

Canada Half Yearly Meeting, Women, 1810 - 1864

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At the joint request of the Monthly Meetings of Pelham Young Street and Adolphustown for a meeting for discipline and that to belong to the yearly Meeting in New York which having been weightily considered by both Pennsylvania and New York Yearly Meetings has been granted as stated in the following minute

At a Yearly Meeting of Women friends held at New York by adjournments from the 29th of 5mo to the 2nd of 6mo

The report from the Joint committee of this and Philadelphia Yearly Meeting continued on the request from friends in Canada for a Meeting for discipline vested with the powers of a Quarterly Meeting was now laid before us and our men friends informing that it had engaged their attention and they were united with friends in Philadelphia in allowing a Meeting there as requested to be held at West Lake the fourth day of the week following the last first day in the first month the select Meeting the day preceeding and at Young Street the fourth day of the week following the last first day in the eighth month in each year to be called Canada Half Years Meeting and had appointed some friends to attend the opening there on solid consideration the subject we concur with them therein and appoint Phoebe Piers? Elisabeth Walker Abigail Dor[land?] Anne Moot Anne Merritt Elisabeth Thorne Elisabeth Coggeshall Phoebe D Merritt and Jamima Bunker to unite with them in attending to the service

Extracted from the minutes by Anne Mott, Clerk

Pursuant to the time so Appointed the Meeting met at West Lake in the capacity of a half years Meeting this 31st of 1 mo 1810

This meeting appoints Lydia S Dorland Clerk and Sarah Barker assistant

Representatives present except three and a reasonable excuse given for their absence

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The Queries were all read in this Meeting and the Summary to the Answers is as follows which is directed to the ensuing yearly Meeting to be held in New York

An^{wr} 1st All our Meetings for worship and Discipline appear to have been attended tho not so fully as is desired not quite clear of sleeping and care taken in each deficiency the Hour nearly observed by those who steadily attend Clear in the remaining part of this Query

2nd Love and Unity subsists amongst most of us as becomes Sisters. One Meeting says there are some Instances of Tale bearing and Backbiting which are under care and when differences arise endeavours are used speedily to end them

3rd We believe friends are mostly carefull to keep their own and others under their care in a good degree of plainness in its several branches tho there appears deviations in some and care exprest

4th Clear as far as appears except some Instances of attending places of diversion for which one Meeting says Labour hath been bestowed

5th In a good degree clear in the several parts of this Query

6th There does not appear to be any friends Children placed from among friends and those under our care are in some way to acquire learning to fit them for business

7th Clear in the several parts of this Query except one of going out in marriage not altogether clear of attending Marriages

8th No deficiency appears in this Query

9th Some deficiency exprest respecting wills Clear in the other part of this Query

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10th Friends appear carefull to observe the several parts of this Query

11th There appears to be some come amongst us who have not produced andy and Care taken

12th A good degree of care is taken to deal seasonably with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

13th They are

Elizabeth Clapp Lydia S Dorland Anna Cronk Martha Armitage Philidelphia Cronkrite Jane Casey and Sarah Barker are appointed to attend the ensuing yearly Meeting to be held in New York with the accounts

Young Street Monthly Meeting forwarded to this a request to have a Meeting for Worship established at Queen Street which this Meeting taking under solid consideration and appoints Lydia Blunt Bathsheba Haight and Sarah Garret to Join our Men friends in a visit to said Meeting and report their sense respecting it to our next half years Meeting

Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Walker handed this Meeting a Minute from Purchase Monthly Meeting expressive of a concern that had rested on her mind to visit some parts of Canada and having their Unity and Concurrence her company and services have been truly acceptable at this time

This Meeting adjourns to Young Street the fourth day of the week following the last first day in the eighth Mo.

At a Half years Meeting of Women friends held at Young Street 29th of 8^{mo} 1810

The yearly Meetings Committee being called two of them were present

The Queries were all read in this Meeting with the Answers with the Answers [sic] from all our Monthly Meetings and the Summary to six of them is in substance as follows

1st We believe friends are mostly carefull to attend all our Meetings for worship and discipline tho there appears a

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neglect in some the Hour nearly observed not all clear of Sleeping and care taken in each deficiency no unbecoming behaviour that we know of

2nd Love and Unity subsists among the most of our Members tho not so fully as could be desired not all clear of Tale bearing and spreading of evil reports for which care hath been extended and endeavours used to end differences when they appear

3rd Most friends are endeavouring to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel tho deviations are apparent the Scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read and mostly carefull to guard against reading pernicious books and the corrupt conversation of the World We believe care is extended towards others under our tuition

4th We believe friends are carefull to avoid the unnecessary use of speritous Liquirs Clear in the other parts of this Query as far as appears

10th Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as we know

12 There is a good degree of care taken to deal seasonably with Offenders in the Spirit of Meekness and agreeable to discipline

The Yearly Meetings Committee produced the following Minute

At a Yearly Meeting of Women friends held at New york by adjournments from the 28th of 5 mo to the 2nd of 6 mo 1810

On carefully attending to the report of the Committee appointed to attend the Half years Meeting in Canada and being informed that the Mens Meeting had appointed some of their number to attend the next Meeting there also it appears right for us to unite with them therein and Elizabeth Haydock Phebe Willis Phebe Field Charity Rotch and Margaret Clapp are accordingly separated to the service

Extracted from the Minutes Anne Mott Clk

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The Extracts from our last yearly Meeting with the London and Rhode Island Epistles were all read in this Meeting to our satisfaction the reading of those from Philadelphia and Baltimore are referred to our next half years Meeting the Clerk is directed to forward Coppys to our Monthly Meetings

Two of the friends appointed to attend our last yearly Meeting report they attended

One of the friends appointed to visit Queen Street Meeting report in conjunction with the men that they attended and that it was their united Judgment that it be continued under the care of a Committee and the Men inform that they have continued it which this meeting unites with and appoints Martha Armitage Phebe Win? & Sarah Star and Ann Parson in addition to the former Committee and report their sense to our next Meeting

Pelham Monthly Meeting forwarded a request to this for holding their Meeting separate from the Mens and the men inform that they unite with them therein which after consideration thereon in this meeting we unite with them and it is accordingly granted

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time

Canada half years Meeting of Women friends held at West lake 30th of 1st M^o 1811

The time being expired for which Lydia S Dorland was appointed Clerk and Sarah Barker Assistant they are reappointed to that service for one year.

