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1836
9me

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Devon
28th of 9me 1836, accounts being Rd from each of the
preparative meetings, the representatives named to
this meeting, are from the south Abram Russell
& Warner Gifford from the north Benj. Tucker
& Wm Potter

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There is a loss on our minutes, when bearing the before
us for judgment, appears to talk further a diversity of
sentiments, and wishing to all times to preserve the
unity which becomes us as a people. We cordially
come to the conclusion to ask the Quarterly meeting
advice in the case, And Seth Davis (Giffard)
Giffard, James Tucker, Benjamin Potter and Joseph

he is a God who judgeth in the earth? and can he
be held guiltless who shall thus contribute to so much
and such hopeless misery?

If it be true that accountability is proportioned to
knowledge and the opportunities for information, how
exceedingly must the responsibility of the people of our
country be increased by the high and important privile-
ges enjoyed by us, and how exceedingly to be desired it
is, that we might become the happy instruments in the
Lord's hand of spreading the blessings of civilization,
and the knowledge of the Holy Scriptures, among
those to whom they have not been so fully made
known, and that we should spread this knowledge
of these glorious Truths, unaccompanied by the evils
and scourges which are too prevalent among the civi-
lized portion of the human family. If pure Christ-
ianity, in all its glorious fulness, could be introduced,
how would the wilderness and the solitary place be
glad, the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose, and
from the waste places of the earth sweet incense arise
to the God and Father of all, for his abundant mercies?

Let us in the love of the Gospel, convey to all
who shall read this appeal, the pathetic language
of one of the chiefs of the Island of Eimeo in the
South Sea, addressed to one who was engaged in
warning his people against the fearful evils of intem-
perance. "He wished to say to me," said this per-
son, "that after what I had declared to them relating
to the effects of strong drink, he hoped I would go to
Brittany (meaning England,) and beg the people to

Committee
Appointed
to
Represent
J. L. Giffard

Giffard are named a committee on behalf of 242
this meeting to represent the case of John Lawrence
before the committee whom the Quarterly Meeting may
appoint, and make reports of their attention to a future
meeting. Sign on behalf of this meeting by Isaac Rifford

have mercy on them; and then go to America, and
beg them there to have mercy also, because it was
those countries that sent the poison amongst them."
We cordially respond to this simple and pathetic
petition of this native chief on behalf of himself and
his people, and earnestly desire that the inhabitants
of this land may indeed have mercy upon them.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting
aforesaid.

THOMAS HOWLAND, Clerk.

H. H. Brown...Printer.

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Ocean with Shinnite's legends and ministrations of War
One of which has been read, & placed on record, friends
are desired to receive, read & circulate them where
even they may apprehend usefulness may be
derived by so doing.

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1836

9^{mo}

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Devon 28th of 9^{mo} 1836, accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives named to this meeting, are from the South Abram Russell & Warrick Gifford from the north Benjⁿ Tucker & Wm^m Potter

The Decrees re D. Meeting have been agreed on. meeting by Benjamin D. been Deposed. Reports them the Clerk & the necessary sign the s

Allent Gifford Marriage Reports that saw nothing and the bet

Joseph Hamilton & Gifford Marriage published accordingly before the meeting each their business been next morning meeting for an answer.

There is a loss on our minutes, when leaving the before us for judgment, appears to talk forth a diversity of sentiments, and wishing at all times to preserve the unity which becomes us as a people, we cordially come to the conclusion to ask the Quarterly meeting advice in the case, And Seth Davis, Ephraim Gifford, James Tucker, Benjamin Potter and Joseph

Committee appointed to Represent to D. Mtg

Gifford are named a committee on behalf of D. Mtg this meeting to represent the case of John Lawrence before the committee whom the Quarterly Meeting may appoint, and make reports of their attention to a future meeting. sign on behalf of this meeting Gifford

10^{mo}

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Devon 28th of 10^{mo} 1836, accounts being rec^d from each of our preparative meetings, the Representatives named to attend are from the South George Smith & Richard an Abner from the North Caleb Wade & Wm^m Potter, all present.

Reports of Representatives to D. Mtg

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the D. Meeting Reports that two of them attended, and that the others nonattendance was on account of ill health.

Joseph Hamilton & Gifford

having rec^d a communication from Joseph Hamilton & Gifford setting forth Joseph Hamilton's clearance to proceed in marriage with Susan Gifford and benefits of surviving parents being produced to this meeting in writing, which being read, we leave them at liberty to solemnize their marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting, they advising with Joseph Gifford and Seth Davis, who are appointed to attend & see said marriage orderly conducted, and make reports hereof next month.

100 copies of our Address

We have rec^d 100 copies of an address from the Representatives of our Last yearly meeting, to our Society and others advising against furnishing the natives of some of the Islands of the Pacific Ocean with Spinnacres, Lead pipes and munitions of War. One of which has been read & placed on record, friends are desired to receive, read & circulate them where ever they may apprehend usefulness may be derived by so doing.

1430

William G. Slade having gone to reside within the limits of Nine Partners Monthly meeting (State of New York) requested a full line setting forth his right of membership, Seth Davis, Hinaham Russell & Thomas W. Wilken are named to prepare a certificate for him and produce the same to our next meeting if nothing appears to hinder.

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed, having expired, Isaac R. Gifford is appointed clerk, & Thomas W. Wilken an assistant for the year ensuing on until another appointment.

11 me.

1836

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Easton 11 me. 23. 1836 accounts being rec'd from each of the preparative meetings, the representatives named to this meeting are, from the South Osman Wood & Thompsons Anthony, from the North Thomas W. Wilken & Benjamin Patten, who are all present.

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings ~~have~~ to the usual three have been read in this, and General answers prepared which are directed to our next quarterly meeting by Benjamin Patten, Daniel Howland and Lelly Gifford, whom we have appointed Representatives to that meeting, desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting, the clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes and sign the same on our behalf.

The committee having charge of Mrs G. Slades certificate inform that they are not ready to report, they are continued in care thereof another month.

Committee Reports of J. Kempton & J. Gifford marriage

The committee appointed last month 14th to have the certificate of the Marriage of Joseph Kempton and Susan Gifford Report that one of them attended and saw nothing but that it was evidently conducted, & the certificate ready for the recording the other through indisposition was not able to attend.

J. Gifford Reports Certificate on account of Marriage of

This Meeting is informed that Joseph Gifford requests a certificate to be recorded the Meeting setting forth his right of membership & clearance to proceed in marriage ~~in~~ with Mary Kempton a member of that meeting, Henry Patten & Freeman Lawrence are named to prepare one for him and produce the same to our next meeting if nothing should appear to hinder signed on behalf of the meeting by Isaac R. Gifford clerk

12 me.

1836

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Easton 12 me. 28th of 12 me. 1836 - accounts being rec'd from each of the preparative meetings the representatives named therein to this meeting are from the South Benjamin Gibley and Ebenezer Allen from the north Rowland Peden & John Slade, who are all present except one

Representative to D. M. Reports -

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the D. Meeting reports that they all attended

Mrs G. Slade Remarred

This meeting has approved & signed (in conjunction with the women) a removal certificate for William G. Slade, directed to Nine Partners Monthly meeting of Friends, state of New York

J. Gifford Certificate for Marriage

The committee having care of have produced a certificate on behalf of Joseph Gifford, which was approved signed & directed to be recorded at our next monthly meeting of friends.

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London
Epistle R^d
Read

We have Re^d a number of the London General
Printed Epistle as also the same number of an
Epistle of Council from the same meeting to its
particular members, both of which have
been read at this time to our comfort and
Edification. Friends are desired to circulate
them to each family belonging to this meeting,
as also to them who attend our meetings.

North Prec
meetings
Stock
paid

One of the members of the North preparative
meeting informs, that the proportion
of stock for the present year has been paid
in full.

1837
June

At a monthly meeting of Friends at Dept.
25th of 1st mo 1837 accounts being Re^d from each
of the preparative meetings the representatives
named therein to attend this one, from the South
Prince Allen & Isaac Lawrence from
the North Ebenezer Tinsley & Isaac Giffard
who are all present.

Committee to
certify
more

This meeting is informed that William Bisson has
gone to India at Liverpool without a certificate
Lilly Giffard & Abraham Phipps are named to
prepare & produce one for him to our next mee-
ting if nothing should appear to hinder.

South Prec
Stock paid

We are also informed that the South preparative
meeting has paid its proportion of stock to
our Treasurer for the years 1835 and 1836.

The committee appointed some time since as
appears on Record Page 224 of this book name read
the following Reports, (viz)

The committee appointed some
time past to sell off some wood to repair our
house we have attended to our appointment & have
sold wood & timber to the amount of \$159.89
laid up

Reports of
Committee
to
sell wood
&
repair the
house

We have also repaired said meeting house
the expense of which was, after selling the stuff
that was left of \$191 as appears to us --- \$225.88
we have also bought a stove & pipes which cost 12.57
making 239.39
amount of sales of wood & timber sold of 159.89
Leaves a Balance of Debt as appears \$ 79.50
which the members of Apanagupto particular meeting
have subscribed to pay this balance of \$ 79.50
Signed on behalf of said committee
Abraham Phipps.

Committee
to select
Officers

The time for which the Officers of this meeting were
appointed having expired, Abraham Phipps, Isaac
Lawrence, James Tucker and Ebenezer Allen
are named a committee to bring forward such
names of Friends to our next meeting as they may
deem suitable for that service.

Officers
of
Poor
appointed

The time for which the Officers of the Poor has also
expired, we therefore reappoint the same friends
who were named to that service last year, (viz)
Benjamin Patten, Abraham Phipps, Ebenezer Allen
Thompson, Anthony Daniels, Howland & Isaac
R. Giffard, who are to continue until another
appointment.

Scholar
to
Branding
School

One of the committee named to select a scholar
to take our privilege at the yearly M^d School
Reports that one has been found, & that the scholar
has been there some time

Signed on behalf of the meeting
By Isaac Giffard
W. Tucker

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1837

2nd mo

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth
2nd mo 22nd 1837. Accounts having been rec^d from each of
the preparative meetings, the representatives therein
named to attend this meeting, are from the north
Lebedee Gifford & Almon Patten from the north
Benjamin Tucker & James Tucker all present.

John &
Elizabeth
Meador
with us

Our beloved friends John and Elizabeth
Meador attended this meeting with certificates
from their friends at home, expressing unity
with their present religious engagements, dated
at their monthly meeting held at North Berwick
24th of 11 mo 1836 - whose company & Gospel Labors
are very acceptable to us. The clerk is directed
to give them a copy of this minute

Overseers
Appoint

The committee appointed last month to bring
forward names of friends for overseers of this
meeting introduced the following (viz) Almon
Patten, Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Gidley, Joseph
Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Thomas St. Wilber &
Isaac R. Gifford, and after a time of consideration
thereon were united with & they were accordingly
appointed to that service for the year ending
on until another appointment.

C. F. G. Lawton

Requests

Certificates

This meeting is informed that Charles F. G. Lawton
has remanded to him within the limits of Swansea
monthly meeting & requests our certificates, Isaac
R. Gifford & Benjamin Tucker are named to
prepare & produce one for him to our next
meeting if nothing should appear to hinder.

Wm

Sipow

Remand

The Friends named last month have produced a
certificate for William Sipow which was read and
approved, accordingly sign & directed to be read at
Monthly meeting of Friends.

Sarah C.

Allen

Certificates

We unite with the women in receiving a Remand
certificate from Sarah C. Allen on behalf of Sarah C. Allen.

2nd mo

Jonathan
Kinley
Received

The committee in the case of Jonathan Kinley now 248
made the following Report - (viz) We your committee in
the case of Jonathan Kinley have had two conferences
with him respecting his requests to become a member
of our religious Society. He appears sincere in his request
and very desirous to get along in the right way, which
gave us a good degree of satisfaction, which we solemn
ate to the monthly meeting, sign Warren Gifford
Benjamin Tucker
Abraham Ruppelle

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22nd of 2nd mo 1837 -
which was read and after a time of deliberation
thereon appeared satisfactory to the meeting, and having
the unanimous concurrence herein we do receive the
said Jonathan into membership with us, & Seth
Davis & Benjamin Gidley are named to give him
this information. & Report when done
Signed Isaac Ruppelle

2nd mo

1837

Queries
answered

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth
3rd mo 22nd 1837, accounts being received from each of
the preparative meetings, the representatives therein
named to attend this meeting are from the south
Abraham Ruppelle & Joseph Gifford, from the north
Benjamin Tucker & Wm Patten who are all present.

The Queries with answers from each of the prepa
rative meetings have been read in this, from which
General answers have been compiled, approved,
and directed to be our next Quarterly meeting, together
with the necessary extracts from our minutes, by
Warren Gifford, Isaac Meade and Almon Patten
whom we have appointed our representatives,
desiring them to report their attendance to our
next meeting, the clerk is also directed to furnish
them with the accounts from us and sign the
same on our behalf

2nd Meeting
Stack
paid

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of 2nd
meeting's stack has been paid to that meeting's
Treasurer

24th Gr

Susan G. Thompson

Remains

We have in conjunction with the numerous meetings signed a removal certificate on behalf of Susan G. Wife of Joseph Thompson directed to Providence monthly meeting of friends -

Charles J. G. Lawton

Remains

The committee appointed last month have prepared & produced a removal certificate on behalf of Charles J. G. Lawton which was read, approved & signed by the clerk and directed to Swansea monthly meeting of Friends -

Jonathan Kirby, infan of membership

The Friends appointed to give Jonathan Kirby information of his being received as a member reports that they have attended thereto -

Providence M^o Meeting against Ellery H. Davis

This meeting has received a communication from Providence monthly meeting of friends in which it appears that that meeting had noticed a Complaint handed by their overseers against Ellery H. Davis (vis) of Providence Monthly meeting of Friends held at Smithfield the 28 of 12th mo 1836

Providence preparative meeting the following preparative meeting (vis) The overseers inform that Ellery H. Davis son of Seth Davis was included in the certificate of the family to this monthly meeting, but was absent at sea at the time of their removal, and nearly all the time of their residence here, on which account, it is supposed, his name was omitted on the return certificate of the family, subsequently to their return to Dartmouth he came here to reside, but soon manifested such an inclination for attending theatrical exhibitions as to disqualify him for usefulness to his employers and he was discharged by them, and we are informed that he connected himself with the company attached to the Theatre for a time

and appeared on the stage as an actor, & that he also endeavored to obtain money from a friend under false pretences, the meeting would have been made acquainted with these circumstances before had the overseers supposed him to have been a member of this meeting, & the meeting being informed that the individual alluded to is now within the limits of Dartmouth monthly meeting the clerk was directed to forward to that meeting a copy of the complaint with the request that they labour with him on our behalf and inform us of the result.

Extracted from the minutes Arnold Langdon Clerk

Ellery H. Davis Committee

When upon me appointed James Tuckner & Isaac R. Gifford a committee to treat with him on account of the deviations preferred against him in order to convince him of the impropriety of such conduct & make reports to this meeting when accomplished. Signed on behalf of the meeting by J. R. Gifford Clerk

1837 - Home

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 26th of 4th mo 1837 accounts being received from each of our preparative meetings the representatives named therein are from the South Greenland & Benjamin Gidley from the north Colchester & Rowland Neden who are all present.

Reference to Dr. M^o Report

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

The committee who have the care of the British Society have made the following report (vis) To the Monthly meeting now sitting (over)

Benjamin
Ricketson
dividends
Re-

The committee who have the care of the Benjamin Ricketson property, have received the dividends from the infatation for savings & the rents of the Marsh for the past year all which have been paid to our Treasurer -
Apr 26th 1837 on behalf of the committee -

Abner Peeples - which being satisfactory to the meeting, the clerk is directed to record the same in a book kept for this & similar purposes.

Committee
to attend
Funerals &c

One of the committee appointed some time since to attend funerals &c. have report that they have attended to the objects of their appointment, & that they have discovered nothing but that funerals have been suddenly conducted & been burying grounds generally kept to their satisfaction. This meeting believing it useful & necessary that a similar committee be continued we therefore reappointed Seth Davis, Abner Peeples, Isaac Lawrence, Isaac R. Giffard, James Tucker, Humphrey Anthony, Warren Giffard & Lillie Giffard, to this service for the year ending on next another appointment.

Sarah
Patten has
or
minutes
to
Westport

This ^{one} has in conjunction with the women directed the clerk to sign a copy of a minute on behalf of our beloved friend Sarah Patten on her proposing visiting the families of friends belonging to Westport monthly Mtg. in company with Anna Macomber.

