inform
 they are united in the appointment of
Elizabeth Slade to the station of an Elder
 also in the appointment of **Anna E Almy**
 to the same station with which this
 meeting concurs, information thereof
 to be forwarded by the woms meeting to our
 next Qr meeting

*E. Slade
&
A.E. Almy
Elders*

~~The following report for the~~

The committe appointed to repair our
 meeting houses in **Smiths & Allen's Neck**
 made the following report *viz* To the monthly
 meeting now setting, we your committe
 to cut & sell wood to repair the meeting houses
 in the **Necks** reported they had attended to
 their appointment and a balance was due
 the meeting after paying the bills of \$31. & 16/100
 but since we ^{^("have")} found a bill for nails at
Benjⁿ F. Allens of \$3. 62/100 which leaves a
 balance due the meeting of \$27. 54/100 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 committe **Abrm Russel**
Geo Almy Clerk 5th m^o 25th 1853

*Report of
committe
to
repair
mtg houses*

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EPISTLE
FROM THE
YEARLY MEETING,
HELD IN
LONDON,
BY ADJOURNMENTS, FROM THE 19TH OF THE FIFTH MONTH TO THE 28TH
OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE, 1852:
TO THE
QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS
IN GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, & ELSEWHERE.

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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 become 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.

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in deep reverence and humility, to “consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus.”* The promised 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 brightness 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 exalted, He emphatically recognised the duties and the sufferings of humanity as among the means whereby, through the obedience 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 present 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.

|| Heb. iv. 15.

†John i. 1, 14, 18. ¶ Heb. vi. 20.

1 Pet. iii. 22.

‡Phil. ii. 7.

Heb. ix. 24.

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is indeed precious to the souls of many, fervent are our desires for ourselves and for you, that as we advance in life we may in all things be more and more growing up into Him who is the Head. But we have had renewedly to feel that it is only as the heart is, in very truth, quickened by the Spirit of the Lord, that any can be made truly alive unto God through Jesus Christ. There is not one amongst us, whatever be the advantages of his education, the amiableness of his disposition, or his advancement in refinement and intelligence, there is not one of us to whom, in his natural state, the language of our adorable Redeemer may not be addressed, “Ye must be born again.”* These are words of universal and perpetual application; in them is set forth that work of the Holy Spirit in the conversion and sanctification of the heart,† *that renewing* in the spirit of our minds, by which we may every one of us be made as “lively stones”‡ in that spiritual house in which the Lord Himself delights to dwell.

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 authority of his love. Be tenderly watchful that his holy name may be sanctified among them through your conversation and example. Seek for opportunities to instruct them in the Truth as it is in Jesus, and be especially concerned that the disciplining 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.

1 Pet. ii. 5.

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The public worship of Almighty God is enjoined upon us as an acknowledgment of our love to Him and of our dependence upon Him; and we regard the occasions which, in the economy of the church, are provided for this solemn duty, as precious opportunities for waiting upon the Lord that we may be taught by him; for the exercise of spiritual gifts in the ability which He giveth, and for the strengthening of the bond of Christian fellowship by a mutual participation in those

strong consolations which are in Christ Jesus our Lord. The meetings established amongst us in the middle of the week, present advantages peculiarly important to us for the enjoyment of all these blessed privileges. We could wish that it were in our power to bring those amongst us who absent themselves from these meetings to a sense of the loss which they are themselves sustaining, and which they are in danger of entailing upon their offspring. Can it be, dear friends, that your peace can consist with such neglect; or is it not rather a symptom that the health of the soul languishes; that its salvation is with you a matter of secondary moment; that earthly things have the place which belongs to heavenly things, and that this world has a stronger hold upon your affections than the life to come. Prayer is the duty and privilege of us all: we need the pardon of our sins; and in this our dependent condition, we need the renewed help of the Holy Spirit, day by day, to enable us to maintain the warfare between the flesh and the spirit. And are not the intervals of cessation from the cares of business afforded by our meetings in the middle of the week opportunities for this purpose which ought to be highly prized? It is because we desire that our dear friends every where may derive all that help which comes from communion with God, from the fervent and frequent exercise of prayer through Jesus Christ, and from the fellowship of their brethren, that we are constrained in love to bring these things before them.

We have received as in former years an Epistle from our friends in **Ireland**, and one from each of the Yearly Meetings

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on the American Continent. It continues to be acceptable to us thus to maintain an intercourse with our beloved distant brethren; and greatly do we desire that the members of our religious society everywhere, being individually earnest to be brought day by day to a closer walk with God, may so witness and increase of faith and hope and love, that we may be yet more and more united in the precious fellowship of the Gospel.

Reports have been received and read from our several Quarterly and other Meetings, of the distraints upon our members on account of Ecclesiastical demands. The total value taken, including the costs of distraint, amounts to upwards of eight thousand pounds. We continue to feel the great importance of upholding our well known testimony to the entire freedom of the ministry of the Gospel and against the usurpations and corruptions that pervade so large a portion of the professing church. We exhort all our dear friends to maintain it in the meekness that becometh the Gospel, but in uprightness and faithfulness unto the Lord.

The recent proceedings in Parliament of the subject of reorganizing a militia throughout the kingdom, have introduced this meeting into deep religious exercise. The whole system of war is so directly at variance, not only with the plain pre-

cepts of our Lord, but with the whole spirit of his Gospel, that any attempt to bring under its influence those who are engaged in the ordinary peaceful occupations of life, cannot be awoken painful apprehension. Our testimony against the bearing of arms, being grounded upon the supreme authority of the Lord Jesus, we have had afresh to feel that in maintaining it our strength and safety consist in drawing very near unto Him, and in seeking to live under the government of his Spirit. May it be the engagement of our souls so to witness the peace of God to rule in our own hearts, that not relying on fleets or armies, but in simple trust in the Lord Almighty, this important Christian principle may be upheld by us in godly sin-

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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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At **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of Friends held
6th m^o 22^d 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed
by the preparative mtgs are from the south **George**
6 M^o 1853 **Allen & Ezra Wing** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford**
& **Isaac R. Potter** who are present.

Our beloved friend **Enos G. Pray** attended
this meeting with a satisfactory certificate of
E.G. Pray concurrence from **Springfield** monthly meeting
attended of Friends & Endorsed by **Centre** Quarterly Meeting
State of **Ohio** expressive 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**
A Thornburg attended this meeting with a satisfactory
attended certificate of concurrence from **Walnut ridge**
monthly meeting of Friends and endorsed by
Springfield Quarterly [^]Mtg held in **Henry** county
state of **Indiana** expressive of their unity with
her as a minister & with her present religious
engagements, her company & gospel labors
have been acceptable to us, she haveing attended
all the meetings constituting this.

Our beloved Friend **Joel Gilbert**
companion to **Anna Thornburg** with a minute
J. Gilbert from **Hopewell** Monthly Meeting State of **Indiana**
& expressive of their unity with him as an Elder
L. Bell also of his being correspondent of that mo mtg.
attended

Also **Lydia Bell** companion to **Anna Thornburg**
with a minute from **Hopewell** monthly
meeting are 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 woms mtg in
furnishing minutes embracing the substance of
the foregoing as it relates to each & signe the
same on our behalf

The committe appointed presented a
certificate for **Samuel W. Snow** & family to **New Bedford**
monthly meeting of Friends. — over — — —

Certificate for S.W. Snow & family which was approved & directed to be signed by the clerk & forwarded to that meeting The womens meeting concurring there with.

Queries answered The Queries 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. **William Tucker Timothy Akin Moses Smith & George Almy** 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 and signe the same on our behalf

Saml Tucker verbal report The committee appointed to treat with with **Samuel Tucker** inform they have paid some attention to the case but are not ready to make a full report that they are continued to report next month.

George Almy Clerk.

7 m^o 1853 =====
At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 7th m^o 27th 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative mtgs are from the South **Humphrey Anthony & Paul Fisher** from the North **George Almy & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

Representatives to Qr mt The representatives to the Quarterly meeting report they all attended except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was given.

S. Tucker Committe Committe to treat with **Saml Tucker** are continued to report to this meeting next month.

George Almy, Moses Smith, Abner Potter, and Ezra Wing are appointed a committee to unite with a similar committe of our women friends to whom all children going to our boarding school at **Providence**

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

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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 \$2732,75—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 real estate 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 expanded 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

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	-	-		<u>1,388,44</u>
Making a total of				\$14,059,98

The expenditures of the Institution exclusive of the amount stated above for repairs and improvements, and including \$489,72 from Treasurer's account have been

				\$12,555,76
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The balance now in Treasurer's and Principal's hands is

	-	-	-	-	\$544,01
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At the time of our Report last year the debt of the Institution was about \$2500. Should the Yearly Meeting approve of appropriating the \$6,500, as we have proposed, it will be seen that the indebtedness of the School will then be \$1955,99.

In view of the accommodation 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

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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. Whittier** as Principals, assisted by **Edward G. Hoag**, **William L. Dean**, **Parmelia C. Varney**, **Lydia M. Neal**, **Elizabeth Prosser**, and **Charles F. Brownell** as Instructor in Latin and Greek, have 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 should be \$36, for members of our Yearly Meeting; \$50, when one or both parents are members of this Yearly Meeting, or the children are being brought up as Friends, or are sent at the charge of members of this Yearly Meeting, and also for members of our Society of other Yearly Meetings, and \$64 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 Term—books and stationery being furnished as last year at 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 the 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

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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 tenderly sympathize with his bereaved parents and friends, we are led to believe that the solemnizing effect of this dispensation may be blessed to those with whom he was associated, and lead them more and more to seek for 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. 31st, 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 we trust 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 of 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 compromises, 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 Prov-

idence, among the means by which, as it is to be hoped, the evils of slavery are to be done away. How important then that we be faithful herein. We are engaged 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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may apply for certificates, and they are also to forward the names of such as they may think suitable to receive the priviledge of the charitable fund.

George Almy Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th m^o 24th 1853. by acts rec^d the reprints appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south **Prince Allen & Ricketson Slocum** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & Wm Tucker** who are present.

Clerk appointed The year for which the Clerk & assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed being expired **George Almy** is appointed Clerk for the y^r to come or untill another appointment. And the reprints now 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 Tucker** being desirous of being released.

S. Tucker disowned The Committe appointed to treat with **Samuel Tucker** made the following report = viz. To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting Dear Friends We your committe in the Case of **Samuel Tucker** report that we have made him a visit, he received us kindly but said that he was willing to tell us that he did not consider himself a member of our meeting. & furthermore that he felt satisfied with the course he had taken which we submit to the meeting **Abr^m Russel Isaac R. Gifford and Otis Slocum** Committe 8th m^o 24th 1853, which report the meeting are united in accepting and we hereby disown him the said **Samuel Tucker** from being any longer a member of our religious society, the womens meeting uniting therewith & **Wm Tucker** is named to inform

him of his denial & report to this meeting next month.

The year for which the overseers ^{of the Poor} of this meeting being expired we appoint — —

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Overseers of Poor 1853 8th m^o **William Tucker, Abrm Russel, Otis Slocum & Humphrey Anthony** to that service for the year to come or untill another appointment.

Extracts from Y[early] Meeting

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 all of which are satisfactory to us.

London E^s & Minutes of Y Meeting

85 coppies of the **London** printed Epistle of last year have been received one of which being read is truly satisfactory & Edifying to us. these with 55 Coppies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are directed to be distributed among our members in the usual way.

George Almy Clerk.

9th m^o 1853.

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th m^o 28th 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the south **George Smith & Timothy Akin**, from the north **William Potter & William Tucker** who are present.

Moses S. A Clerk

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

Queries Answered

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. **William Tucker, Abner Potter & Otis Slocum** are appointed representatives to that Meeting, they are desired to report their attendance to our next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on our behalf

9th m^o 1853.
S. Tucker}
informed.}

William Tucker informs he has given **Samuel Tucker** information of his having been denied the right of membership with us.