Representatives present except four and a reason given for their absence

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the summary to the answers from our several monthly meetings in substance as follows which is directed to our next yearly meeting by our Representatives who are Elizabeth Noxon Sarah Garrett Mary Doan and Sarah Barker
Ans. 1st All our Meetings for Worship and discipline are attended by the most of our members tho there appears a neglect in some The Hour nearly observed by those who steadily

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attend not alltogether clear of sleeping and care taken in each deficiency no unbecoming behaviour hath been noticed

2nd Love and Unity appears in a good degree to subsist among us as becomes Sisters Tale bearing and Detraction are mostly guarded against and no differences known

3rd We believe friends are mostly carefull to keep themselves in plainness tho deviations among the your are apparent and care taken one Meeting says not all so carefull to train up those under their care in a religious life as could be desired the Scriptures of truth are read in friends families

4th Friends appear carefull to avoid the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liqueurs one Instance of attending places of diversion which is under cae

5th The necessities of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded friends children and others under our care are measurably instructed in School learning

6th Clear in the several branches of this Query except two instances of company keeping on account of Mariage which is under care

7th Clear as far as appears

8th No deficiency in this

9th A good degree of care is taken to seasonably deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of Meekness and agreable to discipline

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The friends appointed in conjunction with the men to visit Queen Street Meeting report that they are united in believing it not best to grant them their request at this time which this meeting taking under consideration and being informed by our Men friends that they had concluded to allow them a Meeting for Worship under the care of a Monthly Meetings Committee we unite with them therein and the Representatives are desired to lay it before the Monthly Meetings

The Epistles from Philedelphia and Baltimore as referred from our last half years was read in this to our satisfaction and the Clerk id directed to forward Coppys to our several Meetings

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Our men friends inform that the proposition of continuing the meeting at Green Point being laid before them they were united in believing it right to allow them a meeting as

heretofore under the care of a Monthly Meetings Committee with which this meeting concurs and the Representatives are desired to lay it before the monthly meeting

Our Men friends inform that a concern had arisen in their Meeting respecting holding Adolphus Monthly meeting one half the time at West lake and that they had appointed a Committee to confer on the propriety of their request with which this unites and appoints Mary Doan Phebe Dunham and Sarah Rogers to join the Men on that subject

This Meeting adjourns to the seventh hour to morrow morn

The meeting met agreeable to the time adjourned to

Representatives being called all present as at the former sitting except one.

The friends appointed to confer with our men friends relative to holding Adolphus Monthly Meeting one half of the time of Westlake inform that they have attended to the appointment and their report in conjunction with the men is as follows that it is their united sense that it will be more conducive to the religious improvement there of that it be held alternately and our men friends inform that they had united with them therein with which this meeting concurs

Also it is the conclusion of the men to answer the Queries in 1st 4th 7th and 10th mo with which this meeting unites

Our men friends inform that a concern had arisen in their meeting respecting Young Street and Pelham indulging preparitive Meetings under the care of a Committee and that is their conclusion that they should be discontinued untill next half years meeting which claiming the attention of this meeting and after deliberating upon the Subject we unite with them

This Meeting adjourns to the usual time in eighth mo

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Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 1st mo 29th 1812

The time being expired for which Lydia S. Dorland was appointed Cler she is reappointed to that service for one year Also the Assistant Clerk is continued for the same time

Representatives all present

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the summary to the answers from our several Monthly Meetings is in substance as follows which is directed to our next Yearly Meeting with any other business that may appear by our Representatives who are Jane Hubbs Elisabeth Noxon Mary Doan Philedelphia Cronkrite & Elisabeth Brewer

1st All our Religious Meetings for worship and discipline are attended tho there appears a Ans slackness in some especelly in the middle of the week the Hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour known care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd We believe that Love and Unity subsists in a good degree amongst us as becomes Sisters tho one Meeting expresses a fear that it is not so fully as id desired and that tale bearing and detraction is not sufficiently guarded against no differences known

3rd Some friends are careful to keep themselves and those under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparrel tho deviations are apparent in others and some care extended the scriptures are read in friends families and others under our tuition instructed agreeably to the Query.

4th Clear in the several parts of the Query except one Instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken

5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded Children under our care are likely to get School learning to fit them for business except one meeting expresses some deficiency on that account

6th Not clear of keeping company on account of marriage it dont appear but that Parents are clear of conniving thereat not clear of attending mariages accomplished by a priest and care taken

7th No breach in this Query

8th Friends are clear as far as appears

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9th Care is taken to deal with offenders we believe in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to Discipline except one meeting acknowledges some delay

10th They are

The London Rhode Island Baltimore and Philidelphia written Epistles were recieved and read in this meeting to our satisfaction and comfort and are directed to our Monthly Meetings

Our Men friends inform that they had concluded to allow Pelham Monthly Meeting to establish a meeting for worship and a preparitive meeting at Wellink? If we concurred therein which claiming the consideration of this meeting is united with and the representatives are to inform the Monthly Meeting thereof and it is left with that meeting to opten? The same

This meeting adjourns to meet the 10th hour to morrow morning

The Meeting Met agreeable to the time adjourned to

Representatives all present as at the former sitting

Our men friends inform that they had concluded to indulge Whit Church and Uxbridge with a meeting for worship as heretofore under the care of a Committee from Young Street monthly Meeting and they to report when they think right with which this meeting unites

The friends appointed to visit Pelham Monthly Meeting and its different branches in conjunction with the men report that they did not Join them therein the difficulty of travelling preventing our Men friends inform that they had performed the visit to satisfaction

We recieved a minute from Pelham monthly Meeting requesting that there might be a new arrangement of holding our half years meeting and our men friends inform that they had entered into an appointment of a Committee and if we unite with them to Join them therein which this meeting taking under consideration unites therewith and appoints Sarah Barker Anna Cronk Sarah Garret Lydia S Dorland Martha Armitage Phebe Widowfield to Join them therein and report at the expiration of one year or sooner if the visit is performed

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

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Canada Half Years Meeting of women friends held at young Street 28th of 8th mo 1811

Representatives being called are present except three reasons given for the absence of two

The Queries were all read in this meeting and a summary of the answers to five of them from our several monthly Meetings is as follows

An 1st Friends are mostly carefull to attend all our meetings both for worship and discipline tho there appears a neglect in some the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping in meeting care is taken in each deficiency no unbecoming behaviour hath been noticed

2nd An increase of Love and Unity would be desirable amongst us no differences known we believe a degree of care rests on the minds of some to discourage tale bearing and detraction

3rd We believe some friends endeavour to keep themselves and their Children in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel the scriptures are frequently read amongst us we believe friends are carefull with respect to others under their care

4th We know of no deficiency in this

9th Some care is taken to deal with Offenders tho a slackness is acknowledged

This meeting was informed that but one of the representatives appointed by our last half years meeting to attend the yearly meeting attended

The Epistle from Philedelphia and Baltimore were handed down and read in our monthly Meeting

The mens meeting inform that they approbate the request of the members of Queen Street to have their meeting for worship established and that they confirm the Judgment of the monthly Meeting by granting their request and that they have concluded to allow them a Preparitive Meeting to be holden the third day after the first first day in each month we unite with them on directing the same to their care of young Street monthly meeting

The mens meeting inform that they have concluded to establish a meeting for worship and also to allow

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a Preapaitive meeting to be held at Green point at the house of Jacob Cronk said prepared meeting to be held the second fifth day in each month we unite with them and direct the same to the care of Adolphus Monthly Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to the tenth hour to morrow morning

The 29th the meeting met agreeable to the time adjourned to

The representatives being called were as many present as at yesterday

The mens meeting inform that a meeting for worship is allowed at Willink? To be held as usual under the care of a monthly meeting and that their case is directed to next half years meeting with which we unite and direct it accordingly