Committee
to settle with
Treasurer

Abner Peeples, Abner Patten, & Isaac R. Giffard are named to settle accounts with our Treasurer & propose a sum necessary to be collected, & report hereon next month -

signed on behalf of the meeting by
Isaac R. Giffard

Treasurer
settled with

300 \$ to
be collected

1200 \$ to
Mary Kenton

Certificate
for
Mr. Deards
family
directed

At a Monthly meeting of friends held at (252) Dartmouth 24th of 5th mo 1837 accounts being read from each of the preparative meetings, the representatives named are from the South Asaph Giffard and Lillie Giffard, from the North Ethriek Tripp & John Handy, who are all present -

The committee appointed last month to settle with the Treasurer & propose a sum necessary to be raised have made the following Report. (Read)

We have attended to our appointment, & find a balance in his hands of four dollars & 20/100 and propose to raise the sum of three hundred dollars as we find that sum will be due for keeping the poor by the middle of 10th next, which we submit to the meeting, on behalf of the committee to the monthly meeting. Abner Peeples have sitting down which being read was satisfactory to the meeting, and our preparative meetings are directed to collect their several proportions & pay the same over to our Treasurer making report hereof when accomplished.

One of the committee having the care of the Mary Hart Beards reports that 1200 one year annuity has been received & paid to our Treasurer -

The committee some time since (on page 240) as then appointed to prepare a certificate for Matthew Beards family, have now produced one, which was read approved signed & directed to the monthly meeting of friends held at Allum Creek state of Ohio

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6me

1837

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth the 28th of 6me 1837, after the reading of the preparative meeting the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are from the South Ebenezer Allen & Benjamin G. Coley from the North William Patten & George W. Frances who are all present

Wm. Kennard
J. Halle
attended

Our Beloved Friend William Kennard from Summersetts Monthly & Dartmouth Quarterly meetings State of Ohio, attended this meeting satisfactory certificates on his behalf were from those meetings were read, his company & Gospel Labors have been acceptable to us he also has had an attendance all the meetings within our limits. The company of Thomas Halle companion to the Jonesville friend with a minute from Short Creek Monthly meeting Ohio is also satisfactory, the clerk is directed to notice the above at our next 2^d Meeting -

Joseph and
Charalietts
Tinsipp
attended

Our Esteemed friends Joseph & Charalietts Tinsipp from Teton Monthly meeting State of New York attended this meeting, satisfactory minutes from that meeting on their behalf were read, their company & Labors in love have been satisfactory to us

Representatives
to
2^d Meeting
Dennis Fox
do

The Minutes have been read at this time with answers to the first, second and tenth, a summary from which has been prepared, and is directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by Ebenezer Allen, Isaac R. Gifford, Amos Ruppel, & Richard S. Loomis, whom we have appointed representatives there to desiring them to report their attendance to our next Mtg. The clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary accounts from this meeting and sign the same on our behalf

The case of John Lawrence as appears on 254 his book page 193 and revised again on reading the reports of our committee made on that subject in 9me last, when this meeting came to the conclusion to ask advice of the Quarterly Meeting

The case of John Lawrence as appears on this book page 193, and revised again on reading the following reports of our committee to this meeting in 9me last - viz

To the Monthly meeting, Dear Sir
We have attended to the object of our appointment in the case of John Lawrence, but he did not manifest any disposition to retract or condemn any steps he had taken in regard to the prosecution from your friends
Abraham Ruppel
Benjamin Patten
James Tucker

When this meeting came to the conclusion to ask advice of the Quarterly meeting upon this subject, it was introduced again by the reading of the following reports made by the 2^d Meeting's Committee to us - (viz) A Report R. L. 14th of 6me 1837 -

Reports of the
Committee
on
Lawrence

2^d Mtg
Committee
Reports on
Lawrence

To friends of Dartmouths monthly meeting, We the undersigned of the committee of Sandwich Quarterly meeting appointed in 10me last for the purpose of rendering your meeting such advice and assistance as might be found necessary in our judgment in the case of John Lawrence as represented to us by your committee monthly meetings committee, and by a visit of a part of this committee to him, in which the subject has been fully heard, and after deliberately considering the case we are unitedly of opinion that it is necessary in order to support our Disciple line that your meeting should proceed to place judgment opposite the said John Lawrence (signed by the following friends, &c.)

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John
Lawrence
discovered

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at Harriet
Giffard
Removal

7 mo
1837

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Representatives
to 2 Mo
Reports

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D. Meetings
Stacks of 1838

J. Lawrence
informed.

Letto Kelly, Maltiah Giffard, Saml Brown,
Barnabas Taber, John Macomber, Samuel
Wing, which reports are satisfactory to us
And after a time of solid deliberation
hence and having the women concerned
hence we do discontinue the said John Lawrence
and no longer consider him a member of
our religious Society & Wannen Giffard &
Abraham Peppers are named to inform
him hence of & Report when done

We have in unison with the women
signed a Removal Certificate to Pembroke
Monthly meetings of friends on behalf of
Harriet Giffard. Signed on behalf of
the meeting Isaac Giffard
Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dart.
the 26th of 7 mo 1837 accounts being R^d from each
of the preparative meetings, the Representatives
named therein to attend this meeting are from
the South Osaman Wood & Amersham Lawrence
from the north Benjamin Patten & Lebbe Hall
who are all present

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

by an account from our last Quarterly Meeting
it appears that our preparatory of Yearly and
Quarterly meetings stacks is \$152 which our
treasurer is directed to pay the 2 meetings thereof
which is in funds.

The friends named last month to inform
John Lawrence of his deacons. Reports that
they have attended thereto

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 11th to the 16th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1837.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and the attention given by the Committee to the concerns of the Institution placed under their care, was satisfactory to this Meeting. The following is the Report:—

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee Report, that they have endeavoured to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in giving their attention to the various concerns of the Institution.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has prevailed. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and thirty-four. At the present time there are twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members of our religious Society, all but two of whom are connected with Friends. Our friends Enoch and Lydia Breed have continued, acceptably, to act as Superintendents, during the past year, but desiring to be released, we have at this time agreed with our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter upon this service the first of next month. Moses B. Lockwood, Jonathan L. Slocum, Samuel Austin and Lewis Taber are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Mary-Ann Barker, Emeline Aldrich, and Elizabeth H. Osborne, in the Girls'. George F. Reed is employed as instructor in the Languages. Isaac Hathaway continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper, and Free-love Greene is employed as a care-taker of the Girls, and has charge of the sewing School.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the Institution is in debt, \$5,158 65 cts. This debt may be ascribed, principally, to the high price, for the past two years, of the various articles of consumption required in the family, and to there not having been so large a number, as heretofore, admitted into the School, who were not members of our Society, the terms of whose admission are higher than for members. In order to meet the present deficiency, we have requested the Treasurer of the School Fund to effect a loan of five thousand dollars. It appearing to the Committee, that some means must be adopted to liquidate this debt, and to meet the probable current expenses of the School for the future, we propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, that Books and Stationary be charged to the scholars, at their cost at wholesale; that the privilege granted Monthly Meetings be suspended; that the allowance for travelling expenses to children who come from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings, be reduced from six to four cents per mile; and that the general price of board and tuition, (for members of this Yearly Meeting,) be raised to seventeen dollars per quarter, payable as heretofore, in advance—to commence on the first of eighth month next. By adopting this arrangement, with the probable reduction of cost in the articles of consumption, it is believed that the expenses of the School may be met, and the debt gradually discharged.

The amount of funds belonging to the Institution, for the schooling of poor children, including the bequest for that purpose by our late friend Moses Brown, is \$6650. It is proposed that this should be kept, by the Treasurer, distinct from the general funds; and the income of it will support twelve children, six months each, at seventeen dollars per quarter.

We have continued to appoint committees to examine the School semi-annually, who, on these occasions, have devoted several days to the service. By their reports we are informed, that the general appearance of the School has been such as to give them much satisfaction. The scholars have given encouraging evidence of attention to their various studies, in most of which they have exhibited a proficiency alike creditable to them and to their teachers. There has been an agreeable manifestation of a conformity, on the part of the children, to the advice of Friends in respect to plainness.

In adverting to the past year we feel bound to acknowledge the preservation that has been mercifully extended to us, under which we trust, the School has been continued in good degree, in accordance with the intentions of the Yearly Meeting in its establishment.

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Boarding School, 5th of 5th month, 1837.

The several propositions, contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, having been referred for consideration, to a Committee of this Meeting, they produced, at a subsequent sitting, the following Report, which was united with, and was directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, in connection with the Report of the School Committee, viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting.—The Committee to take into consideration the propositions contained in the Report of the Boarding School Committee, report, that they have given them their careful consideration, and that they are united in opinion, that it will be best for the Yearly Meeting to adopt them, for the present year. We would propose however, (in accordance with the intention of the School Committee,) that the class Books, for reading, should be supplied to the scholars, free of expense, and that this information be appended to the Report of the School Committee.

"We would propose, in order for a proper selection of poor children to occupy the privilege of the charitable Fund,* that Monthly Meetings be requested to ascertain the number of children of this description, in their respective Meetings, and to communicate their names and ages to the acting Committee of the school, by the time of their meeting in the 9th month next, at Providence.

On behalf of the Committee,

THOMAS JONES,
MARY T. BROWN."

Newport, 6th month 14, 1837.

*The words of Moses Brown's Will, in relation to his bequest, are,—“for the schooling of such members of the Society as are actually poor, supported or not as such, by the respective Monthly Meetings; and females are to have equal advantages of the whole of this legacy as males.”]

This Meeting having again taken under deliberate consideration, the propriety of admitting Children into its Boarding School, who are not members of our Society, came to the conclusion, that it would not be advisable to receive any children who are not members, except in those cases where one or both Parents are members, and who, in the judgment of the acting Committee, are proper subjects to become inmates of the Institution.

Answers to the Queries on the subject of Education, received from our several Quarterly Meetings, were read, and a Committee appointed to compile a digest of the information therein contained, and if way should open for it, to prepare a minute of advice on this subject. At a subsequent sitting, the Committee presented the following Report, viz.

"To the Yearly Meeting.—The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, that by the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings, there appear to have been, in the course of the past year, three Monthly Meeting schools, averaging six months; three Preparative Meeting schools, which averaged eight months; fifteen Family schools, averaging seven months, and one recently established. Also five private or select schools, under the entire control of Friends, but not confined exclusively to Friends' children. The number of scholars who have attended the above schools, [or who have received instruction at the Yearly Meeting's Boarding school,] is reported to have been about five hundred and fifty; making an increase, since last year, of one hundred and fifty. Several district schools have been taught by members of our Society.

"Although the information derived from the answers to the Queries, is not so full and explicit as would have been desirable, yet it affords evidence of the interest felt, by many Friends, in the welfare of the rising generation, by providing the means of acquiring a guarded education. While some parents, in many parts of our widely extended Yearly Meeting, are making commendable exertions to bring up their children in the way they should go, we regret that this concern is not more extensively felt. In looking over our Society, and beholding the children who are soon to take the places of the parents, and upon whom the important concerns of Society must ere long devolve, a deep solicitude is felt on this account, that the clay in the hands of the potter may not be marred on the wheel. We are aware that some of the peculiar testimonies which we are called upon to sustain, and which distinguish us from other religious denominations, are liable to be viewed by our children, who are compelled to associate with others in acquiring a practical education, as presenting a formidable obstacle in the way of their continuing consistent members of our Society;—and we earnestly recommend to parents, and particularly to those whose locations are so remote from each other, as to render it impracticable to establish schools of their own, to endeavor to remove this obstacle, as far as it may be done, by providing the means of instruction in their own families, and by impressing upon the minds of their offspring the importance of building up this hedge about them, which may prove the blessing of preservation in after years.

"In conclusion, we would simply advert to the necessity of still maintaining a lively interest in this highly important and interesting concern, not only as a duty incumbent upon us, but as a means of contributing to the happiness and welfare of the beloved youth.

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM REYNOLDS."

Which having been read and considered, was satisfactory to us; and this Meeting having long been deeply interested for the guarded education of the children and youth of our Society, recommends this subject to the solid attention of Friends; and directs that copies of the Report be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England,—Sixth month, 1837.

This Meeting having been brought under exercise for the preservation and right advancement of the Christian testimonies, which distinguish us, to a great extent at least, from the various other bodies of professing Christians,—a concern has prevailed, that in all our movements to promote the cause of truth and righteousness in the earth, whether it be the amelioration of the condition of our fellow beings who are suffering under oppression, or the moral and religious improvement of our brethren of the human family generally,—a recurrence may be had, by all our members, to the ground of religious concern, and to the guidance of that Wisdom which is first pure, then peaceable, gentle and easy to be entreated,—and which is profitable to direct us in the path of safety. And under this exercise, an earnest solicitude has been felt, that we may do nothing to compromise the testimony to the spiritual nature of Divine worship, borne by our early Friends, when called upon to leave the various religious denominations with which they had been associated, and again to revive among the nations in which they were scattered, a testimony to the operative influence of the Spirit of Truth upon the mind of man, so amply borne witness to in the Holy Scriptures, as essentially necessary to the performance of every religious act, and for our guidance in every good word and work. And while we desire that we may all maintain a spirit and temper which will prevent us from condemning, or in any way attempting to impede the well meant endeavors of others to promote any of the objects of Christian benevolence, or of moral reform, that occupy the attention of the public mind, in the present day; we have believed that the preservation of the precious testimonies to which we have alluded, and our influence, as a religious Society, in promoting the important objects, alike desirable to every benevolent mind, very much depend upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.

Under these considerations, we have believed, that to open our meeting-houses to Lecturers, whose opinions and principles, on many subjects, that we consider of primary importance, are widely different from ours, and which we apprehend are frequently brought into view in such lectures, will have a tendency to draw off the minds of our members, from an establishment in the truth of those principles which have ever been maintained by us, and from a practical exemplification of them in our conduct. It is therefore our advice and judgment, that all such applications for the use of our meeting-houses, may be discontinued by Friends.

Extracted, by direction, from the Minutes of the Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

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HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,
IN THE SIXTH MONTH, 1837.
TO ITS OWN MEMBERS, AND THOSE OF OTHER
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Published by direction of said Meeting.

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THE SUBJECT OF SLAVERY, as it now exists in some parts of our common country, having been brought impressively before us, at the present time, we have deemed it right to call the attention of our own, and of other Christian communities, to its serious consideration.

It is well known that the Society of Friends, as a religious body, have long maintained a decided testimony against holding their fellow men in bondage. A testimony which had its origin in a deep felt conviction that the practice could not be reconciled with the precepts and doctrines of the Christian religion. Yet in thus renewedly adverting to the subject, we feel no disposition to keep out of view, the fact, that in the earlier settlement of Friends in this country, many of them did, in common with other professors of the Christian name, participate in the practice; and we have thought that encouragement would be derived from a brief recurrence to the rise and progress of the concern for its removal, so far as relates to the Society of Friends.

Individuals of the Society, if not opposed to it from the commencement, very soon became uneasy with the system; they were drawn to a consideration of the subject on Christian principle, and becoming fully convinced that it was inconsistent with the spirit of the Gospel of love and peace, they felt themselves called upon, not only to bear an individual testimony against it, but from a sense of religious duty, to labour, in love, with their brethren, for its removal. They saw, that the descendants of Africa were fellow beings, equally with ourselves the objects of Divine regard, and that the sacred injunction of doing unto others, in all things, as we would that they

children, and their country, we are persuaded they would find, (we have no doubt they often do find,) abundant cause for serious meditation; but were they, in sincerity of heart, without regard to self-interest and the maxims of a cruel policy, to enter upon an enquiry into its consistency with the precepts and doctrines of Him, who in the greatness of his love for a fallen world, gave himself a ransom for all,—how could they turn away from the conviction,—that to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God,—to love our neighbor as ourselves,—to do unto others, as we would that they should do unto us,—are duties of universal obligation?—and that to claim property in their fellow-men; to hold them in unconditional bondage; reaping the fruit of their labour without any adequate return; and with-holding, in great measure at least, the means of moral and religious instruction from those who are equally with themselves, and with us, heirs of the promises of salvation by Christ,—is wholly at variance with that dispensation, which was ushered into the world with the joyous anthem, of "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men." And seeing these things in their true light, and remembering that He whom we profess to serve, and who has "made of one blood, all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth," is no respecter of persons; that he is a God of justice, as well as of mercy, and hath declared: "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, I will arise saith the Lord"—how could they refrain from turning to Him for strength, to pursue the path of duty, that would thus be opened before them; and from becoming, at least, preachers of righteousness by their example, if the influence of example were all that they had it in their power to exert? And to this, we have ardently desired, they may be persuaded, in love unfeigned, and by every motive that can rightly influence the Christian mind—that the blessing of millions who are ready to perish, may come upon them.