George Almy Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 10th m^o 26th 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south **Paul Fisher & Howard Potter** from the north **Isaac R. Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present.

Representatives
all
attended

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

committee
for
certificate
W. Gifford

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

P. Sanderson
disowned

We unite with the womens meeting in denying the right of membership with **Phebe Sanderson** late **Anthony George Almy** Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11th m^o 23^d 1853 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south **George Smith & Ezra Wing** from the north **William Tucker & William Potter** who are present.

Queries
answered

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative mtgs to the 1st 2^d & 10th & Summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Mtg. **Humphrey Anthony George Almy & Moses Smith** are =

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appointed our representatives to that Meeting. they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting & the clerk is directed to

furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes & Signe the same on our behalf.

11 m^o 1853

The friends appointed presented a certificate for **William Gifford** to **Westport** monthly Meeting of Friends which was approved & the clerk is directed to signe the same on our behalf and forwarded it to that meeting the womens meeting uniting there with **William Tucker & Abraham Russel** are appointed a committe to Settle with our Treasurer propose one for the year to come also if thought necessary propose a sum of money necessary to be raised to meet our expenses the ensuing year, & report next month.

Certificate
for
W^m Gifford

Committee
for
Treasurer &c

George Almy Clerk

12 m^o 1853

At **Dartmouth** Mo Mtg of Friends held 12th mo 28th 1853, by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the south **John Wing & Howard Potter** from the north **Benjamin Potter & George Almy** who are present

Repräsentatives
all
attended

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

Treasurer
appointed

The committe appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer &c presented the following report viz. To the Monthly Meeting, The committe 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 expences of the –

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meeting for the ensueing year. and propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer which we submit to the meeting. In behalf of the committe **William Tucker** 12^{mo} 28.1853 which is satisfactory to the meeting. & accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed Treasurer for the year to come or untill another appointment.

Recd the following information from the overseers through the South preparative meeting viz. To the preparative Meeting of Friends, This

A.P. Barker
under
dealings

may inform that **Abner P. Barker** has married out of the good order of Friends to one not a member **Humphrey Anthony**

George Smith Overseers **Dartmouth** 12 m^o 19. 1853

George Almy & William Tucker are appointed

a committe to treat with him on that act
& report to this meeting when ready or
called uppon by the meeting.

Recd the following information

*J.E. Almy
under
dealings*

from the overseers through the North Prepara^{tive}

Meeting viz To the preparative & Monthly

meeting Dear friends **John E. Almy**

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 Akin Overseers **Dartmouth**

12th m^o 22^d 1853. **Isaac R. Gifford** and

Benjamin Potter are appointed a committe

to treat with him on account of his devia^{tions}

& report to this meeting next month.

*overseers
appointed*

The year for which the overseers of this

meeting were appointed haveing expired

we appoint **Benjamin Potter, Geo Almy,**

Humphrey Anthony, George Smith, Timothy

Akin & Joshua W. Gifford to that service

for the year to come or untill another

appointment

George Almy Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** m^o mtg of Friends held

1st m^o 25th 1854 by acts recd the reprasentatives

1 m^o 1854

appointed by the preparative meetings are

from the South **Prince Allen & Humphrey**

Anthony from the North **William Tucker**

& **William Potter** who are present.

The committe appointed last

month to treat with **John E Almy**

made the following report –

*J.E. Almy
continued
a
member*

viz To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends

we your Committe in the Case of **John E.**

Almy 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**

R Gifford, Benjamin Potter Dartmouth

1st m^o 23^d 1854 which is satisfactory to

the meeting and his acknowledgement being read is accepted for satisfaction and he continued a member of our religious Society the woms [womens'] meeting concurring there with **Benj'n Potter** is named to inform him of his being continued a member & report to this meeting next month.

Certificate for P.B. Slocum We have in concurrence with the womens meeting approved of a removal certificate to **New Bedford** monthly meeting on behalf of **Phebe B Slocum** wife of **Peleg Slocum** which the Clerk is directed to Signe on our behalf & forward to that meeting.

Report of births & death We are informed that the overseers have handed to the recorder an act of all the births & deaths that have occured within our limits the last year.

acknowlmt of J.E.Almy acknowledgment of **John E. Almy** To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends Haveing transgressed the good order of the

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Discipline, by marying one not a member of the Society of Friends I am desireous the meeting may so far pass it by that I may remain a member **John E. Almy New Bedford** 1st m^o 24th 1854
George Almy Clerk.

2^d m^o 1854 At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 2^d m^o 22^d 1854 by acts recd the represanta^{tives} appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South **Ricketson Slocum** and **Paul Fisher** from the North **Wm Potter & George Almy** who are present except one.

J.E. Almy informed **Benjamin Potter** informs he has given **John E Almy** information of his being continued a member of our religious Society

George Almy Clerk.

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 3^d m^o 22^d 1854 by acts recd the represantatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the south **Moses Smith & Humphrey Anthony** from the North **Wm Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

O Chase attended Our beloved Friend **Obadiah Chase** attended this meeting with a satisfactory minute of concurrence from **Swanzy** Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Fall Rier** 2^d m^o 27th 1854 expressive of

their unity 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 & signe the same on our behalf.

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

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forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting **Benjamin Potter, Moses Smith & Prince 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 & signe the same on our behalf.

James Wing under dealing

Received the following from the overseers through the south preparative Meeting *viz.* To the preparative & Monthly Meeting this may inform that **James Wing** haveing as we apprehend needed the advice & assistance of Friends. We have accordingly had several oppertunities with him, but he declines takeing 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 **Humphrey Anthony & George Smith** overseers 3^d m^o 11th 1854. **William Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to labor with him on that act & report to this meeting next month. **George Almy** Clerk.

The following information from the=====

4 m^o 1854 At **Dartmouth** m^o Mtg of Frds held 4^{mo} 26th 1854 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative meetings are from the South **Joshua W. Gifford & Prince Allen** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter** who are present.

J. Wing

To Committee appointed at our last meeting to labour with **James Wing** made the following report *viz.* To the Monthly Mtg

disowned of Friends Dear Friends This may inform that we have had several opportunities with **James Wing** in which we find the compl[aint] preferred against him by the overseers to be fully substantiated, and that we have not

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4th m^o 1854 been able to discover how or in what way he can make friends satisfaction. signed **Isaac R. Gifford & William Tucker** *4th m^o 25th 1854* which report the meeting after a time of deliberation are united in accepting & we do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious society the womens meeting there with, **Moses Smith** *J.E. Almy desires Certificate* is named to inform him of his disownment & report to our next meeting.

We are informed through the north preparative meeting that **John E Almy** is desireous of a removal certificate on his behalf to **N Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends. **Benjn Potter & William Tucker** are appointed to prepare one & present to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

Report of committee care of M.H. &c The committee appointed last year to have the care of our meeting houses burial grounds &c made the following report. = *Committe continued* viz. To the monthly meeting The committe appointed 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 their number haveing attended all the funerals that have been held within our limits the past year agreeable to the requireings of our discipline. They would also notice for the attention of the Mo Meeting that the burial ground at **allens neck** should be more properly enclosed agreeable to the recomm -endation of our discipline, In behalf of the committee **Wm Tucker** *4th m^o 26th 1854* which report is satisfactory to the meeting, & the same committe now under appointment viz. **William Tucker, George Almy, George Smith, Abner Potter, Humphry Anthony Joshua W. Gifford, Abraham Russel & Otis Slocum** are continued to that cervice for the ensueing year to report to this meeting at the end there of, & they are desired to encourage friends in takeing the

necessary care in haveing our burying grounds properly enclosed.

Income from B Ricketson bequest **Abraham Russel** reports that he has rec'd from the **N Bedford** Institution for savings two dividends amotg to \$22 also an Extra dividend of 2 ½ percent for five years amot \$50: also recd for rent of marsh for the last year \$13. whole amount Eighty five dollars being the income ariseing from the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest and has paid the same to our Treasurer which is satisfactory to the meeting.

George Almy Clerk.

One of the repretatives to our last Quarterly meeting reports they all attended. **Geo Almy** Clerk

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5 m° 1854 At **Dartmouth** m° Mtg of Friends held 5th m° 24th 1854 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the south **Ezra Wing & Timothy Akin** from the north **Benjamin Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present except one for whose absence a sufficient reason was assigned

J. Wing informed **Moses Smith** informs he has given **James Wing** information of his being disowned from being a member of our religious Society.

Certificate for J.E.Almy The Friends appointed at our last meeting to prepare a certificate for **John E Almy** presented one which was read & approved & directed to be signed by the clerk & forwarded to **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends the womans meeting uniting therewith.

Certificate recd for D.B. Akin We have recd a removal Certifica[te] from **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends on behalf of **Daniel B. Akin** which was read & accepted the womens meeting concurring therewith.

George Almy Clerk

6 m° 1854. At **Dartmouth** M° Meeting of Friends held 6th m° 28th 1854 by acts recd the repretatives appointed by the preparative mtgs are from the south **Otis Slocum & Prince Allen** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford** and **Benjamin Potter** who are present.

*J.L. Eddy
in
attendance*

We have at this time the acceptable company of our beloved Friend **John L. Eddy** with a Satisfactory certificate of concurrence from **Greenwich Monthly Meeting** of Friends held in **Huron Co Ohio** & Endorsed by **Allum Creek Quarterly meeting** his company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

*R.L. Roberts
attended*

also the company of our beloved Friend **Reuben L. Roberts** companion to **John L. Eddy** with a certificate of concurrence from **Gilead Monthly Meeting** held at **Weston in Morrow Co Ohio** expressive of his being an Elder in good esteem & unity with his present engagements his company has been acceptable to us. The clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes embracing the substance of this & signe the same on our behalf stateing that they have acceptably attended all the meetings constituting this.

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to
Or meeting*

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of the preparative meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th and a summary thereof are directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **George Almy, Abrm Russel, & Isaac R. Gifford** 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 & signe the same on our behalf.

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*T. W. Lad
&
H. P. Gifford
I marriage*

Thomas W. Lad [Ladd] & Hannah P. Gifford by a written communication publi^hsed their intentions of takeing each other in marriage which was noticed by the meeting & they are desired to wait untill our next meeting for an answer.

George Almy Clerk.

7 M^o 1854

At **Dartmouth Monthly Meeting of Friends** held 7th m^o 26th 1854 by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the

south **George Smith & Joshua W. Gifford** from
the north **William Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford**
who are present.

*J. Batty
attended* Our beloved Friend **Joel Batty**
attended this Meeting with a Satisfactory
certificate of concurrence from **Ferrisburg** Monthly
Meeting of Friends held at **Monkton** and
endorsed by **Ferrisburg** Quarterly Meeting
Vermont expressive of their unity with him
as a minister & with his present religious
engagements, his company & gospel labors
have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk
is directed to furnish him with a copy
of a minute embracing the substance of
this & Signe it on our behalf.

*L Epistle
rec'd & read* We have recd at this time 90 coppies
of the **London** printed Epistle of last year
one of which which [*sic*] was read & its contents
is instructive & edifying to us

*Minutes
of
our last y mt
&c* An extract from our last Yearly Meeting
embracing the report of the Boarding School
Committe & advice in regard to the 11th
Querie &c, have been recd & read & are Satisfa[c]
tory to us. those with the printed minutes
of our last Yearly yearly [*sic*] meeting are directed
to be ~~forwarded~~ distributed among our
members.

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*Committe
to
furnish
Certificates* **George Almy, Abner Potter & Moses Smith** are
appointed a committe to unite with a similar
committe of our womens meeting in granting
certificats to all Children going to the boarding
School also to ~~furnis~~ forward the names of
Such children as they may think most
Suitable to rcieve the benefit of the charitable
fund.

*R to Q mt
report* One of the rerepresentatives to our Last
Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended

We have recieved the following act
from our last Qr Meeting.