We are informed by the mens meeting that a concern had arisen amongst them and had so far spread and gained in this meeting that they had entered into an appointment of a Committee to visit the monthly meetings of Pelham and all its subordinate meetings and desired our Unity with them therein and likewise a similar appointment of we felt weight sufficient which claiming the attention of this Meeting after solid deliberation thereon we unite with them and appoint Martha Armitage Martha Widowfield Mary Haight & Phebe Wilson to accompany them in the service

The mens meeting inform that they had concluded to allow a meeting for worship at Whit Church under the care of a Committee from the Monthly Meeting with which we unite and direct it to the care of the Monthly meeting at Young Street

The mens meeting request our unity respecting the meeting for worship at Uxbridge we unite with them in the indulgence untill next half years meeting and refer the subject to the monthly meeting

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

Canada Half years Meeting of women friends held at Young Street the 2nd of 9th mo 1812

The Clerk and Assistant both being absent this Meeting appoints Mary Pearson Clerk and Philidelphia Cronkrite Assistant for this time

The Representatives being called five were absent a reason given for the absence of three

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The Queries were all read in this meeting & Answers produced from all the monthly Meetings constituting our Half years meeting from which a summary is taken and is in substance as follows

Ans 1st Our meeting have all been attended by a number the hour nearly observed clear of sleeping as far as appears no unbecoming behaviour has been noticed till of late one meeting observed various disorder had appeared in some individuals which are under care

2nd Love and Unity is in part maintained tho not so fully as becomes sisters care is taken respecting differences likewise to avoid tale bearing and detraction yet not so fully the case with all as is desired

3rd We believe the most of friends are carefull to keep themselves in plainness and do endeavour to train up their own children and those under their care agreeable to the contents of this Query we believe the scriptures are read in friends families and some care extended towards others under their tuition

4th Clear as far as appears

9th We believe friends do endeavour to deal with Offenders seasonably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The Extracts from our last yearly Meeting have been recieved and read in this there have been also four Epistles recieved and read namely the London Philedelphia Baltimore and Rhode Island the reading of which was consolatory to many minds.

This Meeting directs copies to be drawn and the Representatives from the different monthly Meetings to be furnished therewith and they are desired to hand them to our different monthly meetings

Two of the Women friends appointed by our last half years meeting report that none attended by reason of the difficulty of getting along

There came to this meeting a request from Young Street monthly Meeting for assistance in a case which it think too difficult for them to decide on this meeting after consideration on the subject appoints Matura Bowerman Philedelphia Cronkrite to Join an appointment of the men in that subject in conjunction with our monthly meetings committee heretofore appointed thereon

and the Clerk of the monthly meeting is desired to furnish them with the minutes of the above said meeting and they are desired to report to our next half years meeting

This meeting appoints Hannah Hambleton Phebe Winor? Lucinda Coggeshall Mary Pearson and Phebe Dunham to furnish the Representatives with Copies of the Extracts and Epistles for each monthly meeting

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at first mo

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Canada Half years meeting of women friends held at West Lake 2nd mo 4th 1813

Representatives being called were present except two and a reason given

The time being expired for which the Clark was appointed she is reappointed to that service for one year the assistant Clark as continued for the same time

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers from all our monthly meeting constituting our half years meeting is nearly in substance as follow from which a Summary has been taken and is directed to be forwarded to our next yearly meeting by our Representatives who are Elisabeth Clapp Phebe Dunham Anna Cronk and Elisabeth Shotwell are appointed to attend therewith and such business as may concern that meeting

The Extracts and Epistles were all recieved and read in all our Monthly and Preparitive Meetings except one.

Ans 1st All our Religious Meetings for worship and discipline are attended by the most of our

To the Queries members tho a slackness appears in some but since last year one meeting says a number have declined attending and have Joined with and attend the meetings of some who have separated themselves from us on which account care is taken. The Hour nearly observed not alltogether clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark care taken in the above deficiency

2nd Love and Unity appears to subsist amongst us as becomes sisters no differencies known Tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided

3rd Friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves in plainness but deviations are apparent amongst the youth the scriptures appear to be frequently read amongst us care is taken respecting others under our tuition

4th Clear in the several parts of this Query

5th Some care has been taken to inspect into the circumstances of the poor and some relief afforded but further care appears to be necessary one meeting expresses some deficiency respecting School learning

6th Clear in the several branches of this Query

7th No deficiency in this

8th Clear in this as far as appears

9th We believe that friends are in a good degree carefull to deal with Offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline tho one meeting acknowledges some delay

10th They are as directed

The Extracts from our last yearly meeting was recieved and read in this and all our monthly and Preparitive Meetings which cordially met some of our feelings believing that great loss is sustained by whining? with others but in our remote and scattered situations we see no

way at present to establish schools as is desired Also the Epistles were recieved and read and directed down to our several monthly meetings except one

One of the friends appointed in last half years meeting to Join the Monthly Meetings Committee of young Street in deciding upon a case too difficult for them report the appointment answered

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The friends appointed to visit Pelham monthly Meeting in first mo 1812 on account of their requesting a different Arrangement of holding the half years meeting report the visit not performed and were united in believing it best to leave it untill way may open to revive it again and the Men inform that they unite with them therein which claiming the consideration of this meeting is concurred with

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at young Street

Canada Half Half [sic] Years Meeting of women friends held at Young Street 1st of 9th mo 1813

The Clerk not being present Mary Pearson is appointed Clerk and Mary Hollingsworth Assistant for this time

The Representatives being called four were present a reason given for the absence of Three

The Queries were all read in this Meeting and the answers to five of them recieved from our several Monthly Meetings constituting this Half Years Meeting which were read and summary taken therefrom being nearly in substance as follows

1st An^{sr} All our relig Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended tho a slackness appears in some the Hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping care taken no other unbecoming behaviour appears

2nd We believe love and Unity are measurably maintained amongst us where any diffirences has arisen care has been taken tale bearing and detraction is discouraged as far as we know

3rd Some friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness and to train up their own Children in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel frequently reading the scriptures of truth in their families and care we believe rests on the minds of some for others under their tuition

4th We know of no breach at this Query

9th Care is taken seasonably to deal with Offenders as far as circumstances will admit with endeavours to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreable to discipline

One of the friends appointed to attend our last Yearly Meeting report she did not attend on account of the difficulty of the time, no report from the others they are desired to report at our next Half years meeting

No accounts from our last Yearly Meeting has been recieved

Our Men friends inform that a minute from Pelham Monthly meeting has been laid before their Meeting requesting a different Arrangement of the Half Years Meeting which had so far claimed their attention that they had made an appointment to that service and requested our concurrence We uniting with them appoint Phebe Winn Martha Widowfiled Mary Parson Martha Bull Sarah Hilborn Fanny Cunningham Ann Pearson Sarah Starr

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Phebe Dunham and Patience Dunham to Join Men friends in that service and report with the
We adjourn to meet to morrow at the 10th hour 5th day 2nd of 9th mo
The Meeting met agreeable to adjournment
The Representatives were called and present as yesterday
Of divers valuable This Meeting hath been favoured with the company and Gospel
labour friends which hath been satisfactory and Edifying
This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at west lake