We cannot doubt that there are, among the inhabitants of the States in which Slavery is now widely extended, those who are taking a thoughtful, sober view, of this highly interesting subject. We are fully aware that they are surrounded with difficulties of no ordinary magnitude. We sympathize with them in their peculiar trials. But we would,—that they could be encouraged, instead of

looking too much at the difficulties that are presented to their minds, to turn to the gracious offers of assistance to all who rightly ask it, which abound throughout the sacred volume,—and to the animating hope that is set before all those who, in sincerity and singleness of heart, obey the Gospel.

In conclusion, we cannot forbear repeating, the very great solicitude we have felt, that the members of every professing Christian church may, under a deep sense of religious duty,—and encouraged by the cheering declaration,—"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy"—commence, in earnest, the endeavour to clear their hands from all participation in the continuance of Slavery in our land; and then, we believe, that difficulties that may now seem to be insurmountable, would be made to disappear, and the system itself, through the Divine blessing upon their example and their labours, cease to be a reproach to us, as a Nation.

Signed on behalf, and by direction of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun.

Clerk of the Men's Meeting

HANNAH GOULD, Jun.

Clerk of the Women's Meeting.

Note, page 4.—It may be satisfactory to many of our members, as well as to others, to be informed, that this interesting concern had engaged the attention of some of the Meetings of Friends within the limits of New England Yearly Meeting, as early as the year 1716. In the 9th month of that year, the Monthly Meeting of Nantucket made a minute, expressing the "sense and judgment" of that meeting, that "it is not agreeable to Truth, for Friends to purchase Slaves, and keep them term of life."

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our last yearly meeting embracing the reports of
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the state of Friends schools, with advices on the state
of Education, and App advices in relation to not
opening our meeting houses to Lecturers of other
denominations, or People, for the purposes therein
referred to. All of which have been read & are to
be our satisfaction.

Hammetts
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It appearing by the annexed accounts from the
yearly meeting that there is a fund left to its
members by their beloved friend Moses Brown
& others for the purpose of educating Poor Children
and belonging to our Society, And that the names
of such children are to be forwarded to the
acting school Hammetts (who meet in general
at Providence) in order for admissions, we therefore
appoint Seth Davis Isaac Gifford & Joseph
Gifford and Humphrey Anthony a committee
to make the necessary inquiries and forward
such names accordingly if any such may
be found, & report hereon when done

Banbury
Anthony
& her
children
Received

This meeting united with the women in receiving
ing a Renewal certificate from Duessburg monthly
meeting state of Maryland on behalf of Banbury
Anthony, (wife of Seth) & her two minor children
Alice, and Mary, who are now recognized as
lights members of this meeting, and the
records is directed to notice their names.

Mary
Gifford
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This meeting has in union with the women
accepted a Renewal certificate from Andover
monthly meeting on behalf of Mary Gifford
wife of Joseph

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Daniel
& Willm
& P. Tucker
Publish
Marriage

This meeting is informed that Daniel Willm
proposes publishing his intention of Marriage
with Phelie Tucker at this time accordingly
they the said Daniel Willm & Phelie Tucker
appeared before the meeting & declared their
intentions of taking each other in marriage,
the meeting noticed their communication
desiring them to wait until our next mo-
nathly meeting for an answer, and Benjamin Patten
& Isaac Rifford are appointed a committee
to inquire into Daniels Circumstances in this
respect & make reports hereof to our next meetg
Sign in behalf of the M^g
by Isaac Rifford Clerk

8 mo
1807

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at date
the 23 of 8 mo 1807 accounts being rd from each
of the preparative meetings, the representa-
tives therein named to attend this meeting
are from the South Josiah Shearman
& Humphrey Arthurs, from the north
Benjamin Tucker & Thomas W. Willm
who are all present

The overseers presented the following
information Respecting Penny Gifford (Wife)

To the preparative & Monthly meeting
Dear friends,

Penny Gifford has for
some time nearly neglected the attendance of our
religious meetings, & attends those of other Deno-
minations, for which he has much laboured with
the overseers without the desired effects, where
we submit to the meeting sign

P. Gifford
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Joseph Gifford }
Benjamin Giddes } Resolved
whenever you are appointed Isaac Lawrence &

Committee
for
P. Gifford

James Tucker a Committee to visit him 208
& to endeavor to convince him of the propri-
ety of attending our meetings, & make reports
here on when ready

D. Willm
& P. Tucker
have
an answer

The Committee appointed last month to in-
quire into Daniel Willm Circumstances to proceed
in marriage with Phelie Tucker reports, that
they have attended thereto and find nothing
to hinder, and have cut of parents now
being produced in writing, they are accor-
dingly left at liberty to solemnise their
Marriage at some suitable time before
our next mo meeting, they advising with
Isaac Rifford & Benjamin Patten who
are appointed to attend & the said mar-
riage orderly conducted & make report
to our next meeting.

A number of copies of an Address
adopted by our last Yearly Meeting
& directed to its annual Members & those
of other Christian Communities on
the subject of Slavery have been received
one of which was now read & accepted
very handsly, they were directed to be
distributed agreeable to the intention
of the Yearly meeting.

Isaac R. Gifford
Clerk

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9mo 1837

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 27th of 9mo 1837 accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are from the South Abner Patten & Lebedee Gifford with belch Wade & James Tucker who are all present

Represent to D. M. G.

The Quenies have been read in this meeting and answers to the 1st, 2^d, & 10th a summary of which has been prepared & directed (together with the necessary extracts from our minutes) to our next Quarterly meeting by Lebedee Gifford Seth Davis & Ricketson Howen whom we have appointed Representatives thereto, desiring them to Report their attendance to our next meeting & the clerk is directed is directed to furnish them with an accounts from us & sign the same on behalf of the meeting

D. Willies Marriage Reported

The friends appointed last month to attend the marriage of Daniel Willies & Phoebe Tucker report that they attended the marriage and saw nothing but that it was orderly conducted

Job Cuddy Certificate Re^d

We have rec^d read and accepted a certificate from a Dutched monthly meeting on behalf of Job Cuddy & his wife, the women concerning with us herein

And he belong to the north

our friend Job Cuddy now requested that he & family might have the privilege of attending meetings at Dartmouth & belong to the north preparative meeting, which after due consideration was cordially succeeded to

We have Received Certificate

We have Received a copy of a minute on certificate on behalf of Mrs. S. P. or a minor which this meeting granted him directed to a Dutched monthly meeting in 2^d mo. Last, it having been returned by that meeting

This meeting having the following information from the north preparative meeting Respecting Seth Maxfield (see)

Seth Maxfield informed of

To the north preparative meeting, Dear friends This may inform that Seth Maxfield has for a long time almost entirely neglected the attendance of our meetings, on which account he has been laboured with, but without the desired effect Dartmouth 9mo 21st 1837 - Thomas W. Willies Isaac R. Gifford

And committee we

We therefore appoint Isaac Lawrence and Joseph Gifford a committee to visit him and extend such further labors as may seem for in order to reclaim and restore, and make report hereon at a future meeting signed Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

10mo 1837

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 25th of 10 mo 1837 accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings the friends named to attend this meeting as representatives are from the South Abner Patten & Amos Lawrence from the north Ethaniel Joseph and George W. Francis who are all present

Articles Appointed

The time for which the clerks of this meeting having expired, Isaac R. Gifford is appointed clerk & Thomas W. Willies an assistant for the ensuing or until another appointment

Reports of Repus to D. M. G.

One of the representatives appointed last mo. to attend the D. Meeting reports that two of them attended, the other now made a satisfactory excuse signed on behalf of the meeting by Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

11mo 1837

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 22^d of 11 mo 1837 accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings the representatives to this meeting are from the south George Smith & Ebenezer Allen from the north

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Benjamin Patten & William Patten, who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory reason was assigned.

Representatives to 2^d Meeting

The Quenies have been read in this meeting & papers from each of the preparative meetings to the first, second, & tenth from which a sum many was prepared, & were directed to our next Quarterly Meeting by Benjamin Gidley, Joseph Giffard and Benjamin Tuckman, whom we have appointed our representatives thereto, desiring them to report their attendance to our next Meeting & the clerk is also directed to furnish them with the needful accounts from us and sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

Committee to enlarge & enclose Bunyng Ground

The Committee having the care of our Bunyng ground, Fencibles, &c. introduced to this meeting the propriety of enlarging and enclosing the Bunyng ground at Spangarsset, which claim the attention of the meeting and we came to the conclusion to leave the subject with the committee who introduced the same, with the addition of Alenex Patten, George Smith, & Benjamin Gidley, who are desired to give further attention thereto & bring forward to a future meeting their views in relation to this subject.

Signed on behalf of the meeting by Isaac R. Giffard &c.

19th mo 1837

At Dartmouth Monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 27th of June 1837. Accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings: Alenex Patten & Elijah Giffard from the South & Lealile Slade & Job Caddy from the north who are all present.

John D. Lang & J. Skelton

Our Esteemed friend John D. Lang attended this meeting with a certificate from the Wth Meeting of Friends at Burwick expressing of their unity with his professed religious prospects, his company & Gospel Labours have been truly acceptable to us, as also the company of Joshua Maden Compaⁿ's

THE EPISTLE FROM THE YEARLY MEETING, HELD IN LONDON,

By adjournments, from the 24th of the Fifth Month, to the 2nd of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1837, TO THE QUARTERLY and MONTHLY MEETINGS of FRIENDS, in GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, and ELSEWHERE.

DEAR FRIENDS, In coming together as a Christian church, to watch over and regulate the affairs of our religious society, and to promote, as ability may be afforded, the cause of truth and righteousness, we have again been made sensible, in the midst of many conflicts and discouragements, of the condescending goodness of our Holy Head, Christ Jesus the Lord;—our strength has been renewed, and we have been refreshed together; our fellowship in Christ has been confirmed; and, in that love which has brought us near one to the other, we salute you in Christian sympathy and affection, and would bid our brethren everywhere to take comfort in Christ, to put on strength in his name, and to seek to be clothed with the whole armour of God.*

We believe that to many of those who love the truth, and are willing to suffer for the sake of their Lord, the present must be acknowledged to be a day of peculiar trial. The Lord may appoint it to his people to pass through the

* Eph. vi. 11.

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fire; but there is support for them in the persuasion, that under no circumstances is the church more the object of the care and love of her Saviour than in her times of deepest tribulation: it is then that she is best prepared to take her part in those precious promises which are her sure inheritance in every age,—“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee;” * “When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.” † We acknowledge, that as a church we have fallen very short of our high calling in Jesus Christ. The world, and the things of the world, have but too generally spread their deadening influence over us, and the warning voice needs to be sounded amongst us, “Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die.” ‡ The Lord is laying his hand upon us. He knoweth when the fruit-bearing branches need purging. Let it be an encouragement to us in every day of proving, under whatever circumstances it may be brought upon us, that His wise and blessed purpose is, that all our humiliations should work towards our more abundant fruitfulness; even that the fruit-bearing branches should bring forth more fruit.

The servants of Christ have ever been distinguished from the world, by the holiness, the self-denial, the unfeigned humility, and the godly circumspection of their every-day walk in life. A broad and well defined line of demarcation is drawn by the doctrine and precepts of the New Testament between the true Christian and the man of

Heb. xiii. 5. † Isaiah, xliii. 2. ‡ Rev. iii. 2.

the world. Not only must the believer be no longer conformed to this world, but he must be transformed by the renewing of his mind. This, dear friends, we need not say, is no transient or superficial work; it lies deep in the heart; it is in our fallen and corrupt nature that the pride of life and the lusts of the flesh find their proper soil; and it is to the heart that God applies the remedy which, in his abundant grace, he has provided for us in the gospel of his Son, that we, through repentance towards Him and living faith in Christ, may be converted from the error of our ways and from the love of the world, and be enabled to walk in his commandments. We desire for our dear friends, and for ourselves individually, that we may all come unflinchingly and unreservedly to the great question, Are we of Christ, or are we of the world? If we know Christ to have died for us, and really to rule in us by his Spirit, we shall no more live unto ourselves; but through the help of the Lord, we shall, day by day, live unto him who died for us and rose again. The true follower of Christ sets no limits to his allegiance to his Lord: quickened by his Spirit, animated by his love, and trusting with simple faith in his power, the language of his heart is, Draw me and I will run after thee.* Thus it was with the early Christians; and these we believe were the principles which actuated our predecessors in their simple and devoted allegiance to Christ. It was in love to their Redeemer, and through the fear of God resting upon their minds, that they renounced the world; they entered into no compromise with its spirit, and thus they were enabled to see and uphold the standard of true Christian

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Our Esteemed friend John D. Lang attended
this meeting with a certificate from the
Meeting of Friends at Barwick expressing
of their unity with his proposed religious
prospects. His company & Gospel Labours
have been truly acceptable to us, as also
the company of Joshua Maden Companion

simplicity. Our ancient testimony to "plainness of
speech, behaviour, and apparel," springs from this root;
and we are engaged to express our earnest desire, not only
that it may be steadily maintained amongst us, but that
the principle of true Christian plainness may be carried
out, far more than it is, into all our domestic habits, our
concerns in trade, and our general intercourse with men.

It would be strange if, in the conflicts to which our
society has of late been exposed, many of its members had
not been led into a close inspection of that which con-
stitutes the bond of its Christian union; and in reverence
and the fear of the Lord we acknowledge that the result
of this scrutiny has, to a large extent, deepened our attach-
ment to those doctrines and practices which, from the days
of our forefathers, have distinguished us from others of
the Christian name. The doctrine of the indwelling of
the Holy Spirit and its perceptible guidance, as ever held
by our society, is no dream of mystical philosophy; we
regard it as one great feature of the new covenant, and its
object is that knowledge of God and that living energy,
which He alone can give, by which the lusts of the flesh
are resisted, and the Christian soldier is directed and
strengthened. Our views of the free and immediate opera-
tion of the Holy Spirit—of the presidency of Christ in
the church—of that which constitutes the call and quali-
fication of all true gospel ministry—of the worship of
God in Spirit and in truth—of the baptism which now
saveth, by which the true believers are baptized into
one body—of that which constitutes the true supper of
the Lord, in which those who belong to Him, by faith in

his mediation and atonement, do feed upon his body and
blood, and know it to be meat indeed, and drink indeed—
remain unchanged. And we are again concerned to de-
clare our conviction, "that all the ceremonies of the Jewish
law were fulfilled and finished by the death of Christ; and
that no shadows in the worship of God were instituted by
our Lord, or have any place in the Christian dispensa-
tion."*

At this Meeting, as at former ones, we have received
Epistles from our brethren in the several Yearly Meetings
in North America, and one from that of Ireland.

The sufferings of our members in Great Britain and
Ireland, including the charges of dstraint, amount to
upwards of Eleven Thousand Pounds. They have been
incurred in support of our well known testimony against
Tithes and other ecclesiastical demands. We would af-
fectionately remind Friends, in connexion with the Act
passed in the last Session of Parliament for the commuta-
tion of Tithes in England, of the importance of an upright
maintenance of the testimony of our religious society on
the subject of Tithes; and encourage them to watchful-
ness, that neither in the preliminary steps which may be
taken for effecting the proposed commutation, nor in the
subsequent operation of the Act, they in any degree com-
promise their principles.

The circumstances of our beloved young friends,
whether under the shelter of watchful parental care, or
exposed to the temptations of the metropolis and other
large towns, have at this time had much of our very

* Epistle, 1835.