*Act from
our
Quarterly Mtg.* viz. At **Sandwich** Quarterly Meeting of Friends
held at **Falmouth** 7 m^o 6th 1854

The rerepresentatives reported ^{that} they had confere
together and were united in proposeing that
the sum of six hundred & fifty dollars be rased
for the Service of this meeting the ensueing
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 apportionment of the Stock to be raised for the Service of this Meeting viz

Sandwich	Monthly Meeting	to pay	20 pr cent
Pembroke	“	“	“
Nantucket	“	“	“
Dartmouth	“	“	“
Westport	“	“	“
New Bedford	“	“	“

which is Satisfactory and the clerk is directed to inform our respective Monthly Meetings of this conclusion, from the minutes of the meeting **Wm C. Taber** Clerk

Our Treasurer is directed to pay our proportion viz one hundred twenty three dollars & fifty cents to the treasurer of the Quarterly meeting when the State of our Treasury will admit.

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*T. W. Ladd
&
H. P. Gifford
allowed to
proceed in
marriage*

We have recd at this time a certificate from **Smithfield** monthly meeting of Frds **Ohio**, on behalf of **Thomas W. Ladd** to enable him to proceed in marriage with **Hannah P. Gifford** which is satisfactory to the meeting & they haveing consent of surviving parents & nothing appearing to prevent they are left at liberty to proceed therein they adviseing with **George Almy & William Tucker** who are appointed to attend the Solemnization thereof, See that good order is observed, deliver the Certificate to the recorder and report to this meeting next month.

The parties being desireous to consumate their marriage on 4th day the 16th of next Mo This meeting grants their request & liberty is given to hold a mtg at our meeting house at **Newtown** on that day at 10 OClock am
George Almy Clerk.

8th m^o 1854

At **Dartmouth** M^o Mtg of Friends held 8th m^o 23^d 1854. by acts recd the representatives appointed by the preparative Mtgs are from the south **John Wing & Moses Smith** from the North **William Potter & George Almy** who are present.

The year for which the clerk & assistant Clerk of this meeting being

Clerks appointed expired **George Almy** is appointed Clerk & **Moses Smith** assistant Clerk for the year to come or untill another appointment

T W. Ladd & H P. Giffords M orderly conducted The committe appointed to attend the Marriage of **Th^{os} W. Ladd & Hannah P. Gifford** report they attended to their appointment. that it was orderly Conducted & the Certificate has been Coppied on our records.

The year for which the Overseers of the poor of this meeting being expired we appoint **William Tucker, Abraham**

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overseers of Poor **Russel [Russell], Otis Slocum & Humphrey Anthony** to that Service for the year to come or untill another appointment..

J W. Gifford to unite with Otis Slocum to visit W W Allen **Joshua W. Gifford** is appointed to unite with **Otis Slocum** in visiting **W^m W. Allen** on account of his deviations one of the committe [^]appointed in the 11th mo 1851 haveing since that time deceased. they to report to this meeting next M^o **George Almy** Clerk.

9^{mo} 1854 At **Dartmouth** M^o Mtg of Friends held 9th m^o 17. 1854 by acts recd the reprasentatives appointed by the preparative Meetings are from the South **Prince Allen & Paul Fisher** from the North **Benjamin Potter** and **George Almy** who are present except one for whose absence a Sufficient reason was assigned

W W. Allen Continued a member. The Committe appointed to treat with **William W. Allen** made the following report—
Viz To the Monthly Meeting we your Committee in the Case of **W^m W. Allen** have had an oppportunity with him to some degree of Satisfaction and believe him to be desireous of retaining his right of membership Signed **Otis Slocum Joshua W. Gifford** 9th m^o 27th 1854. Which the meeting are united in accepting & he haveing presented an acknowledgement the meeting are also united in accepting for satisfaction the womens Meeting uniting 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 acknowledgement is as follows. To the Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends I have deviated so far from the good order of So[c]iety as to marry one who is not a member for which I desire Friends may so far pass by as to let me remain a member Signed **William W. Allen Dartmouth** 9th m^o 7. 1854

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*9m^o 1854
Memorials* 56 Coppies of Memorials of deceased Friends is[s]ued by
our last Yearly meeting have been recd & distributed
amongst our members.

*Committe
to repair
M. House
at
Aponaganset* The Subject of Shingling
the roof of this house & makeing such other repairs
as may be thought adviseable being brought
before this meeting we appoint **Abraham
Russel [Russell]. Abner Potter & Moses Smith** a Committe
to have it done. draw on our Treasurer for
the amount of Cost & report to this meeting
when accomplished

*O Seers
to
sell a
lot of land* The overseers are directed
to dispose of a lot of land now occupied by
Job Baker give a Deed thereof on behalf of
this meeting place the proceeds thereof in the
hands of our Treasurer & report when
accomplished **George Almy** Clerk.

9 m^o (Omitted) 9 m^o The Queries have been read
at this time with answers from our prepara^{tive}
meetings to the 1st 2^d & 10th a summary thereof
was approved of & directed to be forwarded to our
next Quarterly meeting. **Timothy Akin
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 & Signe the same
on our behalf

10 m^o At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends
held 10th m^o 25th 1854.

By acts recd the representatives appointed
by the preparative Meetings are from the
South **Ezra Wing & Ephraim Gifford**
from the North **William Tucker** and
William Potter who are present.

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*10^{mo} 1854
Rep^{ts} to
Q mtg
Report.* One of the representatives appointed to attend our
last Quarterly Meeting reports they all attended
except one for whose absence a Sufficient reason

was assigned.

*W^m W. A
informed*

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

William Tucker Howard

*Committee
to
Settle
Treasurer*

Potter & Abraham Russel [Russell] 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 expences for
the ensuing year & report to this meeting next
Month.

*S R. Leonard
Continued*

We unite with our women's
Meeting in accepting an acknowledgement
for Satisfaction from **Sylvia R. Leonard** late
Tucker & in continuing her a member of
our religious Society

*3 books
to
be bound*

Being informed that
three of our books of records need new
binding **George Almy** is appointed to
have it done & report to this meeting when
accomplished

George Almy Clerk.

11 m^o 1854

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends
held 11th m^o 22^d 1854 By acts recd the representa^{=tives}
from the preparative meetings are from the
South **Humphry Anthony & George Allen**
from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & Benjamin
Potter** who are present

*Queries
answered*

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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11 m^o 1854

Benjamin Potter, Joshua W. Gifford and
Ezra Wing 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 & signe the same on our behalf

The friends appointed at our last
Meeting to Settle with our Treasurer &c

*Treasurer
appointed
&c*

made the following report. Viz To the M^o
Meeting. The committe appointed last M^o
to Settle with our Treasurer &c have attended
to the Service assigned to them and find
in his hands \$40.06. and propose to raise
for the year ensueing \$117.00, and propose
Osman Wood for Treasurer which we
Submit to the meeting. on behalf of the
committe **William Tucker** 11th m^o 22^d 1854
all of which is satisfactory to the meeting
and accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed
Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensueing year
or untill another Year & appointment.
and our preparative Meetings are directed
to raise their proportions of the sum
recommended & report when accomplished

*books
rebound*

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

*Mtgs H
repaired*

The commiitte appointed in the 9 m^o
last to shingle the roof of this house &c
made the following report, viz. To the
monthly meeting now Sitting. we your
committe to buy Materials & to repair
the meeting house at **Aponiganset** [**Apponagansett**] have
attended to our appointment, & have
accomplished it. & the whole cost is one
hundred forty eight dollars ⁶¹/₁₀₀ which
Sum has been drawn from the Treassury
& receipts lodged with him

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on behalf of the Committe **Abrm Russel** [**Russell**]
all of which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

George Almy Clerk

12 m^o 1854

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends
held 12th m^o 27th 1854 By acts recd the
representatives from the preparative mtgs
are from the South **John Wing & Moses
Smith** from the North **William Tucker
& George Almy** who are present except one.

*Representatives
all
attended*

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

*W^m S Allen
under*

Recd the following information
from the Overseers through the South preparative
meeting viz. To the preparative Meeting
This May inform that **William S. Allen**
has so far deviated from the good order

dealing of our society as to marry contrary to discipline. 12th m^o 20th 1854. **Timothy Akin. Joshua W. Gifford** Overseers. **Moses Smith** and **Benjamin Potter** are appointed a committe to treat with him on that account & report to this meeting next month

Committe for overseers The year for which the Overseers of this meeting were appointed haveing expired **Isaac R. Gifford. Abrm Russel [Russell]** and **Howard Potter** are ^{appointed} a committe to consider of & propose to our next meeting the names of such Friends for that Service as they may think suitable

Committe to have wood cut From information now laid before this meeting it appears there is wood now Standing belonging to this meeting that would be adviseable to have cut whereupon - we appoint **William Tucker, Abner Potter Howard Potter & Abraham Russel [Russell]** a committe to have about fifty cords

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and disposed of & report to this meeting when accomplished

George Almy Clerk.

1st m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1st m^o 24th 1855 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Howard Potter & Timothy Akin** from the North **Isaac R. Potter** and **Isaac R. Gifford** who are present except one for whose absence a Sufficient reason was assigned

W^m S Allen Continued a member The Committe in the case of **W^m S. Allen** made the following report Viz, To the Monthly Meeting, We your Committe to visit **William S. Allen** have attended thereto to a good degree of Satis= faction he manifesting a regard for Society and ^a wish to be retained a Member.= **Benjamin Potter Moses Smith** 1 m^o 19th 1855. which the Meeting are united in accepting, and he haveing produced 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 womens meeting uniting there with & **Joshua W. Gifford** is mamed to inform him there of and report to this mtg next month.

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

Certificate approved
H. P. Ladd
We unite with our Women Friends in the approval of a Removeal Certificate for **Hannah P.** wife of **Tho^s W. Ladd** to **Smithfield** Monthly Meeting of Friends

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State of **Ohio**, which the clerk is directed to Signe on our behalf & forward to that Meeting.

The committe appointed last Month to consider of & propose names for Overseers of this meeting presented the following

overseers appointed
To **Dartmouth M^o Mtg** Dear Friends We the committe in the case of Overseers, now report that we have attended to that Service & are united in proposeing **Benjamin Potter, George Almy, Humphry Anthony, George Smith, Moses Smith. Timothy Akin. & Joshua W. Gifford**, to fill the Station of Overseers for the ensueing year, which we Submit to the meeting Signed on behalf of the Committe **Isaac R. Gifford** 1st m^o 24th 1855 which are Satisfactory to the Meeting & they are accordingly appointed to that Service for the ensueing year or untill another appointment

Certificate for P R G
Our beloved Friend **Phebe R. Gifford** Spread before this Meeting a Concerne which had rested on her mind to attend in Gospel love the ensueing **Smithfield** Quarterly Meeting of Friends. and to appoint a fiew Meetings amongst Friends & others as Truth may open the way,

Which Claiming the weighty Considera^{tion} of this Meeting was freely united with & She left at liberty to proceed therein being a minister with whome we have unity, The Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the Womens Meeting in furnish ing her with a minute embracing the Substance

of this & Signe it on behalf of this Meeting.
George Almy Clerk.

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2^d m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2^d m^o 28th 1855 by acts recd the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **Ephraim Gifford, Humphry Anthony**, from the North **William Potter & George Almy** who are present.

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

Certificate for N. Potter & Son A removal certificate from **Granville** Monthly Meeting of Friends **State of New York** on behalf of **Nathaniel Potter & Minor Son Albert G.** being recd, was read and accepted the womens meeting uniting herewith

Committe to visit Leander Smith Recd the following information from the overseers through the South Preparative Meeting viz To the – Preparative & Monthly Meeting this may inform that **Leander Smith** has married out of the order of our Society with one not a member, **Humphry Anthony, Moses Smith** overseers **Dartmouth** 2^d m^o 21st 1855. **Humphry Anthony** and **Paul Fisher** are appointed a committe to treat with him on that act and report to this meeting next Month.

N P Stock paid We are informed that the North Preparative Meeting's proportion of Stock has been paid to our Treasurer **George Almy Clerk**

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3^d m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** m^o meeting of Friends held 3^d m^o 28th 1855 by accounts recd the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Prince Allen & Moses Smith** from the North

William Tucker & Isaac R. Potter who are present.