Canada Half Years Meeting of women friends held at West Lake 2nd of 2 mo 1814

The time being expired for which the Clerk and Assistant Clerk were appointed Lydia S
Dorland is reappointed and Mary Pearson Assistant for one year

Representatives present except three and a reason given for their absence

The Queries were all read in this meeting and Answers recieved from our several
Monthlys constituting this Half years which were read and a sumary therefrom which is in
substance as follows which is directed to our ensuing yearly Meeting with what business may
concern that by our Representatives who are Sarah Barker Anna Cronk Philedelphia Cronkrite
and Phebe Widowfield

Our Representatives appointed to attend our last yearly Meeting inform that they did not
attend on account of the difficulty of the times

The Extracts for eighteen hundred and thirteen were recied [sic] and read in this Meeting
and is as follows also the written Epistles from New york London Baltimore Rhod Iland and
Philedelphia

The Committee appointed to Join the Men in taking into consideration the request of
Pelham Monthly Meeting in making a new arrangement of holding the half years Meeting
request longer time which is granted and they are to report at the expiration of one year

Answers to the Queries which ought to have been written above

1st ans The greater part of Friends are careful to Mind all our religious meetings for worship
and discipline tho there are some who do not attend as often as could be desired the hour
nearly observed not all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour hath been noticed
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2nd Love and Unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters no differences
amongst us we believe that friends are careful to discourage tale bearing and detraction except
one Instance which is under care

3rd Friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves in plainness and to train up
their families agreeable to the import of the Query tho deviations are apparent amongst the youth
we believe the scriptures of truth are read in friends families and care extended towards those
under our tuition

4th Clear in this Query as far as appears except two instances of attending a place of
diversion and care taken

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5th The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded it appears there is some deficiency respecting school learning

6th Clear in this Query as far as we know except one Meeting says two instances of attending a marriage of one who went out in marriage

7th Clear as far as appears

8th No deficiency in this Query

9th Care is taken to deal with Offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline except one Meeting acknowledges some delay

10th They are as directed

This Meeting adjourns to meet to morrow morning at the 10th Hour

The Met agreeable to the time adjourned to

Representatives being called were present that were yesterday

Our Half years Meeting having recieved a few lines from our yearly Meeting at New York respecting the situation of friends resident in the towns of Hamburg Eden and Concord in Niagra the communication between them and Pelham Monthly Meeting being obstructed the Yearly Meeting taking this peculiar situation under notice and considering that some of those friends had never been members of Pelham Monthly Meeting they have requested the Quarterly Meeting at Farmington to make the necessary Arrangement for them to be placed under the care of their Monthly Meeting untill further direction from the yearly Meeting

The Clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to Pelham Mo. Meeting

We adjourn to meet at the usual time at young Street if permitted

Canada Half Years Meeting of women friends held at young Street 31st of 8th Mo 1814

The Queries were all read in this Meeting and the Answers to five of them recieved from our several Monthlys which were read and a summary taken therefrom being nearly in substance as follows

Representatives present except five a reason given for the absence of two

Ans 1st The most of friends are carefull to attend all our religious Meetings for worship and discipline tho there is a neglect in some and by the answers it appears that one Preparitive and Several Meetings in the middle of the week were not kept up the Hour nearly observe not quite clear of sleeping care taken in each deficiency no other unbecoming behaviour hath been observed

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Canada Half years Meeting of women friends held 31st of 8th mo 1814

Representatives being called were present except five and reasons given for the absence of three

The Queries were all read in this Meeting and the answers to five of them from our several Monthly Meetings from which a summary is taken and is as followeth

One of the friends appointed to attend our last yearly Meeting informs this that she did not attend by reason of the difficulties no report from the others

The Clerk informs that she forwarded the minute to Pelham Monthly Meeting as directed

The written Epistles from London Rhode Island Baltimore Philadelphia and one from our own yearly Meeting were recieved and read in this Meeting to our satisfaction and encouragement

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West lake

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2nd Love and Unity appears to subsist in a good degree amongst us as becomes Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction are discouraged

3rd We believe that friends are mostly carefull to keep themselves in plainness and train up their children in a good degree of plainness tho there are some who appear deficient we believe there is a care extended toward others under our tuition and the Scriptures of truth read in friends families

4th Clear in this Query as far as we know

9th Care is taken to deal with Offenders we believe in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 2 mo. 1st 1815

Representatives present except five a reason given for the absence of three.

The time being expired for which the Clark was appointed she is reappointed for one year also the Assistant Clerk not being present Sarah Barker is appointed for the Day

The Queries were all read in this Meeting with the Answers from our several Monthlys which being considered a summary was taken therefrom and is directed to our next yearly meeting with such business as may concern that by our Representatives who are Sarah Levans Sarah Clerk Lydia S Dorland Anna Rogers and Abigail Elsworth

Ans 1st All our religious meetings for worship and disapline are attended by the most of our members tho a neglect is acknowledged by some especially in the middle of the week the hour nearly observed in a good degree clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Love and Unity appears to subsist in a good degree as becomes Sisters we know of no differences and we believe that the most of friends are in a good degree carefull to avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction

3rd It is believed that care rests on the minds of most friends to keep themselves in plainness and to train up their Children in a good degree as the Query directs tho there are deviations amongst us the scriptures of truth we believe are read in friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition some care taken in the above deficiency

4 Clear in this Query except one Instance attending a place of diversion

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5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded we believe friends children are in a way to get learning to fit them for business except one meeting mentions some deficiency

6th We believe clear in the several parts of this Query except two instances of keeping company with those not in profession with us and attending the marriage of one who went out from us and care taken

7th Clear in this Query as far as we know

8th Clear in the several parts of this Query

9th We believe care is taken to deal with offenders seasonably in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

10th They are as directed

The friends appointed to take into consideration the request of Pelham Monthly Meeting for a new arrangement of holding the half years Meeting inform that after consideration thereon with feeling sympathy for them it was their sense that the time was not yet come for an alteration to be made and the men inform that they had concluded to leave it under the care of the Committee to make them a visit and report in twelve Months from this time with which this meeting unites

The Men inform that on taking into view the situation of that Meeting at Kingston they had concluded to discontinue both the preparitive and meeting for worship with which this meeting unites

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at young Street

Canada Half yearly Meeting of Women friends held at Young Street the 30th of 8 mo 1815

The Clerk being absent Priscilla Playtred? Is appointed clerk for this Meeting and Mary Pearson assistant

The Representatives being called some named from Pelham in the reports, two absent from the other branches for which reason was given

The Queries have been read & the answers from the different Monthly Meetings constituting this & a summary taken the Substance being as follows

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1st All our Meetings for Religious Worship & discipline are attended by the most of our Members though a slackness appears in some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping and care taken in the above deficiencies no other unbecoming behavior hath appeared-

2nd Love & unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters one instance of a difference & due care taken to end it and friends are in a good degree careful to avoid tale bearing & detraction

3^d The most of friends are careful too keep themselves in plainness in its several Branches though a slackness in others and a good degree of care Extended towards the youth under our

care we believe the scriptures of truth are read in friends families and some care extended towards others under our tuition