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serious consideration. We do not forget the temptations of our early life, and especially those incident to our entrance upon general intercourse with the world; they were slippery paths to us, and with humble thanksgivings to God we call to mind the tender care of his fatherly providence, the pleadings of his warning voice, how He strove with us, and his forbearance towards us. We know, that up to this hour, we have nothing to depend upon but the free mercy of God, in Jesus Christ our Lord; but, through the abounding of His grace renewed unto us, we cannot but express our strong solicitude—our prayer, that it may please the Lord to deal graciously with you, dear young friends; that He may never take his Holy Spirit from you, but deepen and strengthen your convictions of the guilt of sin, its hatefulness in his holy sight, and its certain and awful consequences to the impenitent and unconverted. O! that we could induce you duly to appreciate these tokens of our Heavenly Father's love, and that nothing might ever tempt you to call in question the divine origin of those secret checks in the conscience, those admonitions and faithful warnings, those pleadings of the Holy Spirit with the mind of man, by which our Heavenly Father would draw us to himself, and make us rich partakers of that pardon and reconciliation which He grants to his believing and contrite children through the blessed intercessions of our Saviour. Open your hearts to him that standeth at the door and knocks—suffer his love to prevail—strive to enter in at the strait gate: we press it upon you with the most earnest and tender entreaty, because we are aware that there is much by which many of our young people are surrounded at the

present day, which would draw them away from the humbling discipline of the cross, and induce them to seek an easier path to the kingdom. The words of our Lord are simple, plain, and full, and they commend themselves to the enlightened conscience—“Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life.”*

We believe there are those amongst our young friends who are seeking to serve God in this course of Christian discipleship; it is our strong desire that nothing may impede their progress, that in lowliness of mind they may quietly bear the yoke, wait upon God for the renewing of their strength from day to day, and, by simple obedience to his will, be trained up for usefulness in religious society and amongst their fellow men at large: it is to such as these that we look with anxious hope for the support of that holy cause which is so dear to us, and for the furtherance of the Lord's work on the earth; therefore suffer us to encourage you to dedicate to Him more entirely the days of your early manhood; that whether you live to serve him long whilst here, or be taken hence in the vigour of youth, having loved and honoured your Lord by a watchful, devoted, and self-denying life, he may confess you in the presence of his Father.†

In conclusion, we again turn to those who in their different allotments are bearing the burthen and heat of the day. If it be that we have yet to endure suffering for the sake of Him who suffered so deeply for us, let us watch, that we never grow weary in looking upwards for

* Matt. vii. 14. † Matt. x. 32.

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that help which He does not fail to dispense. And, oh! what encouragement have we to be instant in prayer, in the assurance, that in our crucified and glorified Lord, we have a High-priest who is ever ready to present our petitions at the throne of grace. Let us seek, beloved friends, yet more and more to be clothed with that meek and lamb-like spirit which must have had such large place with the early believers, when in their sufferings and conflicts they were bold to say, "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it; being defamed, we in-treat."* Thus, through the blessing of God resting upon the patience, faith, and devotedness of his servants, we may hope that all her sorrows and tribulations will be sanctified to the church, and that, established upon the everlasting Rock, we shall "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."†

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by
SAMUEL TUKE,
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

* Cor. iv. 12, 13. † 2 Peter, iii. 18.

to the spouses friend, who also produced
a satisfactory minute from the same meeting,
& the letter is directed to furnish them with a
copy of this minute.

London
Epistle
Re-

We have Recd 118 copies of the London General
printed Epistle for distribution, one of which
has been read at this time. The contents of
which are encouraging & comforting to us

Representatives
to
Q. M. Report

One of the representatives appointed last m^o
to attend the Quarterly meeting Reports that they
all attended

Signed on behalf of the meeting
by Isaac Gifford Clerk

1838
1 m^o

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Oaxta
24th of 1 m^o 1838, accounts being received from
each of the preparative meetings, the Friends
named therein to attend this meeting are
from the south Benjamin Gidley & Lebecke Gifford
from the north Benign Patten & Isaac Gifford. All present

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In unison with the women we have signed a
removal certificate on behalf of Phoebe W. Maccon
widow wife of Elijah, directed to Swansey M^o
meeting of Friends

Committee
to fence
Banishing
Ground
Reports

The committee to remove was referred the subjects of
involving & enclosing the banishing ground at this
place now reports, that they have (all except one)
attended thereto, and were united in judgment
to enclose by fencing the present ground running
the furrow so as to give sufficient room for a while
to enter the deed. And that they would propose
the appointment of a committee to accomplish
the same, who should also be directed to dispose
of wood enough from our woodlot to meet
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Russell, Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Tucker

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Committee
to
Build
Fence
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meeting

Ricketson, Howard Patten, Seth Davis,
& Humphrey Anthony were appointed to those services
who are desired to attend to the objects alluded to
& when accomplished to make reports to this meeting

Committee
from
S. Deaford
Mr. Meeting
of
Susan Th. Smith

The clerks are directed to inform friends of our
next meeting that we are about to receive Susan Th.
Smith (formerly a member of that meeting) into
membership with us if there is no objection
on their parts, from the minutes of New Bedford
Monthly Meeting held 12^m 28th 1837

To Dear Mr. Meeting
William C. Faxon }
Mary Faxon } Clks

Answer
to
S. Deaford

Having received the foregoing information from
New Bedford Mr. Meeting in regard to receiving Susan
Th. Smith into membership with them, we write with
the women in leaving that meeting at liberty to
receive Dr. Susan - & accordingly gave that
meeting this information, which was sent in
writing by Joseph Gifford

Overseers
of
Poor

The time for which the overseers of the Poor were
appointed having expired, we appoint Abraham Russell,
Job Eddy, Isaac Rufford, Daniel Howland, Caleb
& George Smith to that service for the ensuing term
until another appointment

1838
2^m in
meeting

The Treasurer of the north preparative meeting
informs that he has accounted with the Treasurer
of this meeting for that meeting's proportion of
stock for 1837 - Isaac Rufford Clerk

At a Monthly meeting of friends held at Dart-
mouth 28th of 2^m 1838 accounts being read from each
of the preparative meetings, the friends named
therein to attend this meeting are from the
South Daniel Howland & George ^{Howland} ~~Smith~~ from
the north William Patten & Caleb ^{Howland} ~~Smith~~ who
are all present

Committee
to
Collect
Accounts

The time for which the overseers of this meeting
having expired Isaac Lawrence, Abram Russell, James
Tucker, Warren Gifford, & Isaac Rufford are named
to bring forward to our next meeting the names of
such friends as they may deem suitable for that ser-
vice

Harnish
Gifford
Certificate
from
New
Bedford

We unite with the women in accepting a removal
certificate from New Bedford monthly meeting of
friends held 25th of 1^m 1838, on behalf of Harnish Gifford

George
Eddy
&
C. H. Davis

By the accounts from the south preparative meeting
it appears that George M. Eddy of New Bedford
proposes publishing his intention of marriage with
Elizabeth Th. Davis at this time, accordingly they
the said George & Elizabeth appeared before the
meeting and declared their intention of taking
each other in marriage, the meeting noticed
their communication, & desired them to wait
until our next monthly meeting for an answer

of
the
meeting

Signed on behalf of the
meeting by J. Gifford
Clerk

3^m in
1838

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dart-
mouth 28th of 3^m 1838 accounts being received from
each of the preparative meetings the friends
named therein to attend this meeting are
from the south Abraham Russell, Caleb Gifford
& Humphrey Anthony from the north Benjamin
Patten & Isaac Rufford who are all present

Representatives
to
the
Meeting

The Minutes have been read & answers from
each of the preparative meetings, from which
a summary was compiled & prepared, which
together with the necessary extracts from ac-
counts are directed to our next quarterly meeting
by Job Eddy, Isaac Lawrence & Wm Patten
whom we have appointed representatives there-
to desiring them to report their attendance
to our next meeting, & the clerk is directed

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to furnish them with an account from 255 and sign the same on an acc behalf

Stach Jd
D. M. G
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The Treasurer of this meeting informs that he has paid acc proportion of Yearly & Quarterly meetings Stach to the Treasurer of the D. M. G

Ordinary
Appointed

The friends named at our last meeting to bring forward names for Officers have introduced Abraham Russell, Lilly Giffard, Benjamin Gidley, Joseph Giffard, Humphrey Anthony, Isaac R. Giffard, & Benjamin Potter who after deliberation thereon were united with and they were accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing on until another appointment.

G. M. Cady
&
C. H. Davis
had
appeared

Having received a communication from New Bedford monthly meeting setting forth George M. Cady's Charge to proceed in marriage with Elizabeth T. Davis, & Consent of Parents now being read, & nothing appearing to hinder, they are left at liberty to solemnize their said Marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting they advising with Abraham Russell and Isaac R. Giffard who are desired to attend & see said marriage orderly conducted making Reports hereof to our next mtg. A Request now being made for an appointed meeting at this place to marry at 2 o'clock P. M. for the solemnizing the intended marriage & after a time of confederation thereon it was united with & accordingly a meeting was appointed for that purpose

Signed on behalf of
the meeting, I. R. Giffard

1838
14th mo

At a monthly meeting of friends held at 255 Dartmouth 25th of April 1838 accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings the friends therein named to attend this meeting are from the South Osmar Wood & Benjamin Gidley from the north Job Cuddy & Caleb Slade who are all present

Representatives
to
D. M. G
Reports

One of the Representatives appointed last mtg to attend the Quarterly meeting Reports that they all attended

The friends named at our last meeting to have the care & oversight of the marriage of George M. Cady & Elizabeth T. Davis Reports they attended & discovered nothing but that said marriage was orderly conducted, & the certificate left with the recorder

Epistle
Re?

We have received about 120 Copies of an Epistle for the use of this meeting, which was addressed to the members of New England Yearly meeting from its meeting for sufferings, one of which has been read at this time, & its contents are very satisfactory to us, they are directed to each family of our meeting signed on behalf of the mtg by Isaac R. Giffard Clerk

1838
5th mo
25

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 23rd of 5 mo. 1838 accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings, the friends therein named to attend this meeting are from the South Ebenezer Allen & Joseph Giffard from the North Benjamin Tucker &

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1838
5 m.

Atthaul Tapp who are all present
The Clerk being absent James Tucker
is appointed Clerk for this time

The Committee appointed in the 9th
month last to visit and labour with Seth
Maxfield an account of his deviations now
made the following report

To the monthly meeting
We the committee in the care of Seth
Maxfield report that we have attended to
our appointments and visited him and en-
deavored to labour with him in the
ability, mixed but to ~~but~~ little satisfac-
tion, as he gave us no encouragement of
attending meetings for the future which
we submit to the meeting
Dartmouth 5 m. 23. 1838.

Joseph Pifford
Isaac Lawrence
Which report being considered, and a time
of deliberation thereon being had, and having
the women concerned, this meeting doth
herby disown him, ^{the} said Seth from being
a member of our Society, Benjamin ^{religios} Patten
& Ebenezer Allen is appointed to inform
him hereof and report next month

In concurred with the women's meeting,
we signed a removal Certificate on behalf
of Abigail Pifford wife of Albert and ma-
non daughter Rebecca C., devoted to ~~her~~
Lord monthly of friends

The Committee in Trust of the property
bequeathed to this meeting by Benjamin Patten
have collected and paid to the Treasurer
\$39.50 one year annuity

Mary
Reports
Interest
Money
Paid

Also \$12.00 one year interest on the 268
property by bequest ~~to~~ to the meeting by Mary
Paid the Treasurer by
Heart has been the Committee in Trust

Signed on behalf of the meeting
James Tucker Clerk
for the time

1838
Dartmouth

At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth June 27th 1838: accounts being read
from each of the preparative meetings,
the Representatives named to this meeting, one
from the South Seth Davis & Asa W. Wason
from the north. Mrs. Patten & Thomas H. Wollam
who are all present

Dues
Expenses

The Dues with answers to the 12th & 10th June
each of the preparative meetings have been read
from which a summary has been adopted &
directed to our next Quarterly meeting, by Seth
Davis, Isaac Lawrence & Amos Patten whom
we have appointed representatives them to
deciding them to Report their attendance to our
next meeting, & the Clerk is also directed to
provide them with the necessary accounts
from our minutes & sign the same on behalf
of this meeting

Representatives
to
Dues

G. Almy
&
family
D.

We have read & accepted in wisdom with the
women a Removal Certificate from Providence
monthly meeting dated 5 m. 30th 1838. on behalf of
George Almy his wife Anna C. Almy & their children
(viz) James D. John Cady, George B. Mary Elizabeth
Thomas & Anna - as also one from Dartmouth
monthly meeting dated 4 m. 26th 1838 on behalf of
Mary Batley

Mary
Batley
D.

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S. Mayfield
inferred

The friends named at our last meeting to give both Mayfield information of his several Reports that they have attended thereto

Mary Davis
has
Minutes

Our esteemed friend Mary Davis opened in this meeting a concern which hath for a length of time rested on her mind to perform a religious visit to some of the meetings within the limits of New York yearly meeting, particularly those constituting Purchase, One-partners & Scipio Quarterly meetings, & if may should open to appoint some meetings on her way going & returning - this meeting after solid consideration thereon full unity & sympathy with her genius and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospects as truth may direct, being a minister in unity with us, & the Church are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Signed Isaac Riffard clk

1838
June

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 25th of June 1838 - accounts from each preparative meeting, Pitt & Lilly Giffard & Howard Dutton are named from the South & from the North George Allen & Labelle Slade who are all present

Dr Report

One of the Representatives appointed to the 2^d Meeting Report that they all attended

Charles Giffard
attended

Our esteemed friend Charles Giffard attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from Scipio No meeting whose company is acceptable to us

Dr Meeting
stocks
\$5.00

by an account from our last 2^d Meeting it appears that our proportion of yearly 2^d meeting stock is 75.00 dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay there when in funds

EXTRACTS

FROM THE MINUTES OF THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

From the 10th to the 15th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1838.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and a Committee appointed to consider the several propositions therein contained.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have continued, during the past year, to give their attention to the various concerns of the Institution. Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held, and harmony has prevailed. During the past autumn the School was visited, in common with the neighborhood, with Scarlet Fever, which attacked a large number of the inmates of the Institution, and proved fatal in two instances. In consequence of this solemn dispensation, many of the scholars returned to their homes, and did not subsequently re-enter the School; though for the past few months the family and scholars have been favored with the enjoyment of usual good health. The average number of scholars during the past year has been seventy-nine.

Our friends Rowland and Alice Rathbun are employed as Superintendents; and Samuel Austin and James Chase as Teachers in the Boys' School; and Emeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H. Osborne in the Girls'. George F. Read has charge of instruction in the Languages, and assists in keeping the Books; and Freelove Greene continues to act as a care-taker of the Girls, and to attend to the Sewing School. Moses B. Lockwood, who has recently left the Institution, has been employed as principal Teacher in the Boys' School during most of the past year.

The Committee have from time to time had under their consideration the propriety of dividing the year into two terms, with a vacation at the close of each term, instead of continuing under our present arrangement. Many advantages, it has appeared to them, would result from adopting this plan. It has, for several years, been a desirable object to enable the Teachers to introduce a better classification of the scholars in their various studies, than has been practicable under the existing system of admission at irregular intervals, and which they have believed would much facilitate their improvement. It has appeared to the Committee reasonable, that the health of the Teachers should be consulted, by affording them such relaxation from their employment as would result from the adoption of this arrangement. The consideration that the health of all the inmates of the Institution may be promoted by a more thorough cleansing of the house, twice in each year, than can be effected while its various apartments continue to be occupied, has also had much weight with them.

They are therefore united in proposing to the Yearly Meeting, that the year be divided into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, each term to be succeeded by a vacation of two weeks; the Summer term to commence on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the fifth month, and the Winter term on the second day preceding the first fifth day in the eleventh month; and that the last week of each term be occupied in an examination of the Schools, by Committees from time to time especially appointed to that service by the general School Committee.

Should this arrangement be approved by the Yearly Meeting, it will be expected that children shall enter the School at the commencement of each term; and consequently that the time of their continuance there, shall not, except under peculiar circumstances, and the approbation of the Acting Committee being first had, include a part of a term.

While this arrangement would, in the view of the Committee, be of essential advantage to the School, they are induced to believe that, when once carried into operation, it would not materially affect the convenience of parents. By far the greater number of children from the more distant parts of the Yearly Meeting now enter the School for a term of six months; and very few from any quarter remain there for a longer time, without making a visit to their friends. In cases, however, where great inconvenience is likely to arise to parents or children from the adoption of this plan, should any such present, the Committee will endeavor to make arrangements for their accommodation.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the income of the School has exceeded its expenditures by \$1345 28 cts., and that the present indebtedness of the Institution is \$3813 37 cts. For more particular information of the expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account herewith

minutes of Isaac Riffard clk

presented. The pecuniary situation of the School will not, we think, warrant any reduction in the terms of admission from those concluded on last year; and we therefore propose that the price for members of Society, of our Yearly Meeting, be *thirty-three* dollars per term—for those who are not members of Society, who may be admitted, one or both of whose parents are members, *forty-five* dollars per term; and for members of other Yearly Meetings, *fifty* dollars per term, payable in advance. Books and stationery being furnished, as during the past year, at actual cost; with the understanding, that when scholars leave the School, the Books with which they have been supplied may be returned, by their paying for the use of them.

Seven scholars have received the benefit of the charitable fund, and by the terms of the Will of the principal donor, claims to the amount of \$131 04 cts. have been provided for, leaving a balance unexpended of about \$60—and supposing the income of this fund to continue the same, the ensuing year, the amount will be about \$160, which will support fourteen scholars one term each; and it is proposed that such Monthly Meetings as have children who are proper objects of this charity should make immediate application to the Acting School Committee for their admission.