[?] to Qr Meeting &c

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative meetings a summary there of was approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **Geo Almy, George Smith & Paul Fisher** are appointed our representatives & desired to report thir attendance to our next Meeting & the Clerk is directed to forwarded the necessary extracts from our minutes & Signe the same on our behalf. We are inf=ormed that our proportion of the Qr Meetings Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting.

L. Smiths committe continued

The Committe appointed to treat with **Leander Smith** are continued in charge therof to report next month.

P R. Gifford returned Minute

Phebe R. Gifford returned at this time the certificate granted her in the 1st m^o last & informed she had been enabled through divine favour to accomplish the visit to the peace of her own mind. She also produced a returning minute from **Smithfield** Quarterly meeting which is Satisfactory to this Meeting.

T. Almy desires a Certificate.

We are informed **Thomas Almy** is desireous of a removeal Certificate to **N Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends. **William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to prepare one on his behalf & present to our next meeting if nothing appears to prevent.

S Preparative Mtg Stock paid

We are informed the South preparative meeting have paid their proportion of Stock to our Treasurer **George Almy** Clerk.

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4^{mo} 1855.

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4th m^o 25th 1855 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Moses Smith & Abner Potter** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter** who are present.

Repräsentatives to Qr Mtg

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

*Certificate
for
T Almy* The committee appointed presented a removal certificate to **New Bedford** Monthly Meeting on behalf of **Thomas Almy**, which was approved & directed to be signed by the Clerk & forwarded to that Meeting The Womens Meeting uniting therewith.

*Leander
Smith
Continued
a
Member* The committee appointed in the 2^d m^o and continued at our last meeting to treat with **Leander Smith** now made the following report viz To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting The committee that was appointed to treat with **Leander Smith** on account of his marriage out of the order of Friends have had an opportunity with him and found a good a good [*sic*] degree of satisfaction which we submit to the Monthly Meeting signed **Humphrey Anthony & Paul Fisher** 3^d m^o 12.1855 which the Meeting are united in accepting 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 therewith 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
Recived of the Institution for saveings} \$24. ~
the past year two dividends

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*Dividends
received* Also received for rent of Marsh from the bequest of **Benjn Ricketson** property \$13. ~
also recd for wood that was cut on the side of the road, on the Monthly meeting wood lot 10.~
Which has been paid to the Treasurer \$47" ~~
In behalf of the Committe **Abram Russell**
4th M^o 25th 1855.

*H G. Allen
Continued
a
Member* We unite with our women friends in continueing **Hetty G. Allen** late **Smith** a Member of our Religious Society
George Almy Clerk.

5 m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** m^o Meeting of Friends held 5th m^o 23^d 1855 by acts recd the reprasentatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Ezra Wing** and **Joseph Slade**, from the North **William Tucker** & **William Potter** who are present.

L Smith **Moses Smith** informs he has given

informed **Leander Smith** information of his being continued a member of our religious Society

The committee appointed 9 m^o 1854 to dispose of a lot of land belonging to this meeting made the following report. —

Land Sold to J Baker Viz. To the Monthly Meeting agreeable to a minute made 9th m^o 1854 we have conveyed 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 m^o 16.1855. which is satisfactory to the Meeting & **Abraham Russel** is directed to place the balance \$34. after paying for the deed in the **New Bedford** Institution for Savings

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5th m^o 1855 The committee appointed in the 4th m^o of last year to have the care of our meeting houses &c made 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 desireable 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 shed should be shingled. In behalf of the committee **William Tucker** 5 m^o 23^d 1855 The report is satisfactory to the meeting. And the same Friends namely **William**

Committees report Care of Mtg houses

Tucker, George Almy, George Smith, Abner Potter, Humphrey Anthony, Joshua W. Gifford, Abraham Russel, Otis Slocum, & Moses Smith, are appointed to the same Service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment to report at the end of the year And the same committe are directed to make the proposed repairs on our meeting house & shed at **Newtown** & draw on our Treasurer for the amount expended & report to this meeting when accomplished, & **Benjamin Potter** is appointed to assist therein

Our beloved Friend **Phebe R. Gifford** informed this Meeting that she had a

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*Minute
for
P R. Gifford*

prospect of attending the ensuing yearly Meeting of Friends in **New York** which Claiming the weighty attention of this meeting was fully united with & She left at liberty to proceed therein being a minister with whome we have unity & the Clerk is directed to signe on our behalf a minute prepared for her by our womens meeting

*S Tallman
diisowned*

Wee unite with our women friends in denying the right of membership with **Sarah Tallman** late **Anthony**.

*Minute
for
I.R. Gifford*

Our Esteemed Friend **Isaac R. Gifford** informed this meeting that he had a prospect of attending the [^]settings of the ensuing yearly meeting of Friends of **N york** as companion of his wife **Phebe R. Gifford** with which this meeting unites he being an Elder in good esteem with us & the clerk is directed to furnish him with minute embracing the substance of this & signe it on our behalf

George Almy Clerk

6^{mo} 1855

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6th m^o 27th 1855 by acts recd the reprasentatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Joshua W. Gifford** and **George Smith** from the North **Benjamin Potter** & **George Almy** who are present.

*I Jay
attended*

Our Beloved Friend **Isaac Jay** attended this meeting with a certificate of concurence from **Mississinawa** Monthly Meeting and endorsed by Northern Quarterly meeting of Friends held at **Mississinawa I A.** 3^d m^o 17th 1855 Expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagements

his Company and gospel labors have been acceptable to us

P Bishop attended Our beloved Friend **Phebe Bishop** attended this Meeting with a certificate -

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6 m^o 1855 of concurrence from **Norwich [ONT] Monthly Meeting** of Friends **Canada West**, and endorsed by **Pelham** Quarterly Meeting held at **Pelham 2^d m^o 10-1855** expressive of unity with her as a minister and with her present religious engagements her company & gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Luke Thomas attended **Luke Thomas** companion to **Isaac Jay** attended this Meeting with a certificate from **New Garden Monthly Meeting** of Friends held at **New Garden in Wayne C^o I.A.** his company and solid deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us.

companions to P Bishop attended **William P. Barker & Sarah T. Barker** companions to **Phebe Bishop** attended this Meeting with certificates of concurrence from **Norwich Monthly Meeting of Friends Canada West** their company & Solid deportment have been acceptable & Satisfactory to us

And the clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of our womens Meeting in furnishing them respectively with minuits embracing the Substance of these and signe them on our behalf.

W.P. Barker etc 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 and **Benjamin Potter Joshua W. Gifford & Moses Smith** are appointed our representatives to that meeting and the clerk is directed to forward the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on our behalf

The representatives are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting

Phebe R. Gifford returned at this time the minute granted her last Month

6 m^o 1855 to attend the Sittings of **New York** ye^arly Meeting of Friends & informed the attendance was to the peace of her own mind. **Isaac R. Gifford** also returned the minute granted him to accompany his wife. The returning minutes granted them are satisfactory to us.

*P R &
I R. Gifford
returned
minutes*

George Almy Clerk.

7 m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 7th m^o 25th 1855 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Howard Potter & Timothy Akin**, from the North **William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present.

*Repräsentatives
to
Qr Mtg
all
attended*

one of the representatives to our last Qr Meeting reports they all attended.

*L Epistle
recd*

Recd at this time 90 coppies of the **London** printed general Epistle of last year one of which was read & the Excllent advice therein is much to our satisfaction. These Epistles with the 75 printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting which have been recd at this time are directed to be distri=
=buted amongst our members.

*Committe
to
grant
Certificates*

An Extract from our last Yearly Meeting embraceing the report of the boarding School committe has been r^{ecd} & read & **Moses Smith Abner Potter & George Almy** are appointed a committee to unite with a similar committee of our womens 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 suitable to receive the benefit of the charitable fund By an act recd it appears our proportion of stock called for by the Quarterly Meeting is one hundred forty four ⁴⁰/₁₀₀ dolls [dollars]

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our Propⁿ which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the
of Treasurer of the Qr Meeting when the State
Qr Mtgs of the Treasury will admit
stock

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 8th m^o 22^d 1855

8 m^o 1855 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **John Wing & Humphry Anthony** from ~~from~~ the north **William Tucker & Benjⁿ Potter** who are present

Clerk & ass^t appo^{td} The Year for which the Clerk & assistant of this Meeting were appointed haveing expired **George Almy** is appointed Clerk & **Moses Smith** assistant Clerk for the year ensueing or untill another appointment

Certificate for G W. F. & family Re'cd at this time from **N Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends a removal Certificate for **George W. Francis**, his wife **Mary Ann**, & their two minor children **Joseph Parker & Elizabeth Austin** which this meeting is united in accepting the Womens Meeting concurring therewith

Certificate for M T Johnson We unite with our Womens Meeting in accepting a removal Certificate from **N Bedford** Monthly Meeting of Friends on behalf of **Mary T. Johnson** wife of **David T. Johnson**.

Overseers of Poor The Year for which the Overseers of the Poor of this Meeting were appointed haveing expired **W^m Tucker, Abrm Russel Otis Slocum & Humphrey Anthony** are appointed to that service for the ensueing Year or untill another appointment

N. Town Mtg H Shingled The committe appointed in 5 m^o last to have the roof of our meeting house at **Newtown** & a portion of the shed shingled made the following report viz =

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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 expence of which is \$125.21cts. On behalf of the Committee **W^m Tucker** 8th m^o 22^d 1855. all of which is satisfactory to the meeting and our Treasurer is directed to pay to **W^m Tucker** the amount expended & interest accruing thereon_v when the state of the Treasury will admit

George Almy Clerk

9 m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 9th m^o 26th 1855 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Mtgs are from the South **Ephraim Gifford** and **Humphrey Anthony** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford** and **Benjamin Potter** who are present.

Thos Jones & L Meader attended Our beloved Friend **Thomas Jones** attended this Meeting with a Certificate from **Durham** Monthly [meeting?] of Friends expressive 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 **Levi Meader** attended this Meeting as companion to **Thomas Jones** with a certificate of concurrence from **Durham** Monthly Meeting of Friends his Company and sollid deportment 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

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9 m^o 1855 The Queries have been read at this time ~~and~~ with answers to the 1st 2^d and 10th and summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Qr meeting **George Almy W^m Tucker** & **George Allen** are appointed our representatives to that meeting, and they are desired to report their attendance to our next meeting and the clerk is directed to forwardd the necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on our behalf
George Almy Clerk

10th m^o 1855 At **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of Friends held 10th m^o 24th 1855, by acts recd the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the South **George W. Francis** and **Prince Allen**, from the North **Isaac R. Potter** and **George**

Almy who are present.

*Repräsentatives
all attended*

The representatives to our last
Quarterly meeting report they all atten=
ded.

*Committe
to
Settle with
Treasurer*

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

George Almy Clerk

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At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends  
held 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1855 by acts recd the  
representatives from the preparative  
Meetings are from the south **George W.  
Francis & Prince Allen** from the north  
**Isaac R. Gifford & George Almy** who  
are present  
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At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends  
held 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1855 by acts recd the repr=  
=sentatives from the preparative Meetings  
are from the south **Abrm Russel** and  
**Joseph Slead** from the North **William  
Tucker & Isaac R Gifford** who are  
present.

*Queries  
answerd*

The Queries have been read at  
this time with answers from each of  
our preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup>  
and 10<sup>th</sup> a summary of which was ap=  
proved of & directed to be forwarded to  
our next Quarterly Meeting.

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

*Treasurer  
appointed  
&c*

The Committe appointed last  
month to Settle with our Treasurer &c  
made the following report viz. To the  
M<sup>o</sup> 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 & 93 cents, there is due to the meeting  
about two hundred dollars for wood sold,  
the committee propose to raise seventy five

dollars for expences of the meeting for the ensuing year.