4th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

9th Some care is taken to deal with offenders though some deficiencies are acknowledged

In reading the Extracts from our Yearly Meeting we find that the Subject of Schools has still occupied their attention & they recommend that the minute issued by that Meeting of 1812 be again revived & read in our subordinate Meetings & that agreeable to that advice & report annually so forwarded by Each Quarter to the yearly Meeting which this Meeting directs to be forwarded by our representatives

There has been Received & read in this Meeting an Epistle from London yearly Meeting one from Baltimore one from ??? from Philadelphia and from Rhode island Yearly Meetings which has been acceptable & edifying to us, also the Extract from our yearly Meeting of New York containing some advices & remarks

Adjourned to meet at West Lake

Canada Half Yearly Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 31st of 1st mo 1816

The clerk being absent Sarah Barker is appointed for the day & Rebecca Stickney assistant

Representatives present except wo a reason given for their absence

The Queries were all read in this Meeting with the answers from Adolphustown & youngstreet Mtg which is directed to the yearly mtg by our Representatives who are Elizabeth Clark? Sarah Bowerman Sarah Barker Anna Cronk ??? accounts from Pelham, Monthly Meeting & after the Meetings deliberating on the subject an exercise was raised therein with desire for them to continue the practice of appointing Representatives

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To attend the Half years Meeting agreeable to the directions of the discipline & after considering thereon the Meeting appears united in appointing a committee to join the men in making a visit to that Meeting & appoints Phebe Widowfield Edith Philips Phebe Blunt & Anna Cronk with a copy of this minute

1st All our Meetings for Religious worship & disapline are attended though a slackness in some the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior when met care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd We believe love & unity is maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters when differances has arisen care has been taken to end them, we believe tailbearing & detraction guarded against

3^d It appears the most of friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness in its several Branches though deficiencies are apparent amongst the youth care taken the scriptures are frequently read in friends families & we believe care is extended to others under our tuition.

4th Clear in the several Branches

5th The circumstances of the poor have been inspected & some relief afforded & they advised & assisted in in [sic] such business as they are capable of we believe all children under our care are instructed in school learning to fit them for business

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- 9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness agreeable to disapline
- 10th Clear except one instance which is under care
 We find that the accounts from the two Monthly Meetings ??? schools has been established amoungst us
 Adjourned till the tenth hour tomorrow morning ??? ??? according to Adjournment the representatives being called were present as yesterday

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The Monthly Meeting of Young street inform there Meeting had become united in the establishment of a meeting for Worship & a Preparative Meeting at whitechurch & suggest the propriety thereof to the consideration of this Meeting ^ the mens meeting inform they unite therewith, the Meeting to be held the first & fourth day & the Preparative to be held the day preceeding the Monthly Meeting day & to be called Whitechurch preparative Meeting & after a time of consideration in this meeting it appears united therewith the clerk is directed to forward a Copy of this minute to that Monthly Meeting

The committee appointed to visit Pelham Monthly meeting on account of a new arrangement of holding the half years Meeting report they have attended to the appointment & after deliberately considering the matter to give it as there united Judgment that the time is not fully come for an alteration & the mens Meeting inform they unite with them & after our deliberating on the subject do unite with them therein --

The mens Meeting informed this & likewise produced a request from Pelham Monthly Meeting on establishing Meetings for worship & a Preparative Meeting at Norwich to be held first & fourth days, the preparative Meeting to be held on fourth day of the week preceeding the Monthly Meeting which this united with after a deliberation Thereon this Meeting unites with them

The Clerk is directed to forward information to Pelham Monthly Meeting
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Cannada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 28th of 8th Month. 1816

Priscilla Playtor is appointed Clerk, and Mary Pearson Assistant

The Representatives from the Different Monthly meetings ware called all ware Present Except three, No reason given. --

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with Answers from the several Monthly Meetings Constituting this; from which A Summary is taken which is as followes.

First Ans^f All our Meetings are kept up, those on first days and for Discipline are attended by most of our members, other week day meetings neglected by some, the hour nearly observed, Sleeping and other unbecomeing behaviour mostly garded against.

Second Ans^r Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, when Differences arise care is taken to end them, Care is taken on account of Tale Bareing and Detraction.

Third Ans^r We believe that care rests on the minds of considerable remnant to keep themselves in plainness, and to train up their own Children and others under their care agreeable to the purport of this Queary, and we believe that the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in their families, But A Deficiency in Plainness of Speach behaviour and apparel is Sorrowfully to be Acknowledged.

Fourth Ans^r We believe friends are clear in the Severall Branches of this Queary.

Ninth Ans^r We believe that friends are Measureably carefull to deal with offenders in the Sperit of Meakness and agreeable to our Discipline.

Reported that none of the Representatives attended the yearly Meeting on account of the Difficulty of geting along:

.....A Certificate was Received from the Monthly meeting of Purchase West Chester County State of Newyork Bareing date the 14th of the 3rd month 1816 Expressive of Elizabeth H Walkers Religious concern to Visit Friends as therein mentioned. Also one for Ruth Healy Expressive of her concern to Accompany her in the arduous engagement, from the Monthly Meeting Farisburge held the 1st of the 5th Month 1816 which was read. Their Company and Gospel Labours of Love in meetings and families

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hath been truly Acceptable and Edifying.

Their hath been Received in this Meeting an Epistle from London, one from Ohio & one from Philadelphia, which was read to eddification and Satisfaction

also Extract from the minutes of the yearly meeting of New York.

The Committee appointed to Visit Pelham Meeting, report they attended to the appointment, and Visited that meeting and several of its branches to a degree of Satisfaction, which was Satisfactory to this meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to Meet at the 10th hour to morrow Morning

The 29th of the month The Meeting met nearly to appointment.

The Representatives being Called ware all Preasent as yesterday except one and a reason given.

The Mens Meeting Produced to this Minutes expressive of the Religious Labours of Elizabeth H Walker and Ruth Healy taken from the minutes of the Half years Meeting, which hath been read approved and Signed by the Clerks.

This Meeting apprehending that a use would arise from haveing A Clerk appointed to stand longer than for the present time, and A free communication of Sentiment thereon takeing place; the Name of Priscilla Playter was united with for one year.

After Reading the Extracts from the Yearly Meeting in New york Respecting Schools & sympathy being felt with that meeting on that interesting subject. And the mens Meeting inform they have made an appointment thereon, and Requests our unity therewith. We therefore unite with them and appoint Phebe Winn, Margret Bonnel, Martha Linvill, Sarah Garret, Sarah Carman, Anna Marsh, Elizabeth Harris?, Mary Holingshead, Phebe Vernon?, Elizabeth Lane,

~~Fanny ???~~, Anna Rogers which this meeting directs to report to next Half years meeting in conjunction with men friends.

The Meeting Adjourns to meet at West Lake

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Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 29th day of the 1st month 1817

Sarah Barker is appointed assistant Clerk for one year.

The Representatives from the several Monthly meetings being called was present except three, and a reason given for the absence of one.

The Quearies were all read in this meeting with the Answers from the several monthly meeting, A Summary thereof being taken, as followes, which is directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Phebe Blunt, Anna Cronk, Sarah Bowerman and Priscilla Playter and they to report to next Half years meeting.