We have continued to appoint Committees to visit the Schools, and attend to the examination of the Scholars in their various studies, once in six months. From the Report of the Committee who visited the School in the third month last, made to us at this time, we think it may be satisfactory for us to make the following extract:—'The Committee to visit and examine the Schools report, that a number of them met at the time appointed, and proceeded to examine the Scholars in most or all the branches in which their attention had been engaged; and we feel free to acknowledge that we have cause to be thankful for the proficiency manifested by them in their various exercises, it being evident that they, as well as their Teachers, have been mindful of their duty, and that their attention had not been exclusively confined to improvement in literary and scientific studies, but that the more important pursuit of life, the attainment of piety and virtue, had not been overlooked. The deportment and general appearance of the Scholars were much to our satisfaction, and the harmony that manifestly prevails throughout the family is an evidence that the Institution is still under the care of Him who is able to preserve.'

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Boarding School, 5th mo. 4th, 1838.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee appointed to take into consideration the several propositions contained in the preceding Report of the Boarding School Committee, produced the following Report, viz:

'To the Yearly Meeting.—The Committee to whom was referred the propositions contained in the Report of the School Committee, have had the same under consideration, and have concluded to recommend, that the Yearly Meeting adopt that in relation to dividing the year into two terms of twenty-four weeks each, with vacations of two weeks each between them, and recommend that Friends conform themselves thereto in sending their children to the School. It is, however, considered by this Committee to be desirable that a liberal construction should be given to the rule providing for admission for not less than six months, in favor of such as may wish to go for a shorter term, to complete the time they propose to spend at the School.

'And after some discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the terms of board, tuition, &c. proposed by the School Committee, be adopted.

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE,
ALICE CHASE.

6th month 13th, 1838.

Which being considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to append this Report to that of the Boarding School Committee, when transmitted to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

It appearing by the Report of the School Committee, that the charitable fund will support fourteen scholars one term each, Monthly Meetings that have children who are suitable objects of this charity, are requested to make immediate application to the acting School Committee for their admission, in order that such children (as are admitted by said Committee) may be in readiness to enter the School at the commencement of the Winter term, [which in the present year will begin on the 29th of tenth month.]

to pay things when in funds

DURING the time that has been occupied in considering the state of Society, as brought into view by the answers to the Queries, a covering has been spread over the Meeting, under the influence of which we have been made in degree to rejoice, in the feeling, that notwithstanding our many backslidings,—that stripped and peeled as we are,—we are not yet forsaken by the Great Head of the Church; but that in condescending goodness, He is still disposed to be with us and to do us good; and that 'in returning and rest,' we may still be permitted to have hope in His continued mercies.

Much of pertinent counsel and caution was feelingly imparted, by concerned Friends now with us; and we were affectionately exhorted, in the love of the Gospel, to 'be watchful and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die.' That the Church endeavoring, through holy help, to edify itself together in love, may enter into a deep travail of spirit for a qualification to labor for the removal of every hurtful thing from within its borders; and especially, for the restoration of love and unity in cases of sorrowful departure from this sure badge of discipleship, that have been deeply painful to many minds; and that the members of the church individually, may be concerned, in preference to every other pursuit, to 'seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.' Then, we were feelingly reminded, should we cease to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, for the solemn object, the reasonable duty, of worshipping our Father who is in Heaven; and that being cemented together in the bonds of brotherly love, we should be enabled unitedly to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

Parents were tenderly exhorted to watch, with affectionate solicitude, over the minds of their children, and to seek in seasons of religious retirement with them, for ability rightly to discharge the very important duty of teaching them diligently, in the way that they should go; and the dear children were persuasively entreated, not to give way to any feeling that would lead them to withdraw themselves from under parental control, and to pursue a course of action independent of the counsel and advice of those who are thus watching over them for their good; but to bear in continued remembrance, the impressive injunction: 'Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right,—Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise.' And that all, of every age, may endeavor practically to bear in mind, that to the same extent that we are living members of the true church, we are members also one of another, and shall be led to consult its peace, by being kindly affectioned one toward another, and preferring one another in love.

A frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, with minds rightly turned to Him, under the influence of whose Spirit they were given forth—The restraints of Divine grace, operating upon the mind, in ordering our conduct and conversation among men;—an attention to its influence in restraining the perusal of improper books;—a careful regulation of our outward concerns by 'the limitations of Truth'—and a faithful maintenance, on christian grounds, of the simplicity of our profession in behavior, speech, and apparel—were subjects, among others, that were also feelingly touched upon.

And our dear absent Brethren being brought into affectionate remembrance, with desires that they may be enabled to participate, in some degree, in the exercises that have engaged the attention of Friends, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of this Minute, with the other extracts, to our Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of New-England Yearly Meeting, held Sixth Month, 1838.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

making up, Isaac Rhoads &c

Boards
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Extracts from the boarding school - 270
Committee with the doings of our last yearly
meeting thereon, in attending the times of
Admission &c. were now received & read, which
are to our satisfaction, & the Clerk is directed
to place the same in our Records, & Howard
Ruppell, Isaac R. Gifford, Humphrey Anthony,
& Eleazer Allen are named to make the
necessary inquiry in regard to scholars
who may have a right to the fund left
by our friend Moses Brown, & make
Reports here to next month

We have also received & read to our satisfac-
tion at this time, salutary advises from
our last yearly Meeting, which is also to be
placed on record

James Tucker Lilly Gifford, Isaac Lawrence
& Howard Ruppell are named a committee
to whom application may be made for
Certificates for scholars going to our Boarding
School at Providence

Our esteemed friend Seth Davis requests
a Certificate to accompany his wife Mary, &c.
on her Religious visits to some of the meetings
within the limits of New York yearly meeting
as expressed in her minute of concurrence
from this meeting granted last month -
we unite with him herein & leave him
at liberty, he being a member & Elden
in unity with us & the Clerk is directed
to furnish him with the substance of
this minute

Signed on behalf of the
meeting by, Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

[S. 100] to pay their when in funds

1838

8mo

Reports of
Committee on
Charity
Schools

Continued
Committee on
Schools

Wm Patten
complaint
of

Committee
for

Wm Patten

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at Dan-
22nd of 8mo 1838 accounts being received from each
of the preparative societies, the friends named
to attend this meeting are from the South Aswan
Wood & Humphrey Anthony from the north
Rowland Riden & Job Eddy all present -

The Committee appointed last month to take the
necessary care in regard to children receiving
the Charity left by Miss Bracocks will
Report that they apprehend that there may be
some within our limits who might with pro-
priety receive a share of this benefit, sign-
an behalf of the Committee

Isaac Rifford
which was satisfactory to the meeting & the
same friends (viz) Abner Ruppelle, Isaac Rifford
Humphrey Anthony & Ebenezer Allen are desired
to make application in order that the names of
Children may be forwarded to the receiving
Committee at Providence, & this Committee is
desired to make reports of their doings herein
whenever the subjects shall be accomplished

The following information respecting Wm Patten
was presented (viz) -

To the preparative
meeting, Dear friends, This may inform that
William Patten son of Abner has much neg-
lected the attendance of our religious meetings,
and has kept company and married out of the
order of society with one not a member -
which we submit to the meeting - some 18th 1838

signed by Joseph Gifford
Lilly Gifford
Benjamin Gidley
whence you are appointed Benjamin Tucker & Job Eddy
to treat with him on account of his Deviations

The Committee appointed as an Second page
249- in regard to Ellery H. Davis have made
the following reports (viz)

Ellery H.
Davis
Committee
Reports of

To the Monthly Meeting of
Dartmouth, - The Committee has had
opportunities with Ellery H. Davis in
regard to the complaints exhibited from
Providence monthly meeting to ours Resp
ecting him. He manifested a degree of
sorrow for his deviations and has accor-
dingly forwarded an acknowledgements
to that meeting which we herewith presen-

signed James Tucker
8mo 22=1838
Isaac Rifford

Ellery H.
Davis
acknowledg-
ments

his acknowledgements, is as follows -
(viz). To the monthly meeting of Providence
Dear Friends, A complaint having been
forwarded against me to Dartmouth
Monthly meeting by you, with respect
to it, I can truly say I have seen the
error of such conduct as contained in
said complaint & that I feel heartily sorry
for my deviations and condemn the same
& hope you will so far pass by my offences
as to continue me under your care -

signed by - Ellery H. Davis

meeting at

Part of which have being read & deliberated
upon, & that a case Lawrence was added
to the Committee & laborer further in the
case & Reports next month

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10-Pur
mg. Stack
paid

The South preparative meeting has paid their last proportion of stack to acc. true of an as we are informed signed Isaac Kifford

1838

9^{mo}

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 25th of 9^{mo} 1838 accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings the friends named therein as Representatives are from the South Benja. Gidley & Thomas Gidley from the north Isaac Kifford & Benja. Patten who are all present except one for whom absent a satisfactory Report was aspired.

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Represen-
tatives to
2nd 4th

The Queries have been read with answers from each of the preparatives to the 5th 2^d & 10th from which a summary has been adopted & is accordingly directed to acc. next 2^d Meeting by Humphrey Anthony, Ebenezer Allen & Benjamin Patten whom we have appointed Representatives therein desiring them to Report their attendance to acc. next 2^d & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the useful accounts from us and sign the same on behalf of this meeting

Sarah
Tucker
Red-

We have united with the women's meeting in receiving Sarah Tucker wife of William into membership with us

Wm. Patten
Comtee
continued

One of the Committee in the case of William Patten informs that they have attended to the subject but are not ready to report - they are continued in case thereof & to Report next 2^d

E. Thomsen
Comtee
continued

The Committee in the case of Eling Thomsen inform that owing to his being absent at sea they have not been able to have any intercourse with him since last month & they are accordingly continued to that charge & to make Report as soon as may be after his Return

Committee
to settle
with
Inexpence

Menard Russell, Abner Patten, Howard Patten & Benja. Tucker are named to settle with acc. Inexpence, prop. an. one for the year to come, and also propose a sum of money that they may apprehend necessary to meet acc. expences - they are also desired to inspect into the propriety of selling wood from off the lot to meet in part the above expences, and make report hereon next month

Committee
to
Appoint
the
percentage
for
Collection

This meeting apprehending that it might be well to go into a new Apartment for the preparative meetings in regard to stack now appointed Daniel Gifford, Benja. Tucker, Abner Patten, Isaac Kifford, Ebenezer Allen, Humphrey Anthony & Thomas Th. Willcox to take the necessary care in the case & make out an estimate of percentage, & Report next month
signed on behalf of
the mg. Isaac Kifford
Clerk

1838

10^{mo}

At a Monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 24th of 10^{mo} 1838 - accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings, the friends appointed to attend this meeting as representatives are from the South Richardon Sloane & Paul Fisher, North George Almy & Lebel Slade who are all present

Clerks
appointed

The time for which the Clerks of this mg. were appointed having expired, Isaac Kifford is appointed Clerk & Thomas Th. Willcox an assistant for the ensuing year an untill another appointment

100. Exp
2^d

We have rec^d 100 copies of the London General printed Charter for distribution, one of which has been read at this time for our encouragement

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One of the Representatives appointed last month to attend the Quarterly meeting reports that they all attended

The Committee in the case of Mrs Potter have made the following report viz-

Mrs Potter disapproved

To Dartmouth quarterly meeting your Committee in the case of William Potter report that we have had an opportunity with him, he seems well inclined towards Friends but does not give much encouragement of attending our meetings, and we are united in judgment that he is not in a situation of mind to make friends satisfaction which we submit to the meeting - 10th 22nd 1838

Signed Benjn Tucker

John Laddy

which being read and claiming the condemnation of the meeting and having the members concurrence, we do hereby disown him the Rev Mrs Potter & no longer consider him a member of our religious society, and Abner Ripple & Seth Davis are named to give him this information & Report next month

Incorporated settled with

The Committee appointed last month to settle with our Incorporated, do now Report, that they have attended thereto & find a balance in his hands of twenty five & 7/100. And propose to raise the sum of two hundred and fifteen Dollars for the presents given and also propose Osman Wood for Incorporated, which was satisfactory to us, & accordingly, by Osman Wood is appointed Incorporated for the year to come on until another appointment, & a proposition being made & united with at the time to collect 250 Dollars in stead of 215⁰⁰

Stacks to Raise 250 0000

Therefore each preparative meeting is desired to collect their proportion & pay the same to our Incorporated & to Report when done

Committee to settle wood

Abner Ripple, Abner Potter, Howard Potter & Benjn Tucker are desired to give their attention & dispose of as much wood as they may judge best, & hold the proceeds for the benefit of this meeting, & for such purposes as we shall think best, making reports hereon when done

Percentage of stocks 40

The Committee to regulate the percentage in regard to stocks Report that the South Prefecture meeting pay in fifteen sixty percent & the north pay forty percent until another arrangement

Mary Davis returned Certificate

Our Esteemed friend Mary Davis now returned a certificate which was granted her in 5th last, & also produced satisfactory returning minutes from Panchase D. Meeting held 15th of 9th moe 1838 = Hector Monthly meeting held 9th moe 1838 & Scipio monthly meeting held 9th moe 19th 1838

Seth Davis returned Certificate

Our Esteemed friend Seth Davis also returned a Certificate which was granted him in 7th last, to accompany his wife on her Religious visit - and produced satisfactory returning minutes from the monthly meeting of Friends held in Hector 12th of 9th moe & Scipio the 19th of the same 1838

11th moe 1838

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 28th of 11th moe 1838 - accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings the friends named therein as representatives are from the South Seth Davis & Abner Potter from the north Benjamin Potter and Benjamin Tucker who are all present

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The Clerk being absent, Joseph Giffard is appointed Clerk for the day

The Minutes have been read in this meeting & answers from each of the preparative meetings to the first second & tenth from which a summary has been prepared and is directed to our next quarterly meeting by Josiah Stoddard

Representatives to the Meeting have appointed representatives to that meeting & they are desirous to report their attendance to our next meeting, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with an account to that meeting and sign it on behalf of this

Meeting

Mr. Patten informed Patten of his clerical reports that he has been informed thereof

The following information respecting Bailey Giffard was rec'd (viz) - To the Preparative and monthly meeting, Dear friends, this may inform that Bailey Giffard has kept company and married out of the order of society with one not a member which we submit to the meeting, signed by the Overseers, Joseph Giffard, Abner Redpelt & Benjamin Gidley

whereupon we appoint Ebenezer Allen, George Smith & James Tuckers to labour with him for his deviation & Report next month

Altho the following information was rec'd respecting Abner R. Tuckers (viz)

To the Preparative & monthly meeting, Dear friends, this may inform that Abner R. Tuckers has kept company & married out of the order of society with one not a member which we submit to the meeting, signed Joseph Giffard, Abner Redpelt and

Bailey Giffard under dealing

Abner R. Tuckers under dealing

Abner R. Tuckers Committee

Benjamin Gidley Overseer whereupon we appoint Benjamin Tuckers with Davis & Warren Giffard a Committee to labour with him as may may open & Report next month signed on behalf of the meeting by Joseph Giffard Clerk for the day

19th mo 1838

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 25th of 12th mo 1838, accounts being rec'd from each of the preparative meetings, the friends named therein to attend this meeting are from the south Benjamin Gidley & Leuben Giffard from the north Rowland Patten & John Cady who are all present

One of the representatives to the quarterly meeting Reports that they all attended

D. Giffards Committee continued

One of the committees in the case of Bailey Giffard informs that they are not ready to Report at this time they are continued in Charge thereof

Abner R. Tuckers Committee continued

One of the committees in the case of Abner R. Tuckers also informs that they have given attention thereto but are not ready to report, they are continued in Charge thereof & to report next month signed on behalf of the meeting by Isaac R. Giffard Clerk

1839 1st mo

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 23rd of 1st mo 1839, accounts being rec'd from each of the preparative meetings the friends named to attend this meeting are from the south Orman Wood & Sam Giffard from the north George Amy & Wm Patten, who are all present

The Committee in the case of Abner R. Tuckers made the following Report (viz) To Dartmouth Dartmouth Monthly meeting, the Committee appointed in case of Abner R. Tuckers Reports that we have attended to the object of our

appointments, have visited him, & endeavored to labour in the ability afforded, & that he does not appear to be in a state of mind to condemn his deviation, we now submit the case to the meeting, signed by
Warren Gifford
Benjamin Tushman
& Seth Davis
1st 23-1839-

Alenex R. Tushman
Discovered

Which being read & after a time of consideration thereon, & having the reasons concurred herein we do disavow him the said Alenex & no longer consider him a member of our Religious Society, and Alenex Repelle is named to give him this information, making Report here to our next meeting

Lucy H. Stacey
Discovered

We have united with the women in making a minute of clerical against Lucy H. Stacey late Slade

Jashua W. Gifford
Respect
The
Care of
Innocence

Jashua W. Gifford having requested to become a member of our Society, Joseph Gifford Warren Gifford & Benjamin Gidley are named to visit him in order to discover the state of his mind and fitness to become a member of our religious society & make report hereon next month

Overseers
Poor
appointed

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired, it was concluded to reappoint Abraham Repelle, Job Eddy, Isaac R. Gifford, Daniel Howland, Caleb Slade and George Smith to this service for the year to come or until another appointment.