**Osman Wood** haveing 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 & infirmaties. The committee propose the name of **William Tucker** for Treasurer for the year to come In behalf of the committe **Abrm Russel Dartmouth** 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1855 ==

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The report is satisfactory to the meeting and **William Tucker** is appointed Treasurer for the ensueing year or untill another appointment. And our preparative Meetings are directed to raise ~~to raise~~ their proportions of the sum reccommended & report to this meeting when a<sup>c</sup>complished  
**George Almy** Clerk

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12 m<sup>o</sup> 1855 At **Dartmouth** monthly meetin of Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1855 by accts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the South **Timothy Akin** and **Ephraim Gifford** from the north **Isaac R. Potter & William Potter** who are present

*D Dudley attended* Our beloved Friend **David Dudley** attended this meeting with a Satisfactory certificate of concurrence from **Litchfield** Monthly meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present reliious engagements, his company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us.

*J Taylor attended* Our beloved Friend **Joseph Taylor** attended this meeting <sup>as companion to Davis Dudley</sup> with a Satisfactory certificate of concurrence from **Sidney** Monthly meeting of Friends, his company and examplary deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with minutes embracing the substance of the above and signe the same on our

behalf.

*Repräsentatives  
report.*

The repräsentatives to our last  
Quarterly meeting report they all attended  
except one for whose absence a satisfactory  
reason was assigned

12 m<sup>o</sup> 1855

*Report  
of  
Committe  
to  
Cut wood*

The Committee appointed 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1854 to have  
wood cut on the lot belonging to this meeting  
made the following report. viz To the monthly  
meeting now setting we your Committee  
to Cutt & 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<sup>cords</sup> 4feet 7in Trash wood for 24,,43  
whole amount ——— \$223,,45  
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 \$35.73 cents

*Committe  
Continued*

On behalf of the committee **Abrm Russell  
Dartmouth** 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1855, all of which  
is satisfactory to the meeting & the same  
Friends now under appointment viz  
**William Tucker, Abner Potter  
Howard Potter, & Abrm Russel** are  
continued a Committe to complete  
the collection have about fifty cords  
more of wood cut dispose of the same  
& pay the proceeds to our Treasurer &  
report to this meeting when accomplished.

**George Almy** Clerk

1 m<sup>o</sup> 1856

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At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held  
1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1856 by acts recd the Repräsentatives  
from the preparative Meetings are from the south  
**Joshua W. Gifford & Prince Allen** from the  
north **William Tucker & George Almy** who are  
present

*overseers  
appointed*

The year for which the overseers of this  
meeting were appointed having expired & the  
subject claiming the attention of the meeting  
were united in reappointing the same Friends  
viz **Benjamin Potter, George Almy**

**Humphry Anthony, George Smith, Moses Smith, Timothy Akin & Joshua W. Gifford** to that Service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment.

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

*E. Potter disowned* We unite with the womens meeting in disowning of **Elizabeth Potter** (Daughter of **W<sup>m</sup> Potter**) from being a member of our Religious Society

**George Almy** Clerk.

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*2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1856* At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1856 by acts recd the reprasentatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **George Allen & Moses Smith**, from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & George Almy** who are present.

*N. P. Mtgs stock paid* The North preparative meeting inform, their proportion of Monthly Meetings Stock has been paid to our Treasurer.

*S. P. Mtgs stock paid* We are also informed that the south preparative meetings proportion of stock has been paid to our Treasurer

*Committe to visit G.C.. Akin* Received the following information through the south Preparative meeting viz To the preparative Meeting this may inform that **George C Akin** 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 Akin Joshua W. Gifford** overseers 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1856 **Prince Allen & Joshua W. Gifford** are appointed to treat with him on that act & report to our next Meeting

The committe continued 12 m<sup>o</sup> last to finish the collection due for wood

*Balance paid for wood* sold last year made the following report viz To the Monthly Meeting The balance One hundred & <sup>21</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars due for wood sold has been paid to the Treasurer of the monthly Meeting In behalf of the committe **William Tucker** 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1856 which is satisfactory to

the meeting.

*M. Rider  
&  
S.M. Wilbor  
disowned*

The Women inform that they have come to the conclusion to disown **Mary Rider** wife of **Henry Rider & Sarah M. Wilbor** daughter of **Thomas K. Wilbor** with which this meeting unites

**George Almy** Clerk.

*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1856*

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1856 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Abner Potter & Moses Smith**, from the North **William Tucker** and **Isaac R. Potter** who are present.

*G.C. Akin  
Continued  
a  
Member*

The committe appointed last month to treat with **George C. Akin** made the following report, viz To the monthly Meeting, We your Committee in the cas of **George C. Akin** inform that we have had an oppertunity with him to a good degree of satisfaction and believe him to be sincerely desirous of remaining a member, signed **Prince Allen Joshua W. Gifford** 3<sup>d</sup> mo 26, 1856 which is satisfactory to the Meeting and he haveing presented a communication to this meeting expressing a desire to be continued a member the meeting have come to the conclu sion to grant his request the womens meeting uniting there with & **Joshua W. Gifford** is named to inform him there of & report to this meeting next month.

By information through the north prepara= =tive meeting we are informed ==

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*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1856*

*B. Potter  
request  
for Certificate*

**Benjamin Potter** requests a Certificate to **Westport** Monthly meeting of Friends to enable him to proceed in marriage with **Mary Chace, William Tucker** and **George Almy** are appointed to prepare one on that act & present to this meeting next Month if nothing appears to prevent.

*Queries  
answered*

The Queries have been read at this time with answers thereto from each of our preparative meetings a summary thereof was approved of &



directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **William Tucker Ezra Wing & 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 & signe the same on our behalf

**George Almy Clerk.**

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 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1856 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Mtgs are from the south **Abner Potter & George Smith** from the north **George Almy & William Potter** who are present.

4 m<sup>o</sup> 1856

Repräsentatives  
 all  
 attended  
 Qr Mtg

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

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

J.W.Gifford  
 continued  
 to  
 inform G.C.A

The committe appointed last month to prepare a certificate for **Benjamin Potter to Westport** monthly Meeting on act of Marriage presented one which was read approved & directed to be signed

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by the Clerk & forward to that meeting.

4 m<sup>o</sup> 1856

Received at this time the following viz To the Monthly Meeting now setting, The Committe that the care of the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest have received from the

Dividends  
 from  
 B Ricketson  
 Bequest

|                                            |          |
|--------------------------------------------|----------|
| Institution for saveings for the past year | \$25,,70 |
| Also for rent of Marsh                     | \$13,,00 |
| and for the priviledge of seawead          | ..50     |
| which has been paid into the -             | \$3920   |

=Treasury, on behalf of the committe

**Abm Russel**

**Dartmouth** 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1856 which is satisfactory to the Meeting.

**George Almy Clerk.**

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 At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1856 by acts recd 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

5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1856

*J. W. Gifford  
to inform  
G. C. Akin*

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

*H Swift  
disowned*

We concur with our womens meeting in disowning **Hannah<sup>R</sup> Swift** late **Sherman** from being any longer a member of our religious Society

**George Almy** Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1856, by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **Otis Slocum & Abner Potter** from the north **Isaac R. Potter & William Potter** who are present

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*6 m<sup>o</sup> 1856*

Our beloved Friend **Ann Renworthy** attended this meeting & presented a Satisfactory Certificate of concurrence from **White Water** Monthly meeting of Friends **Indianna** & endorsed by **White Water** Quarterly Meeting expressive of unity with her as a minister & with her present religious engagements her company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us

*A Renworthy  
attended*

*J. Jones  
attended*

Our beloved Friend **James Jones** attend this meeting & presented a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from **China** Monthly meeting of Friends & endorsed 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.

*W. Renworthy  
attended*

Our beloved Friend **William Renworthy** 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 esteem, his company & solid deportment have been acceptable ~~to us~~ & satisfactory to us. And the Clerk is directed to furnis them with minutes embracing the substance of the above as it relates to each & signe them on our behalf.

**Joshua W. Gifford** informs he has given

**George C. Akin** information of his being continued a member of our religious society.

*Queries & answered*

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each of our preparative meetings to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> a summary thereof was approved & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting. **George Smith, Isaac R. Gifford & Joshua W. Gifford** are appointed our representatives to the Quarterly meeting & desired to report their attendance next month. The clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes and

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signe the same on our behalf

The committe 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 committe appointed in 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last year to have the care of Meeting Houses Burial grounds & to attend at Funerals report that they have endeavoured 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 propper enclosure around the burial ground at **Newtown**, One or more of the Committe 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 Committe **Moses Smith Dartmouth** 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1856, The report is satisfactory & believing usefullness might arise from a new appointment **Isaac R Gifford, Howard Potter, Humphry Anthony & Prince Allen** are appointed a committe to consider of & propose such names of Friends for a committe for that service as they may think suitable to our next meeting.

We concur with our womens Meeting in receiveing a removeal certificate dated 2d mo 21st 1856 from **West=**  
**=port** Monthly Meeting of Friends on behalf of **Hannah H. Davis** wife of ~~Davis~~ **John Davis**  
**George Almy** Clerk.

7 m<sup>o</sup> 1856 At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1856 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **Benjamin Gidley & George Smith**, from the north **Isaac R. Gifford** and **Benjamin Potter** who are present.

*Representatives  
all  
attended*

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

The committe appointed last Month to consider of & propose names of Friends to have the care of our Meeting Houses Burial grounds & to attend at

*Committe  
appointed  
care of  
Mtg H. &c*

funerals presented the following viz **William Tucker, Benjamin Potter, George Almy, Joshua W, Gifford, Otis Slocum, Moses Smith, Abram Russel, George W. Francis, Abner Potter, Humphrey Anthony, & Ezra Wing** which are satisfactory to the meeting and they are accordingly appointed to those services for the ensueing year or untill another appointment

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

An Extract from our last yearly mtg embracing the report of the boarding school comitte, advice in regard to answering Queries & to the appointment of <sup>^</sup>Ministers & Elders have been recd & read **Moses Smith, George - Almy, & Abner Potter** are appointed a committe to unite with a simelar comitte of our Womens Meeting in granting certificates to children going to the boarding school, from within our

7<sup>mo</sup> 1856 limits, also to forward names of such as they may think most suitable to receive the benefit of the charitable fund.

Act from  
Qr Mtg

By an account recd it appears our proportion of the Quarterly Meetings stock is Seventy Six dollars (19 pr cent) which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting when the state of the Treasury will admit.

The Committe appointed in 12.<sup>mo</sup> 1853 To treat with **Abner P. Barker** on act of his Marying out of the order of our society made the following report, viz, To **Dartmouth Mo Mtg.** Dear Friends we your committe in the case of **Abner P. Barker** report that we have had an interview with him he received us kindly acknowledged he had an attachment for the Society of Frds in preference to any other but could not say He wished Friends to continue him a member, apprehending further labor from us will be unavaleing we submit the case to the monthly meeting **William Tucker George Almy Dartmouth** 7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 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 R. Gifford** is named to inform him thereof & report next month.

**George Almy Clerk**

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At **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> meeting of Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1856 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Joshua W. Gifford & Abner Potter** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present. ——— —

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8 m<sup>o</sup> 1856  
Clerks  
appointed

The year for which the Clerk & assistant Clerk of this meeting haveing expired **George Almy** is appointed Clerk & **Moses Smith** assistant Clerk for the ensueing year or untill another appointment

A P. Barker  
not  
informed

**Isaac R. Gifford** informs he has not given **Abner P. Barker** information of his disownment, he is continued in charge

there of to report next month.

*W<sup>m</sup> J. Potter  
under care  
of  
Committee* The following information was presented by the Overseers viz To **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting Dear Friends This is to inform that **William J. 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 principles & views different from those of Friends **Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter George Almy** overseers 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1856 which being read **Isaac R. Gifford** and **William Tucker** are appointed a committee to visit him on that act and report next month.