1st Ans^t All our Meetings for Religious worship and Discipline are attended tho not so fully by all as cold be desired, the hour nearly observed not all clear of Sleeping, no other unbecomeing behaviour to remark, and Care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd Ans^t Love and unity is in A good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, No Differences amongst us as far as appears, Tale bareing and detraction is in A good Degree discouraged amongst us.

3rd Ans^t Friends are ginnerally carefull to keep themselves in plainness altho deviations are apparant amongst the youth. The Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families.

4th Ans^t Clear as far as appears.

5th Ans^t The circomstances of the Poor are inspected and relief afforded, we are endeavouring to give our Children and those under our care school Larning to fit them for business.

6th Ans^t We know of no breach of this Queary.

7th Ans^t We trust that friends are generally carefull in regard to the several parts of this Queary.

8th Ans^t We have none to charge with A breach of this Queary.

9th Ans^t We beleive that cae is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we hope in the Sperit of meakness and agreeable to our discipline.

10th Ans^t They are

Yonge Street Monthly meeting inform they unite in the establishment of A meeting for Worship and a Preparative meeting at Uxbridge, and now suggest the Propriety thereof for the consideration of this meeting - Proposing that the Meeting for Worship be held on the first and fifth days of the week to begin at the usial hour, The Preparative meetings to be held the first fifth day after the first

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first day in each month to be Called Uxbridge Preparative meeting, The week day meeting to be omitted on the week of the Half years meeting, at Yonge Street, after time of Deliberation

thereon this Meeting has unity with men friends in the establishment of that meeting. The Clerk is directed to forward A Extract of this minute to yonge Street Monthly Meeting.

The Committee appointed on the Subject of Schools report they have attended to their appointment and issued such advice and Council to the monthly and preparative Meetings as they were capable of, and find there are three Schools within our limmits taught agreeable to the Direction of the yearly meeting and an encoraging prospect presents, that the number of Schools of this Discription will Shortly increase. And after time of Deliberation considering the Subject this meeting unites with the Proposals of ading Sarah Barker, ??? Haight, Philadelphia Cronkrite and Anna Cronk to join the former Committee.

Adolphus Monthly meeting inform they are united in the Establishment of A meeting for Worship and A Preparative at Amealiasburge, the meeting for worship to be hold on first and forth days of the week and to begin at the usial hour, and the Preparative Meeting to be held the ~~first~~ Sixth day following the second fifth day in each month to be called Ameliasbirg Preparative Meeting.

The folowing arangement of the Preparative meetings are agreed one. Adolphas the third day preceeding the second fifth. Green Point the fourth day preceeding the Second fifth. West Lake the Second fifth and Ameliasburg the sixth day following the Second fifth day in each month, excepting on the week of the monthly and Half years meetings, the weekday meetings to be omitted.

This Meeting Adjourns to meet at the appointed time at yonge Street.

Canada Half years meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street the 3rd. Day of the 9th. Month 1817.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called ware all present except four and A reason given for the absence of one.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting, with the answers brought up from the monthly meetings to the five usually answered at this time, and A summary taken being in Substance

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2nd Ans^r Love and unity we believe is generally maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, tho not so fully by all as cold be desired. When differences arise care is taken to end them and most friends avoid and discourge Tale bareing and detraction.

3rd Ans^r Friends are ginnerally carefull to keep Themselve in plainness, and we believe that a care rests on the minds of many to endeavour to train up those under their care agreeable to our profession tho A manifess deviation appears amongst the youth, one meeting

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4th Ans^r Clear as far as appears except, one instance of attending A place of diversion and care extended.

9th Ans^r Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spiret of meakness and agreeable to our Discipline, one meeting acknowledges some delays.

The Representatives appointed to attend the last yearly meeting report three of them attended A reason given for the absence of the others and they produced severall printed Extracts, one of Which was read, and severall Epistles from different yearly meetings which was read to our eddification and Satisfaction.

Our Esteemed friend Elizabeth Cogshall produced to this A minute from the Monthly meeting of New york Dated the 7th of the 5th month 1817 which was read which with her Company and Gospel Labours of Love amongst us ware truly exceptable.

Also one from the same Meeting, and date, for our Esteemed friends Ann Shibly whose company and Gospel Labours ware truly acceptable amongst us.

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The committee appointed on the Subject of Schools produced the following report.

We the Committee on the Subject of Schools have given further attention thereto and by conferring together agree to report that altho it dose not appear that the number of Schools has increased since last account, yet we believe there is no cause of discouragement

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Thomas Linvill

Anna Cronks

Which after time of Deliberation thereon this meeting unites with the meeting of men friends in continueing the Committee till our next Half years meeting.

This meeting Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at west lake.

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 28th of 1st month 1818.

The time being expired that the Clerk was appointed for, she is now re appointed for one year, and Rebecca Stickney assistant.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called ware present except four.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings, A Summary thereof being taken in Substance as follows, Which is directed to the ensuing yearly - Meeting by our Representatives, Who are Ruth Cristy, Philadephia Bowerman, Phebe Widdifield and Mary Bull, and they to report their care theirin to next Half years meeting.

1st Ans^r Most friends are carefull to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline but not so ginnerally as is desired, not all clear of Sleeping, no other unbecomeing behaviour in meetings to remark, and some care extended in each Deficiency.

2nd Ans^r. Love and unity we believe is maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters. We know of no differences amongst us most friends are carefull to discourge Talebareing and Detraction.

3rd Ans^r. Most friends appear carefull to keep themselves in plainness and endeavour to train up their own children and others under their care in a religious life and conversation, yet a grater care might be use full. We believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in our families.

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5th Ans^r. The circumstances of the Poor hath been inspected and some relief hath been afforded, and we believe Suitable advice given, and friends Children and those under our care are mostly in a way of getting School Larning tho not so fully as is desired.

6th Ans^r. One instance of keeping Company on account of marrage; and an instance of three yonge friends attending A marriag accomplished by A Preast, and care extended.

7th Ans^r. Clear as far as we know.

8th Ans^r. Clear.

9th Ans^r. Care is taken, We trust, Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Sperit of meakness and agreeable to our Discipline.

10th Ans^r. They are.

The Committee appointed on the Subject of Schools report they have paid further attention thereto and Still find encoragement and the mens meeting informed they have continued there committee, which claiming the attention of this is united with and concluded on to continue our committee untill next Half years meeting.

The Mens meeting informed this, and likewise produced A request through Pelham monthly meeting, from the Preparative meeting of Norwich for the establishment of A monthly meeting at that place and informed that they had concluded to appoint A Committee to visit that meeting, with which we unite and appoint Mary Pearson, Edith Phillips, Phoebe Widdifield, Priscilla Playter, Sarah Bowerman, Mary Height and Rebecca Bowerman, to join men friends in the attention thereto and report in conjunction with them.

Our Esteemed friend Mary Naphtall? attended this meeting and produced A Certificate from the monthly meeting of Withham in Essex Old England dated the 7th of 3rd month 1816 Also an endorsment from the Quarterly meeting of Essex held at Coggs""hall 3rd month 13th 1816, and A Certificate from the yearly meeting of Ministors and Elders held in London by adjournment on 20th and 21st of the 5th month and 1st of the 6th month 1816.. Whose Company and Gospel Labours of Love whare truly exceptable amongst us.