Signed Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

1839-
2nd mo

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartm 27th of 2nd mo 1839- accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings the Report contains therein named to attend this meeting from the South Inman Lawrence & Ephraim Gifford from the north Benjamin Tushman and

A. R. Tushman
informed

Alenex Repelle Reports that Alenex R. Tushman has been informed of his denial

Jashua W. Gifford
Received

The Committee in the case of Jashua W. Gifford made the following Report, (rem) We the Committee in the case of Jashua W. Gifford have attended to our appointments and have had an opportunity with him to good satisfaction, as he appeared to be sincere in his respects, which we submit to the meeting, signed Joseph Gifford Benjamin Gidley Warren Gifford

Which was read and after a time of deliberation thereon and having the reasons concurred herein we came to the conclusion that it was best to receive him, and accordingly we do hereby receive him the said Jashua into membership with us and Joseph Gifford is named to give him this information making Report hereon next month

E. H. Davis
or
Eddy has
Certificate

We have in unison with the women signed a Removal Certificate directed to a Religious monthly meeting of friends, on behalf of Elizabeth H. Eddy wife of George M. Eddy

No. Preparative
Stock
paid
100. \$

The Incorporation of the North Preparative meeting informs that, that meeting's proportion of Stock for 1838 has been paid to the Incorporation of this meeting, being 100. \$ signed on behalf of the meeting by Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

3rd mo
1839

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartm 27th of 3rd mo 1839 accounts being rec^d from each of the preparative meetings, the friends named therein to attend this meeting are from the South Benjamin Gidley & Jos Gifford from the north Thomas W. Wilbur & Caleb Slade, all present

281- The Decrees have been read with answers from each of the preparative meetings, from which a summary has been adopted describing our present state, which together with the necessary extracts from our records are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by Job Caddy, Freeman Lawrence, & Abner Russell whom we have appointed our Representatives thence, desiring them to report their attendance to our next Mtg. & the Clerk is directed to furnish them here with, & sign the same on our behalf.

The friend named at our last meeting reports that Joshua W. Gifford has been informed of his reception.

The committee in the case of Baily Gifford have made the following Report, (viz)

At the monthly meeting of Dartmouth the committee have attended to the subject of their appointments in the case of Baily Gifford and it appears from the present state of his mind that he cannot consistently condemn his transgressions from your friends - James Tucker, Ebenezer Allen, George Smith

which being read and after a time of deliberation thereon was accepted, and having the unanimous concurrence herein, we do disown him the S. Baily from being any longer a member of our Religious Society, & Joseph Gifford is named to give him this information making Report hereon next month.

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of money & D. Meeting stocks has been paid to the Treasurer of the Quarterly meeting.

We are informed that the South preparative meetings proportion of stocks for 1839 has been paid to our Treasurer & signed on behalf of the Mtg. S. P. Gifford

Decrees
enforced
Wm

A. W. Gifford
informed

Baily
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1839
H. W. C.

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth 14 of June 1839 accounts being read from each of the preparative meetings, the Friends then in appointed to attend this meeting are from the South Abner Wood & Abner Patten, from the North Job Caddy & Wm Tucker - who are also here

Committee
to
select
Officers

The time for which the officers of this meeting were appointed having expired Abner Russell, James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, Benjamin Tucker & Seth Davis are appointed to bring forward to our next meeting the names of such friends as they may deem suitable for that service.

Committee
to
attend
General
W.

The subject of appointing a committee to have the oversight & care of our Burying grounds General W. coming before us, as the time has expired for which a similar committee was appointed, accordingly Seth Davis, Joseph Gifford, Isaac Russell, Lilly Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Isaac Lawrence, Job Caddy, David Howland, George Smith & Abner Russell are appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment.

Lilly Gifford
Requests
Certificate
for
marriage

We are informed that Lilly Gifford Requests a Certificate directed to Swedenborg Mtg. setting forth his Rights of membership & Charms to the said in marriage with Susan Stace a member of that meeting, Abner Patten and Joseph Gifford are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & produce one to our next meeting if nothing appears to hinder.

Wm Patten
&
Wm H. Patten
Requests
Certificate

William Patten Requests a Certificate to Swedenborg Mtg. setting forth his Rights of membership & Charms to produce in marriage with Antine D. Thumpton a member of that meeting, As also William H. Patten makes a similar Request directed to Swedenborg monthly meeting

on account of marriage

Sitting forth his Rights of membership & Changes to proceed in marriage with Fatty Ann Wood a member of that meeting. Thomas N. Wilbur and Isaac Rifford are appointed to make the new salary respecting & produce to our next meeting one for each. if nothing should appear to hinder one of the Representatives appointed last one to attend the 2 Meeting Reports that they all attended

Mary Davis certificate to N. York

Our Beloved friend Mary Davis spread before this meeting a concern which had for a length of time accompanied her mind of attending the ensuing yearly meeting of friends at N. York and also of taking the meetings on Long Island if way should open for it, after worthy consideration thereof her concern was feelingly united with, and she left at liberty to pursue her prospects as truth may direct she being a minister in unity with us. Signed by Directors of Dartmouth Dec 11th held 24th of 4th moe 1839 by both men & womens clerks

The above certificate was granted in unison with the womens meeting

& the following minute was at this time also granted to Seth Davis ^{+ signed by the clerk} _{by the other part of the meeting}

Seth Davis Minute to N. York

Our Beloved friend Seth Davis informed this meeting that he felt a willingness to accompany his wife Mary Davis on her proposed Religious visits to N. York yearly meeting & to the meetings of friends on Long Island if way should open for it, which claimed the consideration of the meeting, & his proposition was cordially united with, & he left at liberty to proceed therein being in Union in unity with us

James Swann, Minam Peck & John Eddy are appointed a committee to whom ^{any more sets for certificates} our dear friends may apply for advice relative to their visits to

Signed J. R. Gifford Clerk

Since 1839

At a monthly meeting of friends held at 284 Dartmouth st of 5th moe 1839, by accounts rec^d from the preparative meetings, the Representatives are from the South Humphrey Anthony & Jonathan Kirby, from the north Thomas N. Wilbur & George Hing, who are all present

Oversaw appointed

The Committee appointed last month to bring forward names for overseers of this meeting have introduced Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Gidley Joseph Gifford, Daniel Newland, Humphrey Anthony, John Eddy, & Isaac Rifford, & the meeting feeling satisfied therewith they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing on untill another appointment

Mary Fisher certificate

We have united with the womens meeting in receiving Mary Fisher into membership

Lilly Gifford, Wm Dutton, Wm H. Dutton have certificate marriage

The Committee appointed last month to prepare certificates for Lilly Gifford, William Dutton & William H. Dutton an account of marriage have produced them severally which were read, discussed & signed by the clerks

Income on prospects rec^d

It appears that thirty five Dollars has been rec^d for the Rents of Marsh & from the substitution for savings, its being one year income on the Receipts made by Benjamin Peck it was & twelve Dollars has been received being one year annuity arising from the prospects made to this meeting by Mary Kato, which sums has been paid to our Treasurers making 47.00 Dollars signed on behalf of the meeting by Isaac Rifford Clerk

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1839-
6mo

Substant

Mr. Davis

attended

Queries

Answers

Representatives

appointed

D. M. G.

Wm. H. D.

Resolved

Certificate

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth the 16th of 6mo 1839 we have read & approved from each of the preparatory meetings & the representatives one from the south Hener Dutton & Daniel Newland, from the north Benjamin Tucker & Benjamin Dutton who are all presents -

Our esteemed friend Joseph Edgerton is being acceptably in attendance with us, producing a certificate from Scummersett monthly meeting held 15th of 2mo 1839. Indorsed by Stillwater Quarterly meeting (State of Ohio) the 24th of the same, both uniting with him in his presents presents religious engagements, his Gospel Labours have been to our comfort & edification. The Company of our esteemed friend William James Campian to the aforesaid friend has been acceptable to us, he also produced a certificate to our satisfaction from Chesterfield Monthly meeting of Friends, Ohio, dated 16th of 3mo 1839.

The Queries with answers to the P² Q² & 10th have been read in this meeting from which a summary was adopted & directed to our next Quarterly Meeting by Seth Davis, Warren Gifford, & Daniel Gifford whom we have appointed our Representatives to attend, directing them to report their attendance to our next meeting, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with an account from us (noting the acceptable company of Joseph Edgerton & Wm. James, & the edifying Gospel Labours of the former in this & in all the meetings constituting it) & sign the same on our behalf.

Thomas H. Wilbur & William Tucker are appointed a committee to prepare & produce to our next meeting a Removal Certificate for William H. Dutton directed to Newland's Monthly meeting of Friends having been informed that he requested our

EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,
From the 16th to the 21st, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1839.

The Annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, with the Circular of the Committee, issued in 1835, thereto appended. From the Minutes of said Meeting, A. SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.

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EPISTLE
FROM THE
YEARLY MEETING,
HELD IN
LONDON,

BY ADJOURNMENTS, FROM THE 20TH OF THE FIFTH MONTH, TO THE 29TH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE, 1840.
TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS OF FRIENDS, IN GREAT BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.

DEAR FRIENDS,
We are reverently thankful to the Father of mercies that we have been brought together again. We have been comforted in the Lord, and one in another, and it has been a time of confirmation to our faith. We are therefore bound to intreat our beloved brethren and sisters, everywhere, to put their whole trust in Him.

In reviewing some of the distinguishing features of our Christian profession, the doctrine of the immediate revelation of the Holy Spirit to the soul has been brought home to our minds. It is by the convictions of this grace that God worketh in man, making manifest those things which are reproveable, bringing him to an understanding of his righteous law, and condemning him for sin. By this power, the soul which yields to its operations, is broken and made contrite in the Divine presence.

dated the 19th of 6mo 1838. Indorsed by Lancashire

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Redington
 attended
 Daniel
 Richard
 appointed
 D. Mg
 Resolved
 Certificate

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dartmouth
 the 16th of June 1839 we have read a report from each
 of the preparatory meetings & the representatives
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 Rowland from the north Benjamin Tucker
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How infinite is the kindness of Him who is the
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 scends thus to plead with his fallen and rebellious
 creatures. The contemplation of this subject so fills
 the awakened mind with admiration and love, that
 we desire to press it upon all our dear friends of every
 class and description; and, O! that the whole bulk
 of mankind could be brought to accept this truth; to
 beware that they do not lightly esteem such tokens
 of the goodness and love of our Almighty Father in
 heaven. Under the full conviction that He never
 condemns or reproves for anything but that which is
 contrary to his holy will, may we open our hearts to
 the teachings of his Spirit, and, in the strength of the
 Lord, put away the evil of our doings from before his
 eyes. Let us turn, with unfeigned repentance, to-
 wards Him; then shall we accept with thankfulness,
 that redemption which was purchased for us by the
 sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ—by
 the unutterably costly price of the blood of the Lamb
 of God.

Dear Friends, Christ is precious to us, and may
 He be felt to be precious by every one of you. In
 the day of Divine visitation to your souls, be instant
 in prayer, in supplication, and in earnest wrestling,
 that you may be strengthened so to overcome the
 corruptions of your fallen nature as to be made sub-
 ject to his power, and in all things to be led and
 guided by Him. Great, indeed, is the blessedness
 of the man who is thus brought under the guidance
 of the Lord. As he continues humble, watchful and
 faithful, he is permitted to feel that he has an unction
 from the Holy One; and though he be not at all
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the Spirit of God are sure, and they are in the way of
 truth and holiness.

But we have a subtle, unwearied enemy. There
 are those whom he gradually draws away from faith
 in the reality of the teaching and the restraints of the
 Holy Spirit. Let us also remember, that he trans-
 formeth himself into an angel of light, and under the
 specious guise of high spirituality, he misleadeth the
 unwary. Departing from the way of truth, they
 cease to be subject to their brethren in love, and
 to be under the influence of that wisdom which is
 easy to be intreated. Humility, watchfulness, and
 faith, are our safeguards under these temptations.
 The more we examine ourselves, in this state of
 mind, with a continued reference to the Spirit of
 Truth as an ever-present comforter and reprover, the
 more thankful shall we be for this unspeakable bless-
 ing from God, and the more reverently shall we think
 and speak of his immediate teachings and require-
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We affectionately, but earnestly, intreat all parents,
 and those who have the care of young people, to di-
 rect their attention from early childhood to the teach-
 ings of the Spirit. The Lord in his mercy doth often
 visit the soul in the very morning of our day. As these visitations
 are cherished, the mind is preserved from the snares
 of folly and vice, and strengthened to enter in at the
 strait gate, and walk in the narrow way: but how
 many, through unwatchfulness and the temptations
 of the devil, have been led out of this path!

We do therefore, in much love, beseech our
 younger members to take heed that they slight not
 these offers of mercy. Be very careful, dear young
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hand, and to know Him to break in pieces the stony
heart, and to contrite your spirits before Him. Look
unto Him in faith and humility for the guidance of
his Spirit in your daily walk in life, that He may
strengthen you in the performance of every practical
duty. With a willing heart and an obedient mind,
turn at his gracious reproofs. God is love—love un-
utterable; and as you thus wait before Him, He will
give you to feel this, to know this in your blessed ex-
perience, and to taste of this boundless love in his
having given his only begotten Son, that through
Him we may have everlasting life.

Dear Friends, of all ages and conditions, we have
been again brought to feel the value of uniting in the
worship of God "in spirit and in truth." It was un-
der a sense of their need of that nourishment to the
soul, which they found not in the forms and observances
to which they had been habituated, that our early
Friends were first led to separate from others, and to
present themselves in small companies before the Lord.
As the eye and the cry of the soul were unto Him, He
did refresh and strengthen them together, and give
them to feel the sufficiency of his power to qualify them
to perform united and acceptable worship in spirit,
unto Him, the living and true God. Truth and up-
rightness as inculcated both in the law and the gospel,
were deeply rooted in their hearts, and hence, as hon-
est towards God, they could not, with a good con-
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the forms of prayer and thanksgiving to which they had
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forms were not adapted to their condition; they felt
that the use of them was not in the life and power of
the gospel, and therefore that it did not accord with
that worship which is to be performed in truth.

Our sense of the spiritual character of the reign of
Christ, and of the inadequacy of these forms to satisfy
the soul, remains the same; and we continue to feel
ourselves conscientiously restrained from uniting in any
of those modes of worship which others think it right to
adopt. Whilst we desire to cherish, and to inculcate
true Christian charity towards those from whom we
differ, we would affectionately encourage all our mem-
bers to confine themselves, in the public performance of
this solemn duty, to a diligent attendance of our own
meetings for worship. Under the renewed conviction
of the soundness and importance of this testimony to
spiritual worship, we are quickened in desire that
Friends may be kept alive to a right exercise of mind
in our public assemblies. In the experience of past
and present times it has been felt, and we believe by
the waiting soul it will continue to be felt in our meet-
ings for Divine worship, whether in the times of silence,
or under the exercise of ministry, or the vocal offering
of prayer, thanksgiving, and praise, that the words of
the apostle are applicable: we are of those who "wor-
ship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and
have no confidence in the flesh." He grants to his
faithful followers at times to feel the force of his own
blessed words: "He that cometh to me shall never
hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never
thirst."

The amount of the sufferings of our friends in regard
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 pounds. We continue to desire that this our ancient
 Christian testimony may, in all its parts, be carefully
 and conscientiously upheld in the spirit of the gospel.

We have received Epistles from our dear friends in
 Ireland, and, with one exception, from those of all the
 Yearly Meetings in North America.

We would encourage all our members to seek after
 a lowly, contented mind, and to be satisfied with a
 moderate portion of this world's goods, both for them-
 selves and for their beloved offspring. We again com-
 mend to our dear friends habits of plainness and sim-
 plicity in the ordering of their families, and in all the
 branches of a domestic establishment. This will pro-
 mote the exercise of a cheerful hospitality, and increase
 their privilege of contributing to the wants and com-
 forts of others. We affectionately warn Friends against
 all speculative and hazardous enterprises in trade: they
 tend to impair, if not wholly to destroy, in the mind the
 ability to perceive and to follow that course of duty
 which the Lord would lead into, both in his church and
 in his service more at large. At the same time we
 feel sympathy for those who may be under trials and
 difficulties in conducting trade and commerce: may
 they so act in integrity and honesty, as to be enabled
 to cast their cares upon the Lord; and may the words
 of our holy Redeemer, "your heavenly Father know-
 eth that ye have need of all these things," be their stay
 and their support in times of depression and trouble.