*Overseers of  
Poor* The yr for which the overseers of the poor of this meeting haveing expired **William Tucker, Humphrey Anthony, Benjamin Potter Abner Potter, & Ephraim Gifford** are appointed to that service for the ensueing year or untill another appointment

**George Almy** Clerk

*9 m<sup>o</sup> 1856* At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 9<sup>mo</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1856 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **Timothy Akin & Prince Allen** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter** who are present

**Isaac R. Gifford** informs he has given **Abner P. Barker** information of his being disowned from being a member of our religious Society

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*Queries  
answered* The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> & a summary thereof approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **William Potter, Moses Smith & Ezra Wing** are appointed our representatives & ~~directed~~ desired to report their attendance next month. The clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on our behalf

The committe appointed last month to visit **William J. Potter** made the following report, viz To the m<sup>o</sup> meeting Dear friends We your committe in the case of **W<sup>m</sup> J. Potter** now report, that we have attended to our appointment, and that he received us kindly & that after stateing to him the objects of our visit he replied & said that for a considerable len<sup>g</sup>th of time he had found himself disagreeing

*W. J. Potter  
disowned*

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 R. Gifford & William Tucker** Committe 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1856 which report the meeting is united in accepting and we do hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious society The womens meeting concurring therewith & **Isaac R. Gifford** is named to inform him thereof & report to when accomplished or called upon by the meeting

Our much Esteemed Friend **Abr<sup>m</sup> Russel**, haveing recd & paid to the Treasurer of this meeting the income ariseing from the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest since the year 1828 untill his decease in 1856 = 28 years we now appoint **George Almy** to receive on behalf of this meeting & on behalf of the =

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9 m<sup>o</sup> 1856 overseers any & all incomes ariseing 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 act thereof to this Meeting. The said **Ge<sup>o</sup> Almy** to act as above untill otherwise directed. **George Almy** Clerk.

10 m<sup>o</sup> 1856 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1856 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **George Allen & Otis Slocum**, from the north **William Tucker & George Almy** who are present

*Representatives all attended* One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reports they all attended **Abner Potter & Benjamin Potter** are appointed a committe to settle with our Treasurer propose one for the ensueing year, also propose a sum of money necessary to be raised to meet our expences for the year to come & report next month.

*Committe for Treasur &c* We are informed there is in the hands of the Overseers 40 dollars  
\$40. Given

by given for the use of this Meeting by our dear  
*M Barker* deceased Friend **Maria Barker**. the overseers  
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 Almy** Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of  
Friends held 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1856 by acts rec<sup>d</sup>  
the representatives from the preparative  
meetings are from the south **John -**  
**Wing** and **Ephraim Gifford** from the  
north **George Almy** and **Benjamin**  
**Potter** who are present

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*11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup>* The Queries have been read at this  
*1856* time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>  
*Queries* from each of our preparative Meetings  
*answered* a summary of which was approved of  
and directed to be forwarded to our  
next Quarterly Meeting, **George Almy**  
**Moses Smith**, and **Joshua W. 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 & signe the same on  
our behalf.

*Treasurer* The Committe appointed  
*settled* last month to settle with our Treasurer  
*with* &c. made the following report ==  
viz. To the monthly meeting, The committe  
appointed last month to settle with our  
Treasurer &c have attended to the object of  
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 expences of the mtg,  
the ensueing 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** 11 m<sup>o</sup> 20. 1856  
which is satisfactory to the Meeting, and  
accordingly **William Tucker** is appointed  
Treasurer for the ensueing year or untill  
another appointment.

*W J Potter* **Isaac R. Gifford** informs he has  
*informed* given **William J. 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 =

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*Committee  
in  
regard to  
wood lot*

lying on the east side of the road leading  
to **Russels Mills**, we appoint **William  
Potter, Abner Potter, Howard Potter,  
George Smith**, and **Moses Smith** to  
consider of the subject have the lot  
surveyed and report their Judgement  
in the case next month.

*Certificate  
for  
M C Potter*

We unite with our womens  
meeting in receiveing a removal Certif  
=icate from **Westport** monthly meeting of  
Friends on behalf of **Mary C. Potter** wife  
of **Benjamin Potter**

**George Almy** Clerk

*12<sup>mo</sup> 1856*

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends  
held 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1856 by act<sup>s</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> the  
representatives from the preparative mtg<sup>s</sup>  
are from the south **Joshua W. Gifford &  
Moses Smith**, from the north **William  
Tucker & William Potter** who are present

*Representatives  
A attended*

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

*Committee  
to  
s wood lot  
not  
R to report*

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

*Communication  
from  
Sandwich  
M<sup>o</sup> M<sup>rs</sup>*

Received the following communication  
from **Sandwich** Monthly Meeting of Friends  
viz Through **Falmouth** Preparative Meeting  
we have received the following complaint against  
**Sylvanus Swift**. viz To **Sandwich** Monthly  
Meeting **Sylvanus Swift** has so far devi-  
ated from the good order of our society as to  
marry contrary to the rules of our discipline  
and to absent himself from our religious  
meetings **Stephen Dillingham, Barnabas  
Bowman, Arnold Gifford** = overseers

And he now resideing within the limits of **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting, it is concluded to refer the case to that meeting and request them to extend such care & assistance as may appear proper & inform this meet<sup>g</sup> of the result, and the clerk is directed to forward to that meeting a copy of the complaint, with the substance of this minute. Extracted from the minutes of **Sandwich** Monthly Meeting of friends held at **Yarmouth** 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1856 **David K. Akin** Clerk, which this meeting accepts and **Isaac R. Gifford & George Almy** are appointed a Committe to visit him on that ac<sup>t</sup> & bestow such labour as they may apprehend the case calls for and report next month.

**George Almy** Clerk.

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*1 m<sup>o</sup> 1857* At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1857. by act<sup>s</sup> recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **George Smith & Moses Smith**, from the North **William Potter & George Almy** who are present.

*Committe  
to  
sel lot  
continued* The committe to consider the propriety of disposeing of a wood lot not being ready to make a full report are continued in charge thereof to report next month

*committe  
to  
visit  
S Swift* The committe to treat with **Sylvanus Swift** not being ready to report they are continued in charge thereof to report next month.

**George Almy** Clerk.

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At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1857. by acts rec<sup>d</sup> the representatives from the preparative Mtg<sup>s</sup> are from the south **John Wing & George Allen** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present

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*2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857* The committe appointed in 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to consider the propriety of selling a lot of land

belonging to this meeting made the following report viz We of the committe appointed 11 m<sup>o</sup> 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 Jun** 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1857 which the meeting accepts & the committe are discharged from further attention thereto.

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

*A.T. Wing care of comitte* The following information respecting **Abner T. Wing** was rec<sup>d</sup> through the south preparative meeting viz = To the preparative meeting This may inform that **Abner T. Wing** has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry one who is not a member of our society. **Timothy Akin Joshua W. Gifford** 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1857, **Otis Slocum & Ephraim Gifford** are appointed to treat with him on that account and report to this meeting next m<sup>o</sup>

*Committe for overseers* The year for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed haveing expired we appoint **Isaac R. Gifford, Humphry Anthony, Abner Potter Jun George Almy & Moses Smith**, to consider of & propose to our next meeting the names of such friends as they may think suitable for that service

*S Swift report of comitte* The committe appointed in 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to treat with **Sylvanus Swift** made the following report viz = To the Monthly Meeting We your committe to visit **Sylvanus Swift** on 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, believeing further attention from us will be unavailing we submit that case to the monthly Meeting, **Isaac R. Gifford George Almy** 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1857. which after a time of consid=eration the meeting is united in accepting & the clerk is directed to forward a copy of the report with such extracts from our minuits as may be thought necessary to **Sandwich** Mo Mtg of Friends

*B & deaths  
recorded*

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 Almy Clerk.**

*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857.*

At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1857 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative meeting are from the south **Anthony Humphry** **Anthony & Ephraim Gifford** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & William Tucker** who are present.

*A.T. Wings  
committe  
to report.*

The committee appointed last month to treat with **Abner T. Wing** inform that they have paid some attention to the case but not being ready to make a full report, they are continued in charge there of to report next m<sup>o</sup>

*queries  
answerd*

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 W. 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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we are informed our proportion of Quarterly Meetings Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that meeting

*overseers  
appointed*

The committee appointed last month to propose names for overseers of this Mtg presented the following, **Benjamin Potter** **George Almy** **George Smith, Moses Smith, Timothy Akin, Joshua W. Gifford, Humphry Anthony, & Ezra Wing** which being united with they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment.

Received & accepted the following information from **Sandwich** monthly meeting viz To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends Dear Friends, We have received your communication in the case of **Sylvanus Swift** referred to you by minute of

*Communication  
from  
Sandwich  
mo mtg*

11 m<sup>o</sup> last. And after a time of consideration and having the concurrence of our womans 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** Mon Meeting of Friends held at **Yarmouth** 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1857. **David K. Akin** Clerk, **Humphry Anthony** is appointed to inform him of his being disowned ~~from being disowned~~ from being a member of our religious socity by **Sandwich** monthly meeting & report next Month.

*P R Gifford  
certificate*

Our beloved Friend **Phebe R. Gifford** in a weighty manner Spread before this meeting a concerne which has rested on her mind for some length of time to perform in gospel love a visit to Friends within the limits of **NewYork** 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 whome we have unity. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a certificate embracing the substance of the above & sign it on our behalf.

**George Almy** Clerk

*4 m<sup>o</sup> 1857*

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1857, by acts recd the representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Otis Slocum** & **Abner Potter Jun**, from the north **Isaac R. Gifford** & **Benjamin Potter** who are present

*Representatives  
all  
attended*

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

The committe appointed in 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to treat with **Abner T. Wing** made the following report. To the monthly Meeting.

*A T Wing  
continued  
a  
member*

We your committe in the case of **Abner T. Wing** have attended to our appointment, and found him desireous of being continued in membership with us which we submit to the Monthly Meeting **Otis Slocum** **Ephraim Gifford** 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1857. which

being read the meeting is united in unity & he haveing presented a communication requesting to be continued a member, the meeting hereby grants his request the womens meeting uniting therewith, **Abner Potter Jun** is named to inform him of his being continued a member and report next month.

*H Anthony  
has  
informed  
S Swift*

**Humphry Anthony** informs he has given **Sylvanus Swift** information of his disownment by **Sandwich M<sup>o</sup> Meeting** & the clerk is directed to inform that meeting there of

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*E Kelly  
request  
membership  
in  
N.B m<sup>o</sup> mtg*

Recd the following from **New Bedford** monthly Meeting, To **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting. Dear Friends **Ezra Kelly** who was formerly a member of and disowned by your meeting. has requested to be received into membership with us haveing made due enquiry by a committee, we are united in receiveing him provided there is no objection on your part signed on behalf of **N Bedford** monthly meetg held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1857. **Charles R. Tucker** Clerk which claiming the consideration of this mtg & nothing appearing to hinder his being restored to membership the clerk is directed to give this information to that meeting.

*E Winslow  
requests  
membership*

**Ezra Winslow Jun** haveing forwarded through the north preparative meeting a request to become a member of our religious Society we appoint **Isaac R. Gifford George Almy & William Potter** to visit him & endeavour to find the sincerety of his request and fitness to become a member & report next month.

*I R. Gifford  
minute*

Our beloved Friend **Isaac R Gifford** informed this meeting that he felt it right to stand resigned to accompany his wife **Phebe R Gifford** in her proposed religious visit to Friends & others within the limits of **N York** yearly Meeting. <sup>as expressed in the certificate granted her last mo</sup> which claiming the weighty consideration of this meeting was feelingly united with and he left at liberty to proceed therein, being an Elder in good esteem with us

The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing him with a certificate embracing the substance of this & signe it on our behalf.

**George Almy** Clerk.

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*5 m<sup>o</sup> 1857* At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1857, by acts recd the representa-<sup>tives</sup> from the preparative meetings are from the south **Ephraim Gifford & Joseph Slead** from the north **William Tucker & William Potter** who are present. **Abner Potter Jun** reports he has informed **Abner T Wing** of his being continued a member of our religious society.