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Our Esteemed friend Hannah Lewis, attended this, Companion to mary Naphtall, and produced A Certificate from the monthly meeting of Phladilphia dated 29th of the 1st month 1817, whose company and examaplary deportment was truly exceptable.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at yonge Street

At Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 2nd of the 9th month 1818.

The Clerk being absent Mary Pearson is appointed Clerk for the day, and Susanna Spencer assistant

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called, 4 were absent; and A reason given.

The Queries were read in this meeting and answers from the monthly meetings, from which A Summary is taken in Substance as follows.

1st Ans^r Meetings on first days and for Discipline are attended by most of our member, other weekday meeting not so well attended by some, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in meetings and care taken in that respect, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

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The Committee appointed to promote Schools agreeable to the yearly meetings advice agree to report that the concern has been promotive of good and prospects some what encoraging, tho we are sorry to say that we apprehend there is too great ??? A remissness amongst friends considering the importance of the Subject, after taking the Subject into consideration; and the mens meeting informed that they had continued their committee it is concluded that this meetings committee be continued for further service

The Committee appointed on the request of Norwich for A monthly meeting not having attended thereto they are continued to the service and to report to next Half years meeting.

The friends appointed to attend the yearly report that two of them attended, A reason given for the non attendance of the others

the minutes from the yearly meeting, and severall Epistles from different yearly meetings hath been receved and read to satisfaction, and comfort, this meeting appoints Jane Marsh, Phebe Willson, Susanna Spencer & Anna Ray to Copy the Epistles for Pelham monthly meeting.

This Meeting Adjourns to meet at west Lake

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held the 3rd day of 2nd month 1819.

The time of the Clerk being expired, Sarah Barker is appointed for this meeting.
The Representatives being called four were absent a reason given for Three;
The Queries were read in this and answers from our Several monthly meetings A
summary there of being taken in substance as follows, which is directed to the ensuing yearly
meeting by our Representatives who are Martha Armitage, Phebe Widdifield --

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The Committee appointed to the promotion of Schools agreeable to the yearly meetings
advice, agree to report that they have attended to the interesting Subject and find that there is a
prospect incorageingly opening which information is directed to the yearly meeting.

The Committee appointed on the request of friends of Norwich for A Monthly meeting
now report Several of their number attended, and believe it right that A monthly meeting should

be allowed at that place, and men friends inform they unite in the establishment of A monthly meeting at that place to be held the second fourth day in each month, to answer the Quearies as discipline directs, and have appointed A committee to attend the opening thereof, which we unite with and appoint Phebe Widdifield, Martha Armitage, Anna Cronk, Elizabeth Noxon and Sarah Leavens to attend the opening thereof; with this minute, and report ther care therein to next Half years meeting.

Yonge Street Monthly meeting inform they have become united in the establishment of A meeting for worship and A preparative meeting at Pickering to be held on first and fifth days of the week and the Prepartive meeting to be held the first fifth day after the first first day in each month, and men friends inform they have united with their proposal with which we unite

Adjourned to meet to morrow

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Meeting haveing met agreeable to adjournment this 4th of 2nd month 1819.

The Representatives present a yesterday.

Our Esteemed friend Jamina Keys attended this meeting and produced a Certificate from Pena? Monthly meeting expressive of their unity with her in her prospect of a Visit to Canada and some of the western parts of this yearly meeting, whose Company and Gospel Labour of Love hath been truly acceptable.

Also her Companon from same meeting attended with her, whose company and Exemplary deportment hath been acceptable.

Adolphas monthly meeting inform that they have united with men friends in the establishment of A meeting for worship and Preparative meeting in the Township of Yonge, the meeting for worship to be held on first fifth day in each month, and men friends inform they have united with their proposals, with which we concur.

This meeting unites with men friends, in appointing A joint Committee, to Visit Pelham and Edon monthly meetings on their request for a quarterly Meeting, and appoint Elizabeth Clapps, Sarah Cronk, Phebe Hughes, and Anna Cronk and thy to report their care therein to next Half years meeting.

Yonge Street monthly meeting inform that they unite in altering the time of holding the Preparative and week day meeting at Queen Street, to be held in futer on third day, and the Preparative meeting to be held the fourth day after the first first day in each month

Also that in futer the Preparative meeting at Whitechurch be held the first fourth day after the first first day in each month and men friends inform they unite with these? Proposals, with which this meeting concurs.

Adjourn to meet, at Yonge Street.

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Canada Half years Meeting of Wome friends held at yonge Street the 1st. Day of 9th.-Month 1819.

The time being expired the Clerk was appointed for, she is reappointed for one year, and Mary Pearson assistant.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called six were absent, a reason given for five.

The Queries were read in this meeting With answers to five of them brought up from the different monthly meetings, a summary thereof concluded on in substance as follows

1st. Ans^r. Most friends are carefull to attend all our meetings on first Days and for discipline, other Week day meetings not so well attended, the hour nearly observed by those that do attend, we know of none that give way to sleeping in meetings, nor none to charg with unbecomeing behaviour in them.

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4th. Ans^r. Clear in the several parts of this queary as far as appears.

9th. Ans^r. Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the Sperit of meakness and agreeably to Discipline.

The friends appointed to attend last yearly meeting four infirmed they did not attend on account of the deficulty of travelling

Two of the friends appointed to attend the opening of the Monthly meeting at Norwich inform they did not attend bu the meeting was opened agreeable to direction.

Yonge Street Monthly meeting inform the meeting at Pickering was opened agreeable to direction.

Friends from Adolphas inform that the meeting in the Township of Yonge was opened agreeable to direction.

One of the Committee appointed to Visit the monthly meetings of Pelham and Edon respecting their request for a quarterly meeting, inform they have paid some attention to their appointment

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but are not ready to make a ful report, this meeting takeing the subject into consideration agree to appoint Edith Phillips, Martha Armitage Priscilla Playter, and Mary Pearson in addition to the Committee.

Yonge Street Monthly meeting report the meetings at Queen Street and Whitchurch was altered agreeable to their proposals.

Was produced to this meeting a number of Writen Epistles from severall yearly meetings, also a printed extract from the yearly meeting in Newyork all of which was read to our satisfaction and encouragement.

This meeting appoints Anna Ray, Rachel Randall, Mary Randall, Eliza Cronk and Esther Hughes to Copy the Epistles to furnish the different Monthly meetings.

The Mens meeting handed to this, an Extract from the yearly meeting, granting the Half year meeting the previledge of establishment of a meeting for worship the day after the Meeting

for Business which claiming the attention of this, unite with the men in leaveing it for the conclusion of next Half years meeting.

The Mens meeting inform they have united in granting the request of Norwich Monthly meeting for the establishment of a meeting for worship and a preparative meeting at Pine Street in the verge of that monthly meeting, and the alteration of the Preparative meeting at that place to the first fourth day in each month and the meeting for Worship at pine street to be held on first and fifth day of the week except the week of monthly meeting, and th[e] Preparative meeting on the fifth proceeding the second fourth day in each month.