We do in love desire that no one of our Members
 may be in the practice of vain sports—that no one may
 take pleasure in destroying the creatures of God for
 self-gratification; such pursuits are an occupation of

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 time which we believe the faithful steward of that re-
 sponsible trust will find ought to be turned to a better
 purpose, and they are, we think, calculated not only to
 weaken our sense of religious impressions, but to hard-
 en the heart, and to leaven us into the spirit of the
 world. We also desire that no one may frequent or
 tarry in inns or public-houses beyond the time necessa-
 ry for refreshment and rest. When led there by the
 lawful avocations of life, may all be kept in such a sense
 of the fear of God, that they may be themselves pre-
 served from the peculiar dangers to which they are
 thus exposed, and by their consistent example shelter
 our younger friends from similar danger. On all occa-
 sions on which there is an association with others, let
 your light, beloved friends, shine before men—let them
 see that you are striving to be the followers of Him
 who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from
 sinners.

We have often rejoiced in the long continuance of
 the blessing of peace to this nation. In proportion to
 these feelings is our sorrow in the apprehension of im-
 pending war. Earnestly do we desire that those pre-
 cepts in the doctrine of our Lord which mark the dis-
 pensation of peace on earth and good-will to man, may
 be fully accepted and carried out by every professedly
 Christian nation. Then might we confidently hope
 that, in their intercourse with the governments and
 people of those countries upon which the light of the
 glorious gospel has very dimly shone, the nations that
 profess the Christian name would commend the peace-
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the Southern hemisphere, the history of the world has
mournfully given occasion for it to be said to professing
Christians—"The name of God is blasphemed among
the Gentiles through you."

May the feeling of love, and of compassion, for the
oppressed and for the sufferer in every clime and under
every sorrow be cherished by us all. May God in his
mercy be pleased to hasten the coming of that day
when righteousness shall run down as a mighty stream,
and when "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of
the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Beloved friends,—We separate under a thankful ac-
knowledgement that the Lord has graciously owned us
in the course of our various proceedings, and given us
to feel the value and the privilege of Christian love and
fellowship. We pray that we may each be led by
Christ, our holy head, in the path of individual duty in
His blessed service, and that thus this union may be
increased in Him.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love
of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with
us all.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by
GEORGE STACEY,
Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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A. SHEARMAN, jrm. Clerk.

In again presenting their Annual Report to the Yearly Meeting the School Com-
mittee feel it right, notwithstanding some discouragements, gratefully to commemorate
the mercy that has been extended to us, through which the various inmates of the Insti-
tution have been preserved in good health, and the School, we have cause to believe, has
continued to be useful to those who have been placed in it.

Meetings for Divine worship have been regularly held in the house, except during the
time of the vacations, and harmony we believe prevails. The average number of scholars
during the past year has been seventy-seven.

The late Superintendents of the School having resigned their trust, we have engaged
our friends Allen and Olive Wing to act in that capacity, who have entered upon the
discharge of their duties; and Jonathan I. Slocum, Samuel Austin and George F. Read,
are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and Emmeline Aldrich and Elizabeth H.
Osborne in the Girls'.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears
that the debts of the Institution have been reduced during the past year, and that its
present indebtedness is about two thousand dollars. For more particular information of
the receipts and expenditures we refer to a copy of the Superintendent's account, here-
with presented. In the present condition of the finances of the School, we have not
thought it proper to propose any change in the terms from the prices of last year—which
are \$33 per term, for members of this Yearly Meeting; \$45 for those scholars who are
not members, where one or both parents are members, and \$50 for the members of other
Yearly Meetings, payable in advance. Ten Dollars per term, additional charge, is made
for instruction in the Languages. We have concluded to propose that stationary and
books be furnished the children, for their use in the School, free of expense, except such
as are necessary in the study of the higher branches, including the Mathematics and the
Languages, and that these be supplied at their actual wholesale cost.

The income of the charitable fund will about support ten scholars, one term each, and
Monthly Meetings that may desire to occupy the privilege are requested to make applica-
tion to the Acting School Committee in season for their admission at the commencement
of the winter term, which this year will be on the fourth day of the eleventh month.

The division of the year into two terms with vacations has, we think, proved salutary
in practice, and the examination at the close of each term has been interesting and use-
ful; but in order that it may not be interrupted during its progress, we desire that no
child may be withdrawn from the School until it is completed, which it is intended shall
take place on fifth day of the last week of the term; so that children will be ready to
leave on sixth day morning of that week.

The observance of plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel, among the inmates of
the Institution, has continued to claim our very serious attention, and we have laboured
for the maintenance of the ancient testimonies of our Society in these respects. We have
believed that usefulness might result from again forwarding the accompanying Circular,
issued in 1835, to the several meetings of Friends; and the various Committees of the
Monthly Meetings in recommending scholars to the School, as well as parents and
guardians, are earnestly requested to exercise a care that the provisions therein con-
tained are faithfully observed.

We also think it right to remind Friends of the established regulation of the School,
that none are admitted into the male department, over fourteen years of age, who have
not previously received permission from the Sub-Committee, which meets at the School
House in Providence on third day preceding the first fifth day in every month.

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,
SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

Boarding School, 3d of 5th month, 1839.
(The next Summer term will commence on Second-day, 5th mo. 4th, 1840.)

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At a meeting of the Committee of the New England Yearly Meeting Boarding School,
held 8th mo. 7th, 1835—

The subject of an increased observance in this Institution of plainness of speech, behavior and apparel having, from time to time, claimed the serious attention of this Committee, and a lively concern on this account having been manifested at our last Yearly Meeting, we have believed it right for us at this time to revive the subject to our friends, and to point out, more explicitly than we have heretofore done, what we consider a proper dress for the children of this School.

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimony in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price."

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world. And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School; and it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

In the dress of females, we expect a correspondent degree of plainness, and that they avoid the extravagance of the fashions of the present day. They will be required to wear silk, or plain straw bonnets, without any trimmings for ornament. Their frocks or gowns should be of materials that are plain in color, and conformable in the size of the sleeves, and in other respects to convenience and propriety, and not according to the vain fashions of the world. Their handkerchiefs and collars should be without edgings or trimmings—and no article intended for ornament merely, will be permitted to be worn.

In order to carry into effect these regulations, the Superintendents are to examine the trunks and packages of the children previous to admission, and if any articles are found unsuitable on account of plainness, or for any other cause, they will be laid aside, or altered, and the expense charged to the parents or guardians.

No scholar will be admitted into the School after the present quarter, or permitted to remain here, who does not comply strictly with these regulations. And Committees of Monthly Meetings are desired to be careful not to give certificates to any children who will not conform thereto.

EPISTLE

FROM THE YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND, TO ITS SUBORDINATE MEETINGS.

BEING again permitted to meet in our annual Assembly, our dear absent Friends have been affectionately brought to our remembrance, and we have been desirous that they might be partakers to some extent with us, in the exercises and interesting concerns that have claimed our attention.

Our meeting has been large and solemn; and we have had cause reverently to acknowledge that the wing of ancient Goodness has been in measure mercifully over us, and under its covering we have been favoured to conduct the concerns of the Church, that have come before us, in much brotherly love—to the Lord be the praise. We have had the acceptable company of several dear Friends from other Yearly Meetings, who have laboured to our comfort and edification.

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiencies within our borders, and we have been brought earnestly to desire that there may be an increased concern among our members individually, faithfully to labour for their removal. A neglect of attending meetings for divine worship, particularly in the middle of the week, and a want of love and unity are among the painful deficiencies that are brought into view. Love to God and love to man—on these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. When we remember our dependence upon Almighty God; when we reflect that every blessing that we enjoy both temporal and spiritual proceedeth from Him; that all things were formed and are still sustained by the word of His Power; that it is of His mercy that we are not consumed; how can we neglect the reasonable service of assembling ourselves together to worship Him? And how, beloved Friends, can we put up our petition to Him, that He will be pleased to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, while we continue to harbour in our hearts unkind feelings towards a brother? If we are wanting in these two most essential qualifications of the christian—love to God and love to man,—it is in vain for us to attempt to support availingly, any of our religious principles and testimonies; and we have been renewedly made sensible that a deficiency herein has led to the other departures that have been brought to our notice. Let us, dear Friends, scrupulously examine ourselves and know the condition of our hearts in this respect.

Among the failures in duly maintaining our religious testimonies we notice with sorrow, some of a military nature. The faithful support of our religious views of the peaceable nature of the Gospel of Christ has been felt by us at this time to be of great weight. We believe that our predecessors in religious faith had their minds divinely illuminated to understand the teachings of Christ and his Apostles on this subject, and that it is our duty to endeavour to come up faithfully in their footsteps. There are, as we apprehend, errors on either hand on this important doctrine; but we earnestly crave for our members that they may be preserved on the ancient, christian ground of our religious Society; believing that they will find this to be practical and safe ground for them to stand upon.

It is a day, beloved Friends, when the eyes of the people are much turned towards us; and we have ardently coveted that our Light might so shine before men that they seeing our good works may glorify our Father who is in Heaven.

The doctrine of the necessity-of the immediate, qualifying power of the Holy Spirit in order for the discharge of religious duty, has ever been a fundamental principle of our Society, and must continue to be acknowledged by all faithful Friends as being necessary for us practically to receive. Our testimonies against War, Oaths, Slavery, &c. are religious testimonies; and we believe we can only successfully plead them before the world, or effectively enforce them upon others, as we receive this Heavenly qualification from the Great Head of the Church.

This Meeting has been introduced into much concern that our members may be preserved from attempting in their own time and strength to do the work of the Lord. Remember the declaration of the dear Redeemer—"My time is not yet come; but your time

dated the 19th of 19th mo 1838. Indorsed by Lancashire

is always ready." And we have been led to fear that in associating with others who do not acknowledge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of attempting to act with them in our own strength and zeal; and thus lose that ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls into His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear Friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but keeping together as a religious body, in love—looking unto the great Helper of His people for Holy assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His hand of doing His heavenly will.

Oh! dear Friends, let us be engaged to watch unto prayer; let us gather home in the spirits of our minds unto the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, and reverently wait upon Him; that thus we may be preserved from the spirit, the maxims and the policy of the world that leads unto death. May we be favoured to abide in Christ—"As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself except it abide in the vine; no more can ye except ye abide in me." And now, beloved Friends, farewell. We desire that in simple faith we may commit ourselves into the preserving hand of Him "who is able to keep us from falling and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy—to whom be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever."

Signed by direction, and on behalf of our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island, from the 16th to the 21st of the Sixth Month, inclusive, 1839.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, jun. Clerk.
HANNAH GOULD, jun. Clerk.

Pattine
Patten
Disament
This meeting united with the women in 286
in denying the rights of Membership to *Pattine*
Patten *Daughter of Howard*

Mary and
Sett
Davis
Minutes
Returned
Our beloved friend *Mary Davis* have returned
a Certificate granted her in 4th month to attend the
yearly Meeting of Friends at *Academy St. Providence*
by the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at *Academy*
the 15th 29th & 31st of 5th mo 1839. Expressions of her
acceptable company to them. She also informed us
that she attended all the sittings of the yearly
meeting of aforesaid, & that she had accomplished
her visits to the satisfaction and peace of her
own mind. Our beloved friend *Sett Davis*
also returned a copy of a minute granted him
at the same time to accompany his wife *Mary*
on her aforesaid visits, which was also indorsed
by the meeting of Ministers & Elders held in *Academy*
in *Smith* last saying that his company
was acceptable to them. *Good Willing* took

7 mo
1839
At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 14th of 7 mo 1839 accounts
being rec'd from each of the preparative
meetings, from the *Sacch George Smith* &
American Lawrence from north *beale*
Slade & *George Army* were appointed to
attend this meeting who are all present except
one for whose absence a satisfactory reason
was given.

extracts
from
meeting
Rec'd
We have rec'd extracts from our last yearly
meeting including the Report of the *Boarding*
Schools committee, with a circular appende
el thereto giving advice in regard to the dress
of our children while at the schools &c
which were read & acceptable to us.

Our beloved friend *Elinateth Polwan* attended
this meeting producing Certificate from the
monthly meeting of aforesaid at *Liverpool* 19th
dated the 19th of 7 mo 1838, Indorsed by *Lancaster*.

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Elizabeth
Thomas
Robson
attend

Quarterly meeting held the 20th of the same
Also one from the meeting of Ministers and
Elders held in London 8th of 10 mo 1838, which
together with her Company & gospel. Labours
have been acceptable & to our comfort and
edification. Our beloved friend Thomas
Robson companion to his wife Elizabeth
is also very acceptably with us, whose certifi-
cate was ~~app~~ Read stated at Hardshaw Wills
monthly meeting held at Liverpool the 27th
of 10 mo 1838 saying that he was a member
of that meeting, being in unity & held in
good esteem as an Elder

Committee
to grant
certificates
to
Scholars

James Lee Ken Seth Davis, Isaac Lawrence
Joseph Giffard George Smith & Isaac Giffard
are appointed a Committee to whom Parents
& guardians are to make application for
certificates for children going to our Boarding
School at Providence
they are also interested with the care of
with respect to the Charity Primitives

Represent
to
D. M. Report

One of the Representatives appointed last month
to attend the D. M. Reports that they all attended

Wm G. Slade
Certificate
Received

We have with the women's concurrence
Rec'd & accepted a Certificate from the monthly
of friends at Nine Partners held 20th of 8 mo
1839, on behalf of William G. Slade

Wm. H. Potter
has
Renounced

The Committee appointed last month to prepare
a Certificate for William H. Potter have now
produced one, which was Read approved, since
Rec'd to a ~~certified~~ monthly meeting of friends
& signed by the teleph

D. Meeting
Stack
\$ 67.50

By a minute Rec'd from our last D. Meeting
it appears that our proportion of yearly and
D. Meeting Stack to be raised is \$75.00, which
our trustees is directed to pay to the trustees
of the D. Meeting when in funds, Isaac H. Giffard

1839
8 mo

At a monthly meeting of friends held 288
at Dartmouth the 28th of 8 mo 1839, accounts being
Rec'd from each of the preparative meetings the
Representatives appointed as appear and from
the South Abner Patten & Benjamin Gidley
from the North Rowland Patten & William
Patten who are all present

Epistle
Rec'd & Read

In connection with the extracts Rec'd last month
from our last yearly meeting an Epistle was
now Read advising to the faithful maintenance
of some of our ancient Christian testimonies, which
was satisfactory to us. The Clerk is directed to attach
it to our records

Many
Batty
Renounce

In unison with the women we have Read app-
roved & signed a Renounal Certificate on behalf
of Many Batty. Directed to the monthly meeting
of Friends at Smithfield N.H.

Wm. H. Potter
Certificate

We have also in connection with the women Mr
Potter & accepted a Renounal Certificate from
said monthly meeting on behalf of Wm. H. Potter

Wm. G.
Slade
Certificate

William G. Slade made application at this
time for a Certificate directed Directed to scipio
M. Meeting State of N York. to enable him to proceed
in marriage with Phoebe Jane Giffard a member
of that meeting, Abner Patten & Abner Russell
are appointed to make the necessary inquiry in
regard to his Character & prepare & produce one to
our next meeting if nothing appears to hinder

of the
assembly

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at Dart-
mouth the 28th of 9 mo 1839, accounts being Rec'd from
each of the preparative meetings, the Friends
appointed to attend this meeting are from the
George W. Finances, Humphrey Anthony and
William G. Slade, from the north, Job Gidley
& Cole Slade, who are all present

The Decree with answers to the 2d & 10th from
each of the preparative meetings have been Read, and

289 which a summary was prepared & adopted
& annexed to our next quarterly meeting by Jonathan
Hinkley, Joseph Gifford & Benjamin Thebes, whom
we have appointed our Representatives to that meeting
desiring them to report their attendance to our
next meeting, & the clerk is directed to furnish
them with the necessary accounts from us & sign
the same on behalf of this meeting.

The committee appointed last month to prepare
a certificate for William G. Slade have produced
one which was read approved & signed by the clerk.

We are informed that Lilly Gifford is about to
remove to live within the limits of Swansea month
meeting of friends, & requests a certificate for himself
& daughter Hannah to that meeting we appoint
Hiram Russell & Amos Patten to take the necessary
care in the case, advising us with those whom the
women may appoint & prepare & produce one to
our next meeting.