*E Winslow committee report* The committe 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**, now report that we visited 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 R. Gifford, William Potter & Geo Almy** 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1857. The meeting is united in accepting the report and the committe are discharged

*committee to have wood cut report* The committe apointed in 1855 to have wood cut on the lot belonging to this meeting made the following report To the monthly meeting your committee haveing charge of cutting & selling wood report that they had twenty three & one half cords of Merchantable & eight & one half cords of refuse wood cut & sold last year amounting to eighty nine & <sup>83</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars after paying expences of cutting, which amount has been paid to the Treasurer of the mo meeting In behalf of the committee **Abner Potter Jun** 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27 1857. which is satisfactory to the meetg & **Abner Potter Jun, George Smith Moses Smith & Benjamin Potter** are appointed

5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857 ~~to have the care of disposing of what may remain out & unsold also to have~~ <sup>^to have</sup> about fifty cords more cut dispose of it & report to this mtg when accomplished.

Committee  
to make  
repairs  
round  
N Town  
B Ground

The subject of haveing a better enclosure around our burying ground at **New Town** haveing claimed the attention of Friends **William Tucker Willium Potter** and **Benjamin Potter** are appointed to have a more suitable one made & report to this meeting when accomplishd  
**George Almy** Clerk.

6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857

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At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1857, by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **Joshua W. Gifford & Moses Smith** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

Committee  
to have  
care at  
Funerals &c

The committee appointed in 7 m<sup>o</sup> last year to have the care of our meeting houses burial grounds & to attend at Funerals made the following report viz, To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting we the committee appoin<sup>ted</sup> to attend & have the care of friends burial grounds &c report 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 grave stones & other respects as to be satisfactory to the committee signed on behalf of the committee **Moses Smith** 6 m<sup>o</sup> 24 1857 the report is satisfactory and the same Friends now under appointment (with the exception of our deceased Frd **Abm Russel**) are continued for that service to report next year their names are **William Tucker, Benjamin**

~~Tucker~~ **Potter, George Almy, Joshua W. Gifford, Otis Slocum, Moses Smith, George W. Francis, Abner Potter Jun, Humphry Anthony & Ezra Wing**

The Queries with answers, to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of our preparative meetings



*Queries  
Answered*

have been recd & read & summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **George Almy 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 & signe the same on our behalf.

*act of  
B Ricket=  
=son  
bequest.*

The following act was recd & read and is satisfactory. — To the Monthly Meeting the following is an act of the income arising from the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest the past year  
viz Two dividends from the **N Bedford** \$26.04  
institutions for saveings  
For rent of Marsh — — 12.25  
\$38.29

which has been paid to the treasurer of the Monthly Meeting. **George Almy Dartmouth** 6<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1857.

*P Greene  
attended*

Our beloved Friend **Priscilla Green** from **Grate Britton** attend this meeting and produced satisfactorie certificetes from **Thaxter** Mo mtg held at **Dunmore** County of **Essex England** — The Quarterly mtg of **Essex** & the yearly Mtg of Ministers & Elders

*M. Nicholson  
attended*

Also our beloved frd **Mary Nicholson** who is engaged with **Priscilla Greene** in religious service, who produced satisfactory certificates from the Mo Mtg of **Pardshaw**— the Quarterly Mtg of **Cumberland & Northumber<sup>land</sup>** held at **Wigton** and one from —

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the Morning mtg of Ministers & Elders held 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 Almy** Clerk

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*7 m<sup>o</sup> 1857* At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1857. by acts rcd the representatives from the preparative meetings

are from the south **Humphry Anthony** <sup>^</sup>and **George Smith**  
from the north **George Almy & Benjamin**  
**Potter** who are present

*Representatives*  
*to*  
*the Q mtg*  
*report*

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

Extracts from our yearly Meeting  
embracing the report of the boarding School  
committee & information respecting the  
admission of members to the meetings of  
ministers & Elders have been recd & read  
& are satisfactory, **George Almy, Moses**  
**Smith, Ephraim Gifford & Abner Potter Jun**  
are appointed a committee to unite with a  
similar committee of our woms meeting in  
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

*acts from*  
*the*  
*Y Meeting*

90 Coppies of the **London** printed Epistle  
of last year have been recd one of which  
was read at this time which is satisfactory  
to us there with 75 coppies of the printed  
minutes of our last yearly Meeting are  
directed to be distributed amongst our  
members

**George Almy** Clerk,

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*8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857*

At **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of Friends held  
8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1857 by acts recd the Representatives  
from the preparative mtgs are from the  
South **Timothy Akin & Paul Fisher** from  
the north **William Potter & George Almy**  
who are present.

*Clerks*  
*appointed*

The year for which the  
Clerk & assistant Clerk of this meeting  
were appointed haveing expired **George**  
**Almy** is appointed Clerk and **Moses Smith**  
assistant Clerk for the ensuing year or untill  
another appointment.

*overseers*  
*of the*  
*poor*

The year for which the  
overseers of the Poor of this meeting were  
appointed haveing expired **William Tucker**  
**Otis Slocum, Humphry Anthony, & Abner**  
**Potter Jun** are appointed to that Service for  
the ensueing year or untill an other appointment<sup>t</sup>

*Qr mtgs*  
*Stock*  
*\$76.~*

By an act recd at this time it appears  
our proportion of Quarterly mtgs Stock is \$76.  
dollars, our Treasurer is directed to pay that  
amount when the state of the treasury will

admit

**George Almy Clerk,**

9 m<sup>o</sup> 1857 At **Dartmouth** M<sup>o</sup> Mtg of Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> <sup>^</sup>m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1857 by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Mtgs are from the south **Ephraim Gifford & Abner Potter Jun,** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

*Qeries answered*

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of our preparative mtgs a summary of which was approved of & directed to <sup>^</sup>bc forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **William Tucker William Potter & Humphrey Anthony** are appointed representatives to the Qr mtg <sup>^</sup>They are desired to report their attendance next month and the clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minutes & signe the same on = = our behalf

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Recd the following through the south preparative meeting = To the preparative Meeting. This may inform that **Benjamin R Akin** has so far deviated from the good order of our society as to marry one who is not in membership with us. **Timothy Akin, Joshua W. Gifford** 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1857. **Paul Fisher** and **Moses Smith** are appointed to visit him on that act & report to this meeting next mo

**George Almy Clerk**

10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857 At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1857 By acts recd the representatives from the preparative mtgs are from the south **Prince Allen & Humphry Anthony** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford** and **George Almy** who are present.

*Representatives to Qr mtg all attended*

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly meeting reports they all attended The committe appointed last month to treat with **Benjamin R. Akin** made the following report viz. To the monthly mtg We your committe appointed last month to treat with **Benjamin R. Akin** on act of his deviation in marriage report we have had an oppertunity with him to a good

*B R Akin*

*continued  
a  
member*

degree of satisfaction he manifesting a regard for society & wishes to remain a member **Paul Fisher, Moses Smith**

~~~~~  
*He has been
informed*
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10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1857. which is satisfactory to the desiring to remain a member the meeting is united in granting him request the Woms meeting uniting therewith & **Joshua W. Gifford** is named to inform him thereof & report next month. **George Almy & Abner Potter Jr**

*Committee  
to  
settle with  
Treasurer*

are appointed a committee to settle with our Treasurer propose one for the yr to come also propose a sum necessary to be raised to meet our expences, the ensuing yr to report next m<sup>o</sup> **George Almy** Clerk

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*11 m<sup>o</sup> 1857*

At **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of Friends held 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1857. by acts recd the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **Ezra Wing & Paul Fisher** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

*J H Pratt  
attended*

Our beloved Friend **Joseph H. Pratt** attended this meeting with a Satisfactory certificate of concurrence from Unity monthly meeting of Friends held at **Albion** expressive of their unity with him as a minister & with his present religious engagement his company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us.

*M E Pratt  
attended*

Also **Marth E Pratt** Companion to her Husband **Jos H. Pratt** with a satisfactory certificate from Unity monthly meeting held at **Albion** her company and Solid deportment have been acceptable & satisfactory to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens mtg in furnishing them with minuits embracing the substance of the above as it relates to each they haveing attended all the mtgs constituteing this.

*Queries  
answered*

The Queries with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of our preparative mtgs have been read & summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting. **William Tucker Timothy Akin & Moses Smith** are appointed to attend as our representatives, they are desired to report their attendance to this meeting next month and the clerk is directed to forward any necessary extracts from our minuits & signe the same on our behalf

*Treasurer  
settled  
with &c*

The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer &c made the following report viz To the m<sup>o</sup> meeting

The committee appointed last month to settle with our Treasurer &c have attended to that service and find a balance in his hands of eighty =

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11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857 three & <sup>56</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dollars and propose to not raise any money for the expences of the meeting this year and propose **William Tucker** for Treasurer **Dartmouth** 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1857 In behalf of the committee **Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup>** which is satisfactory to the meeting & accordingly **William Tucker** is appointed Treasurer of this meeting for the ensueing year or untill another appointment.

*Committe  
to  
enclose B  
ground  
report* The committee appointed in 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last to have a better enclosure made around our burying ground at **New Town** made the following report. "To the monthly meeting The committee appointed some time past to attend to encloseing 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 we submit to the meeting. **Dartmouth** 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1857 In behalf of the committee **William Tucker** which is satisfactory & our Treasurer is directed to pay the amot of said repair when the state of the Treasury will admit The \$40.~ given by our late Friend **Maria Barker** to be appropriated in part payment as directed by this meeting in 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1856

*P R. Gifford  
returnd  
Certificate* **Phebe R. Gifford** returned at this time the certificate granted her in 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last for religious service within the limits of **NewYork** Yearly Mtg & informed She had been enabled to accomplish the same gratly to the comfort & relief of her own mind. Also prisented returning minutes from the following meetings, viz one from the Yearly meeting of Ministers <sup>& Elders</sup> held in **NewYork** one each from **Leray, West lake** held at **Farmer ville, Westbury, Purchase, Nine Partners** & **Stanford** Quarterly meetings, also from **Pickering** m<sup>o</sup> mtg held at **Pickering Canada West, Yong Street** monthly meeting held at

**Tecumseh & Farmington and Rochester** monthly meetings expressive of unity with her visit and services

**George Almy** Clerk

12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1857 At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1857 From acts recd from the Preparative meetings the Repräsentatives are from the South **Joseph E Smith & Joshua W. Gifford**, from the North **William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present.

*Wm Tucker*  
*Clerk* The Clerk being absent **William Tucker** is appointed Clerk for the day

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

*I R. Gifford*  
*returned*  
*minutes* **Isaac R Gifford** returned the Certificate granted him in 4<sup>th</sup> month last to accompany his wife **Phebe R. Gifford** on her religious visit to Friends & others within the limits of **NewYork** yearly meeting, he also returned satisfactory minutes expressive of his acceptable attendance.

**William Tucker** Clerk for the day

1 m<sup>o</sup> 1858 At **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1858 by acts rec<sup>d</sup> the Repräsentatives from the Preparative Meetings are from the South **Jonathan Kirby & Moses Smith** from the North **George Almy & Benjamin Potter** who are present

*Certificate*  
*for*  
*J Almy &*  
*Familie* Received & accepted a Removal Certificate from **New Bedford** Monthly meeting of Friends on behalf of **James Almy** his wife **Ruth** and their two minor children viz **Jacob & Sophia** the Womens meeting uniting therewith

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1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858 We are informed the Overseers have handed to the recorder an act of the births & deaths that have ocured within our limits the past year.

Our beloved Friend **Phebe R.**

*P R Gifford  
request  
certificate*

**Gifford** in a weighty manner informed this Meeti<sup>n</sup>g that she felt her mind drawn in Gospel love to visit a part or all of the Families of **Providence** monthly Meeting, And to attend to such further Religious service within the limits of **Rhode Island** Quarterly Meeting as Truth may open 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 unity and good esteem with us, And the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing her with a minute embraceing the substance of the above & signe it on our behalf

And her husband **Isaac R. Gifford** is appointed to make the necessary arrangem<sup>=ents</sup> to carry out the above concern.

**George Almy** Clerk

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*2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858*

At **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of Friends held 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1858 by acts rec<sup>d</sup> the representatives from the Preparative meetings are from the south **Prince Allen** and **John Wing** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & William Tucker** who are present except one

**George Almy** Clerk

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*3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858*

At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1858 by act<sup>s</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> the representatives from the Preparative mtg<sup>s</sup> are from the south, **Paul Fisher & George Smith**, from the North **Benjamin Potter & George Almy** who are present.

**Isaac R Gifford** rendered a Satisfactory reason for his not attending our last monthly Meeting as Repräsentative.

The Queries have been read at this time with answers from each preparative Meeting a summary of which was approved of & directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly Meeting. **Isaac R. Gifford** **George W. Francis & Paul Fisher** are 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 & Signe the same on our behalf.

*Queries  
answered*

*Qr meeting  
Stock pd*

Our proportion of Quarterly Meetings Stock has been paid to the Treasurer of that Meeting

*overseers appointed* The year for which the overseers of this Meeting were appointed having expired & the Subject having claimed the deliberate consideration of the meeting we are united in appointing **Benjamin Potter, George Almy, George Smith, Moses Smith, Timothy Akin, Jos<sup>hua</sup> W. Gifford. Humphry Anthony & Ezra Wing** to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment  
**George Almy** Clerk.

*4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858* At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1858 by act<sup>s</sup> rec<sup>d</sup> the representatives from the preparative Meetings are from the south **Joseph Smith & Prince Allen** from the North **William Potter & William Tucker** who are present.  
*Representatives all attended the Qr mtg* The Representatives to our last Quarter =ly meeting report they all attended  
**George Almy** Clerk

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*5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858* At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 1858 by acts recd the Representatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Humphry Anthony & Geo Allen**, from the north **W<sup>m</sup> Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present.

*Interest of B. Ricketson bequests* Recd the following viz =  
= To the Monthly Meeting The following is an act of the income from the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest the past year  
viz Two dividends from the **N Bedford** } \$26.04  
Institution for saveings  
For rent of Marsh 9.00  
Which has been paid to the \$35.04  
Treasurer of the monthly Meeting  
**George Almy** on behalf  
5 m<sup>o</sup> 25. 1858 of the Overseers

*P R. Gifford returned minute* **Phebe R Gifford** returned at this time the certificate granted her in 1<sup>st</sup> m<sup>o</sup> last for Religious service within the limits of **Rhode Island** Qr mtg & informed it had been accomplished to the satisfaction of her own mind she also presented returning minutes from **Providence** m<sup>o</sup> Mtg which are satisfactory



George Almy Clerk.

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5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858 At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 6<sup>mo</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1858  
By acts recd the representatives from the Preparative Mtgs  
are from the south **Joshua W. Gifford & Paul Fisher** from  
the North **Benjamin Potter & William Tucker** who are  
present. Our beloved Friends **James Jorden**  
*J Jorden*  
&  
*O Thompson*  
attended from **Amawalk** monthly Meeting held at **York**  
**Town West Chester Co Nyork, Olney Thompson**  
from **Bloomington** Monthly meeting state of **Io**  
[*line crossed out or otherwise illegible*]  
attended this Meeting & presented satisfactory  
certificates of concurrence from their respective mtgs  
expressive of unity with them as ministers and

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with their present religious engagements their company  
& gospel labors have been acceptable to us

Our beloved Friend **Lydia Thompson** attended this  
*L Thompson*  
attended meeting as companion to her husband **Olney Thompson**  
with a satisfactory certificate of concurrence from **Bloomington**  
Monthly Meeting her company & Solid[?] department have  
been acceptable & satisfactory to us

The Clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of  
our womens meeting in furnishing them with  
minutes embracing the substance of the above &  
signe them on our behalf

The Queries have been read at this time with  
answers from each of our preparative meetings to  
the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from which summary answers were  
approved of directed to be forwarded to our next  
*Queries*  
*answered* Quarterly Meeting. **Benjamin Potter Moses Smith**  
& **Joseph E. Smith** are appointed as our representatives  
& desired to report their attendance to our next  
meeting & the Clerk is directed to forward any  
necessary extract from our minutes & signe  
the same on our behalf

The committe appointed to attend at Funerals  
*Committee*  
*to*  
*attend*  
*Funerals &c*  
*report* &c made the following report. To the Monthly meetg  
The committee on funeral Burial grounds &c  
Report. All funerals under the care of Friends  
have been attended by one or more of the committee  
& have been orderly conducted, on some of the  
monuments in our burial grounds the inscriptions  
exceed the limits of our discipline, In behalf of the  
committe **Abner Potter Jun** 6 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1858

^The cervices of the committee have been satisfactory & and the following Friends are  
now appointed to that service for the ensuing yr  
or untill another appointment their names are  
**William Tucker, Benjamin Potter, Abner Potter Jun**  
**Joshua W. Gifford, Moses Smith, Paul Fisher**

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At **Dartmouth** monthly Meeting of Friends held 7<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1858 by acts recd the Representatives from the Preparative mtgs are from the south **Ephraim Gifford & George Smith** from the North **Isaac R. Gifford & William Potter** who are present.

*Representatives all attended*

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

*acts from the yearly mtg*

Extracts from our last yearly Meeting embracing the report of the boarding school committee was recd & read which is satisfactory also 90 coppies of the **London** printed Epistle of last year the reading of which is defered to our next meeting to be read at the close of the meeting for worship, These Epistles with 75 Coppies of the printed minutes of our last Yearly Meeting are directed to be distributed in the usual way

*certificate for M Lawrence*

We unite with our womens meeting in accepting a removal certificate from **Westport** Monthly meeting of Friends on behalf of **Martha Lawrence**.

*committee to grant certificates*

**George Almy, Abner Potter Jun, Ephraim Gifford & Humphry Anthony** are appointed a committee to unite with a similar one of our womens meeting in granting certificates to those attending the boarding school from within our limits, also to forward names of such as may apply to receive the benefit of the charitable fund

*our proportion of stock \$57..*

By an act recd from our last Quarterly Meeting it appears our proportion of Quarterly mtg stock is 57 dollars, which our Treasurer is directed to pay to the Treasurer of that meeting when in funds. **George Almy Clerk**

*8 m<sup>o</sup> 1858*

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1858 By acts re<sup>cd</sup> the Representatives from the preparative mtgs are from the south **Allen Howland**

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and **Joshua W. Gifford**, from the North

**William Tucker & George Almy** who are present.

*year for clerks Expired* The year for which the Clerk and assistant clerk of this meeting were appointed haveing expired & <sup>Geo Almy wishing to be released</sup> the subject haveing claimed the attention of the meeting it is left with the present Reprsentatives for them to consider of & report next month

*overseers of Poor appointed* The year for which the overseers of the Poor of this meeting were appointed haveing expired we appoint **William Tucker, Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup> Paul Fisher & Ezra Wing** to that service for the ensueing year of untill another appointment.

*D C Hinsdale attended* Our beloved Friend **Deborah C. Hinsdale** attended this meeting and presented a satisfactory certificate from **NewYork** monthly meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858 endorsed by **Westbury** Quarterly Meeting held at **NewYork** expressive of unity with her as a minister & with her present religious engagements her company & Gospel labours have been acceptable to us

*Maria Willits attended* Our beloved Friend **Maria Willits** attended this Meeting as companion to **Deborah C. Hinsdale** with a satisfactory certificate from **N York** monthly meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> of 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858. her company & solid deportment have been acceptable & Satisfactory to us. The clerk is directed to unite with the clerk of the womens mtg in furnishing them with minuits embracing the substance of the above & signe the same on our ac<sup>t</sup>

*Geo K Sherman under dealing* Recd the following through the south preparative Meeting viz To **Dartmouth** Preparative & Monthly Meeting =

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*8 m<sup>o</sup> 1858*  
*Geo K Sher<sup>man</sup> under dealing* 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** Ovrseers 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1858. **Paul Fisher** and **Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to visit

him on that act, and report next month.

Recd the following through the south preparative Meeting. To the Preparative & Monthly Meeting Dear Friends

*W.P. Lawrence requests membership*

I have for some time felt a concerne on my mind to request to become a member of your religious society & if I may be found worthy, **William P. Lawrence** 8<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1858. **Moses Smith** and **Joshua W. Gifford** <sup>are appointed</sup> to visit him on that act & report to this meeting <sup>next mo</sup> their sence & Judgement the State of his mind and fitness to become a member of our Religious society

*L Epistle read*

The **London** Printed Epistles of last year has been read & its contents were much to our satisfaction

**George Almy** Clerk

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*9 m<sup>o</sup> 1858*

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1858. By acts recd the representatives from the prepara-tive meetings are from the south **John Wing & Abner Potter Jun** from the north **William Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** who are present.

*Clerks appointed*

The Representatives inform they have confereed together and are united in proposeing **George Almy** for clerk & **Moses Smith** for assistant which being united with they are accordingly appointed to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment

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*9<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858*

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 We the committe appointed last month in the case of **William P. Lawrence**, have had an oppertunity 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 **Joshua 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 Womens meeting uniting there with.

*W<sup>m</sup> P Lawrence recd*

The Queries have been read at this

*Queries answered*

time with answers to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of our preparative meetings, & summary answers approved of & directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Quarterly meeting  
**William Potter, Abner Potter Ju<sup>n</sup> & Paul Fisher** are appointed as our representatives & desired 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.

*G K Sherman committee continued*

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 Almy** Clerk

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*10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858*

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1858 by acts recd the representa-tives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Prince Allen & Howard Potter** from the north **William Tucker & Benjamin Potter** who are present.

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*10 m<sup>o</sup> 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 viz. To the Monthly meeting Dear Friends agreeable to appointment we have had an oppertunity with **George K. Sherman**, he rec<sup>d</sup> 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 committe **Paul Fisher**. which is accepted & the meeting after due deliberation also hereby disown him from being any longer a member of our religious society the woms meeting uniting therewith And **Moses Smith** is named to inform him thereof & report next month.

*Geo K Sherman disowned*

*J.T. Wilbor under*

Received the following through the north Preparative meeting viz To **Dartmouth** north Preparative & Monthly Meeting

*dealings* Dear Friends, **James T. Wilbor** son of **Thomas K. Wilbor** has for Several years wholly neglected the attendance of our Religious meetings and attended the meetings of those who have succeeded from our religious society which is refered for the information of the Monthly Meeting **Benjamin Potter** and **George Almy** overseers 4<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1858 **Benjamin Potter** and **William Tucker** are appointed to visit him in restoreing love & report to this meeting next month  
**George Almy** Clerk

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11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858 At **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting of Friends held 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1858 By acts recd the repretatives from the preparative meetings are from the south **Ezra Wing & Paul Fisher** from the north =

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11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1858 **Isaac R Gifford & William Potter** who are present. Our beloved Friend **Thomas Grover** attended this meeting & presented a satisfactory certificate of concurence from **Smithfield** Monthly Meeting of Friends expressive of their unity with him as a Minister & with his present religious engagements, his company & Gospel labors have been acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed to unite with the Clerk of the womens meeting in furnishing him with a minute embracing the substance of this & signe it on our behalf.

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

**Timothy Akin, John Wing & George Almy** are appointed to attend the Quarterly Meeting as our repretatives & desired 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.

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

*J T. Wilbor disowned* The committe appointed last month to visit **James T. Wilbor** made the following report = viz To the Monthly Meeting, The committee appointed last month to visit **James T. Wilbor** on act 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 attend =ing our meetings. believeing that further labor

from us would be unavailing we submit the  
case to the Monthly meeting. **Benjamin Potter**  
& **William Tucker** committee 11<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1858  
we are united in accepting the report & do hereby  
disown him from being a member of our religious  
society the woms Meeting uniting therewith. **Isaac R. Gifford**  
is named to give him this information & report next month

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