Our Beloved friend Isaac Lawrence spread before
this meeting a concern which has for a long time
rested on his mind of making a Religious Society
to friends in the Eastern part of our year's meeting
& some others if way should open for it, which
secured the solid consideration of this meeting & was
feelingly united with by this & the women's meeting
& he left at liberty to proceed therein as best
wisdom may direct, being a minister in unity with
us, recommending him to the kind attention of
friends where his lot may be cast - the clerk is
directed to give him a copy of this minute on
our behalf.

We are informed that Benjamin Howe & Amos
Patten propose publishing their intentions of Marriage
this time, accordingly they the said Benjamin &
Amos appeared before the meeting & declared their
intentions of taking each other in Marriage the

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Cost of
fencing the
burying
ground

2. Concord
wood

Committee
to
build
Shed -

meeting noticed their communication, and desired them to wait until our next meeting for an answer.

The Committee appointed as on Page 282. in relation to fencing our burying ground, disposing of wood to meet the expense & make repairs - viz. to the Monthly Meeting now sitting, we your committee to superintend the fencing of the burying ground have attended to our appointments, & find the cost to be one hundred & twenty eight Dollars & 75 cents, and have sold wood enough to settle the same, and there are twelve loads of wood now cut ready for sale
Given 25th 1839 on behalf of the Committee.

Hiram Russell

which was read & accepted & the committee were accordingly discharged.

The friends named some time since to look into the propriety of building more sheds to accommodate friends at this place, introduced the following proposals (to-wit) that a shed 20 feet by 40 is needed, that they think well of opening subscriptions to obtain the sum of 75 Dollars, & that wood should be sold to meet the balance of the expense, which appears to be satisfactory to the meeting. Accordingly Amos Patten, Barnet Bean, Hiram Russell, John Eddy, William Tucker, Joseph Gifford, Eleazer Allen, Howard Patten & Isaac Gifford were appointed to go forward & build a shed of the above dimensions, opening subscriptions & receive whatever friends may feel willing to give, sell the 12 loads of wood now on hand & repair when accomplished.

Isaac Gifford clerk

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10 mo

1839

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 10 mo 23-1839 accounts being Rec^d from each of the preparative meetings, the representatives to this meeting are from the South Holden Shearman George Allen & Abram Russell. from the north Benjamin Potten & John Handy who are all present -

Reports of Representatives to D. M^g

One of the Representatives appointed last month to attend the D. M^g. Reports that they all attended

Lilly Gifford

The committee appointed last mo. to prepare a certificate for Lilly Gifford & Daughtin have now produced one which was read & approved. Since in reason with the woman was signed & directed to Swansea monthly mg.

Remained

B. Shove & Ann Potten answer

A communication was received from the meeting of friends at Swansea, setting forth Benjamin Shove's right of membership and charge to provide in marriage with Ann Potten, and consent of Parents also being produced in writing & nothing appearing to hinder, they the said Benjamin & Ann are left at liberty to solemnize their marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting, they advising with Seth Davis & Abram Russell who are appointed to attend & see said Marriage orderly conducted, making reports here on next month

Joseph Gifford Copy of Minute

We are informed that Joseph Gifford has now left home accompanying Isaac Lawrence as a companion on his proposed religious visit to friends in the Eastern part of our yearly meeting & requested that friends would forward him a few lines setting forth his right of membership which the Clerk is authorized to do. ^{and} is to be as follows
Joseph Gifford having given up to accompany Isaac Lawrence on his

proposed religious visit to friends in the 292

Joseph Gifford certificate

lastly part of our yearly meeting & requested a certificate, This may certify that he is a member of our religious Society, in unity, and held in good esteem by us. (Signed W. & was mailed to the care of John D. Lang, North Benwick State of Maine on the 24th instant -)

Committee to settle with Ineq^l

Abram Potten Abram Russell, Benjamin Tucker & Isaac K. Gifford are appointed to settle with Ineq^l. propose one for the year to be collected, to meet our expenses, and report next month - sig^d Isaac K. Gifford & C^o

11 mo 1839

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 11 mo 27th 1839 accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives appear to be from the South George Smith & Barnett Beard from the north - Job Ledy & George Almy, all present -

Clerk appointed

The time for which the blinks of this meeting were appointed having expired, and the Clerk being left with the Representatives last month they now propose Isaac K. Gifford for Clerk who is accordingly appointed & Joseph Gifford being named is also appointed an assistant Clerk for the year ensuing

Deacons engaged & Representatives to D. Meeting appointed

The Deacons with answers from each of our preparative meetings to the 1st & 10th have been read from which a summary was proposed & adopted & is directed to be next quarterly meeting by Job Ledy Abram Potten and Benjamin Tucker whom we have appointed our Representatives to that meeting, desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the proper account forms, & sign the same on our behalf

29th 3rd The Committee appointed last month to have the
Reports of the Marriage of Benjamin Shaw & Ann Patten, Report that they attended thereto and
the Committee of that they saw nothing but that it was orderly
of Marriage conducted, & that the certificate was now ready
to be signed for the Recorder

Ann Patten The Committee appointed last month to settle with
our Treasurer & new Reports that they have attended
thereto & find a balance in his hands of twenty
seven 39/100 Dollars. And propose to raise the sum
of one hundred & fifty Dollars to meet all
expenses they also propose to have Roman Wood for Treasurer
which appears satisfactory to the meeting & accordingly
by Roman Wood is appointed Treasurer for the
150 Dollars year to come, & new preparative meetings are
to be raised desired to collect the sum of 150\$ in the same
proportion as last year pay the same to our
Treasurer & making Reports hereon when done

Ben Estlin friend Isaac Lawrence now
Returned a certificate which was granted him in
9 mi last, saying that he had been favoured to
accomplish his visit to the satisfaction of his own
mind, producing the following satisfactory minutes
from Falmouth Quarterly meeting of friends
(viz) Ben Estlin friend Isaac Lawrence
with a certificate of the concurrence of Dartmouth
Monthly meeting attended this meeting, His conduct
& Gospel labours are satisfactory to us from the
minutes of Falmouth Q. Meeting held at Durham
10th mo 31. 1839.

J. Giffard Joseph Giffard also returned a certificate which
Returned his was granted ~~him~~ last month & forwarded to him
Certificate
The Committee appointed as on page 207 to try
with Penny Giffard now made the following
Reports (to wit) To the monthly meeting, you
have attended to our appointment in the case
of Penny Giffard. And it appears from a late record
apparently one of the Committee had had with

him, that he continues to attend meetings of other
societies, has no prospect at present of attending with
friends. signed 9th mo 1839. Isaac Lawrence
James Secker } Committee

Penny Giffard And after a time of solid deliberation human and
Isaac Lawrence having the women concerned herein, we hereby deny
him the St Penny the Rights of membership hoping
that ere long he may return & acknowledge to the
truth as proposed by us & Ann Patten is
appointed to give him this info

Isaac Lawrence This meeting unites with the women in denying the
Rights of membership to Sarah v. Anthony, Sylvia
Ann Chase, (late Sipan) Ann Ruth and Mary
Dunham - the two first ladies having separately before
us

Isaac R. Giffard Clerk

Done 12th mo 1839
At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth
20th of 12^{mo} 1839. accounts being rec^d from
each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives
therein appointed to attend this meeting
are from the South Holden Sherman and
Joshua W. Giffard from the north - Rowland
Piden & Calista Slade who are all present

Representatives one of the Representatives appointed last month
to attend the Quarterly meeting Reports that they
all attended

Case in The friends having charge of Penny Giffard's
Penny Giffard Case Reports that he has not been informed of
this denial, he therefore is continued in case
thereof

Carroll This meeting is informed by the South minutes
Wing respecting Daniel Wing as follows (viz) - To the
preparative Meeting of friends, Daniel Wing
has kept company & married out of the order
of society with one not a member, which we
submit to the meeting - Joseph Giffard
Benjamin Giddie } Professors
Daniel Holbrook }
of

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Committee
for Daniel
Wing

Whereupon we appoint Warner Gifford and Joseph Gifford to visit and extend further labor with him on account of his deviations endeavoring to ascertain the state of his mind & fitness in regard to remaining a member with us, & make reports hereon next month.

Signed Isaac N. Gifford Clerk

1840

1840

At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth 22^d of June 1840 accounts being read from each of the preparatory meetings the Representatives therein appointed to this meeting are from the south Lebedee Gifford and Barrett Beard, from the north George Almy & Benjamin Patten who are all present.

The Committee appointed last month to visit & labor with Daniel Wing have made the following Report. (viz) To the monthly meeting Dear friends, We the Committee in the care of Daniel Wing have attended to our appointments and made him a visit, he did not appear to us to be in a suitable state of mind rightly to condemn his deviation and said that he did not think it best to make any acknowledgments, which we submit to the meeting Warner Gifford Joseph Gifford

Daniel
Wing
Disappeared

Which was read & after a time of consideration & deliberation thereon and having the warm concurrence herein we do disown him the said Daniel & no longer consider him a member of our Religious Society & Benjamin Gidley is appointed to give him this information making Report hereof next month.

has been
informed

The Committee appointed in June last to build sheds receive subscriptions, &c. &c. have Report as follows. (Report on other page)

Committee
to
Build Sheds
Reports of

Sheds
finished

To the monthly meeting now sitting 295
We your Committee appointed to build a shed & raise money to defray the expense, have attended thereto and find the expense to be one hundred thirty five Dollars & 55 cents. \$135.55

And have received by subscription \$9.50
Said wood including the 12 Cores which was on hand to the advance of the bellows \$45.05 \$135.55

Dartmouth 22^d of June 1840
Signed on behalf of the Committee
Alman Russell
which Report was read and accepted showing that the building is settled for & the Committee is accordingly discharged.

Committee
on Page
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discharge

This meeting accepts the attention & service of Alman Russell, Almy Patten, Howard Patten and Benjamin Suckum who were appointed as on page 275 of this book to dispose of wood & hold the proceeds for the use of this meeting, said proceeds have having all been expended for the use of Society & they are accordingly discharged.

Committee
Gifford
Removal

Committee
on Births & Deaths
Reports of

Appointed
again

We have in union with the women's meeting signed a Removal certificate on behalf of Lebedee Gifford deputed to supply monthly meetings of friends.

the Committee appointed same time since (p. 228) to give information to our records in regard to births & Deaths receive the following Report that they have given attention thereto & have forwarded to him all the Births & Deaths, as at least all that have come to their knowledge up to this time which is satisfactory to us & the same friends (viz) William Patten, George Smith, Isaac Lammun, Alman Russell and Humphrey Anthony are now reappointed to the above service and are desired to make reports at the expiration of one year. Signed Isaac Gifford Clerk

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At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth the 26th of April 1840, by the accounts
1840 Rec^d from each of the preparative meetings the
20mth representatives are from the South Benjamin
Gidley & Humphrey Anthony, from the north
John Eddy & William Potter, whom are all Pres^s

D. Wing
informed Benjamin Gidley Reports that Daniel Wing has
been informed of his denial

The time for which the overseers of the Poor were
Officers appointed having expired, we appoint Abner
Poor Pussell, Benjamin Potter, Daniel Howland -
appointed Jonathan Wilbur, Benjamin Tucker, and
Joseph Gifford to that service for the ensue-
ing year or until another appointment -

We are informed that the north preparative
meeting has paid its proportion of stock to
our Treasurer for the year 1839
Signed Isaac N. Gifford Clerk

1840
3rd mth At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dart^{mouth}
25th of 3rd mth 1840 - By the accounts Rec^d from each
of the preparative meetings, the representatives
appointed to attend this meeting are from the S^{outh}
Joseph Gifford, & Ebenezer Allen, from the north
Benjamin Tucker & George Henry - who are all present

The Minutes with answers from each of our Pre-
parative meetings were now read, a summary
thereof which was adopted & directed to be for-
warded together with the necessary extracts from
our minutes to our next quarterly meeting by Abner
Pussell, Ebenezer Gifford, & Benjamin Tucker whom
we have appointed Representatives thereto, desiring
them to report their attendance at our next
meeting, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them
with the necessary sp^{ecimens} from us, and to sign
the same on behalf of this meeting

This meeting directs our Treasurer to pay to the Treasurers
of the Quarterly meetings, our proportion of stock

20mth
Stack
directed
paid

The Committee appointed some time since (see 298
Page 292 this book) in the case of Ellery N. Davis, now
Committee on
E. N. Davis
Reports made the following Report, viz: To the monthly m^{tg}
Dear friends we have attended to the objects of our
appointment in the case of Ellery N. Davis and not-
withstanding he appears willing to condemn the
accusations brought against him by Providence
Monthly meeting, yet he does not appear to us to
be in a suitable situation of mind rightly
to be retained a member of our Religious Society,
3rd mth 19th 1840 signed James Tucker
Isaac Lawrence
Isaac N. Gifford

which now being read & after
a time of deliberation thereon appears satisfactory
was accepted
to the meeting, and accordingly was accepted by
us, & the clerk is directed to forward the following
information to Providence monthly meeting, (to wit):

To Providence Monthly Meeting, Dear friends, By
& forwarded a communication received from you under date
of 12th mth 1836 (see page of this book page 249) -
embracing a complaint against Ellery N. Davis
a member of your meeting, & requesting us to
labour with him therefor on your behalf &c
We may inform that the subject soon claimed
the attention of this meeting, and a committee
was accordingly appointed to that service, but
owing (in part) to the unavoidable portion of the time
absent (at sea) a considerable portion of the time
since, our committee have not until now
made any reports which this meeting has accept^{ed}
which information the clerk is directed to forward
to you enclosing the reports of the committee
in the above case signed in & by direction
of Dartmouth Monthly meeting of friends
held 25th of 3rd mth 1840 Isaac N. Gifford Clerk

Providence
Mth Meeting
by letter
Annot^{ed}
Congreg^{ation}

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1840

Reports of
Representatives

2. 1840

J. Lanning

certificates

Re: -

Allen

Sisson

under

Dealing

Laurence

Returns

certificates

from

Popalboro

2. Meeting

At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 22nd of April 1840. accounts being rec^d
from each of the preparative meetings the
Representatives therein appointed to this m^o
are from the South Asmar Wood & George
W. Frances from the north Alan & George
& James Tucker who are all present -

One of the representatives appointed last
month to attend our 2^d Meeting Reports that
they all attended

We have in concurrence with the women's
Re: - Rec^d and accepted a removal certificate from
A. Debedford M^o Meeting of friends, on behalf
of Jonathan leaving his wife Louisa and their
son Jonathan Emerson, a minor -

The following information respecting Allen
Sisson was by the South 2^d Meeting forwarded -
(him) It appears that Allen Sisson is in the
habit of partaking of spirituous liquors, atten-
dence than for medicine, and has for some time
much neglected the attendance of our religious
meetings for which he has been laboured with
by the overseers without the desired effect, which
we submit to the meeting. signed Joseph Gifford
Benjⁿ Grady

whereupon we appoint Seth Davis
Isaac Gifford & Isaac Lawrence a committee to
confer further with the S^r Allen in order to
reclaim & restore, & make reports hereon next
month.

The following satisfactory certificates were rec^d
Re: - & read (rec^d) To Dartmouth monthly m^o
of friends, Our Esteemed Friend Isaac Lawrence
with your certificate of presence of unity with him
attended our Quarterly Meeting in the 11th month
last, since which he has visited most of the
meetings belonging to this, his company and
religious services have been satisfactory to

J. Gifford

Returning

certificates

from

Popalboro

2. M^o

London

Epistle

Re: - & Rec^d

Church

& Civil

Government

Since

1840

Committee

for

S. Sisson

imposed

on

Our Esteemed friend Joseph Gifford 300
companion to Isaac Lawrence with a
copy of a minute from your meeting attended
our Quarterly meeting in the Eleventh month
last, since which he has visited most of the
meetings belonging to this, his company and
participation have been to satisfaction.
By direction and on behalf of Popalboro
Quarterly meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 13th 1840
Signed Daniel Talbot, Clerk
Sarah Peniston, assist. Clk

We have Re: - a number of copies of the London
general Epistle in printed form, for distribution
one of which has been read at this time to our
satisfaction & comfort

We have also Re: - for distribution a number of
Printed pamphlets prepared by the meeting for
Sufferings, containing the views of the Society
of Friends, in relation to Church & Civil
Governments. - Signed Isaac Gifford
Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 27th of April 1840 accounts being
rec^d from each of the preparative meetings
the representatives appointed to attend this
meeting are from the South, Re: - ketjan
Harrison & George Smith from the north
Thomas R. Wilbur & Jonathan Bowing
who are all present -

The Committee in the case of Allen
Sisson, informed that they had given
some attention thereto. But were not
ready to make Reports. They are continued
in charge thereof another month -