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the appointed time at West Lake.

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends Held at West Lake the 2nd day of the 2nd month 1820.

The Clerk being absent, Sarah Barker is appointed for the day and Betsy Dorland, assistant.

The Representatives from the diffirent monthly meetings being called, four war absent and a reason given for them.

Our Esteemed friend Anna M. Thorn attended this ~~meeting~~ With a minute of unity with her Visit, to this meeting, from the monthly meeting of Nine partners, Whose company and Gospel Labours of Love ware acceptable and edifying.

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Also Mary Bristle her Companon from same Monthly meeting Whose Company hath been acceptable to us.

The Quearies ware read in this meeting with ansers brought up from the Diffirent Monthly Meetings, a Summary thereof being concluded on in substance as follows; Which is directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting, Elizabeth Noxon, Sarah Clark, Matilda Christy, Betsy Dorland, Edith Phillips and Lidia Ray are appointed to attend said, Meeting, and report, their care therein, to next Half years meeting.

1st Ans^r The most of friends are carefull to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline tho a slackness appears in some, the hour nearly observed, mostly clear of Sleeping, and clear of all other unbecomeing behaviour as far as appears, some care taken in the above Deficiencies.

2nd. Ans^r Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, no diffirences known, Tale bareing and detraction appears to be Discoraged amongst us.

3rd. Ans^r We We believe friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves their own and other Children under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel. We believe the Scriptures are frequently read in friend families, and Care extended towards others under their tuition.

4th. Ans^r Clear in this queary, excepting one meeting says not clear of attending places of Diversion and care taken.

5th. Ans^r The Circumstances of the Poor hath been inspected and relief afforded, friends Children and those under their care are mostly in a way of giting school lerning to fit them for business.

6th. Ans^r One Instance of Company keeping, and one of going out in marriage, and several instances of attending the marriages of those that went out from us, and one of attending of A marriage accomplished by a Preast, Which is under care.

7th. Ans^r Clear as far as appears.

8th. Ans^r We know of none that ar eDeficient in Performing their Promises or paying their just Debts; Nor any that Lanch into Businessbeyond their abilities to manage, and we believe friends are carefull respecting the latter part of this queary.

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9th Ans^r Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust in the Sperit of meakness and agreeably to our Discipline

10th. Ans^r They are.

This meeting adjourns to the close of the meeting for worship to morrow afternoon.

The meeting haveing met agreeable to adjournment the 3rd of second month 1820

The Representatives present as yesterday

The Committee on the Subject of Schools agree to report, the Prospect is still encorageing, and the mens meeting inform they agree to continue the Committee, this meeting unites with them and continues our also.

The mens meeting inform that the request of Pelham and Edon for the establishment of a quarterly meeting is concluded to be left for the consideration of next Half years meeting.

This meeting Adjourns to meet at the appointed time at yonge Street

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street the 30th day of the 8th month 1820

The Clerks time for which she was appointed being expired is reappointed to that station for one year, and Sarah Willson assistant.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called ware present except two and a reason given for one.

The Quearies ware read in this meeting, with the Answers brought up from the different monthly meetings, to the five that is derected by Discipline to be answered at this time A Summary thereof taken is Concluded on in Substance as follows.

1st Ans^r Friends are ginnerally carefull to attend all our meetings tho a slackness appears in some the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping no other unbecomeing observed and care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd Ansr - Love and unity are maintained amongst friends ginnerally one or two instances excepted endeavours are used and differences, tale bareing and detraction, Discoraged and avoided by most friends.

3rd Ans^r———We believe that Most of friends are carefull in regard to plainness in its several branches, tho deficiencies are apparent, and some labour bestowed, we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended to wards others under their tuition.

4th. Ansr Clear in this Queary as far as appears.

9th Ans^r Care is taken, Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Sperit of meakness, and agreeable to Discipline.

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Three of the friends appointed to attend our last yearly meeting inform they did not attend and gave a reason for their not attending.

The Extracts from the yearly meeting of New york being received ware read, also Epistles from different yearly meetings which was read to satisfaction and encoragement, Clarissa Lynde Sarah Rogers, Mary Pearson, Lidia Ra, Elenor Noxon, Elizabeth Lane, and Sarah Clark are appointed to Copy them for the different monthly meetings.

Mens meeing inform that } Adolphas Monthly Meeting Suggested to this meeting the Consideration, of A division or, alteration of that monthly meeting, and informed that they had appointed a committee to take the subject under their care which claiming the attention of this is, united with, and we appoint Clarissa Lynde, Martha Armitage, Mary Pearson, Margart Bonnel, Anna Gilliam and Phebe Widdifield to attend thereto and report jointly with them, to next meeting.

The Committee appointed on the request of Pelham and Edon monthly meetings for the establishment of A quarterly meeting agree to report, that after conferring with friends of farmington Quarter it appears to them that the time is not yet come, this meeting takeing the Subject into consideration unite with the report of the Committee.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the appointed time at West Lake

Canada Half-years Meeting held at West Lake the 31st day of the 1st month 1821

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being Called ware present except 5 and a reason given for 3.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with answers brought up from the different monthly meetings a summary thereof taken is concluded on in substance as follows which is directed to the ensueing yearly meeting, Mary Pearson, Sarah Hill, Mary Height, Elizabeth Cronk and Edith Phillips are appointed to attend Said meeting as representatives and to report to next meeting.

1st. Ans^r All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended altho we fear some friends are too neglectfull, the hour nearly observed, none are charged with sleeping yet care expressed on the account, no unbecomeing behaviour noted.

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2nd. Ans^r Love and unity we believe is maintained as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences amongst us, and it appears that friends are ginnerally careful to discourge tale bareing and detraction.

3rd Ans^r It appears that friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparrel, and do indeavour by example and presept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our

religious profession, the scriptures of truth are frequently read in their families, and care extended towards others under our tuition.

4th Ans^r None Charged with the unnecessary use of Spirituous - Liquors frequenting Taverns nor attending places of diversion.

5th Ans^r The Circumstances of the poor have been Inspected and relief administered, care taken to instruct our children and those under our care in school learning to fit them for business, one meeting acknowledges more care necessary respecting the poor.

6th Ans^r Several Instances of keeping and marrying persons not of our society, We know of no parents who connive in such caces, Several Instances of attending the marriages of those that go out from us; care taken in these -

7th Ans^r Friends appear to be clear as it respects this queary.

8th Ans^r No appearance of deficiencies in performing of promises, or paying Just debts, none known to extend their business beyond their ability, or that give ground for fear on those account.

9th Ans^r It appears that care is taken to deal with offenders seasonably and in the Spirit of meakness, and measureably agreeably to our Discipline.

10th Ans^r They are, agreeably to the answers from the monthly meetings

The Committee on account of schools agree to report, altho they be but few schools within our limmits, kept strictly agreeably to the recommendations of the yearly meeting, yet the prospect is

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encourageing, and the men inform they have released their committee agreeable to their request, this meeting takeing it into consideration unite with them therein and discontinue ours also.

The Committee appointed on the request of Adlphas monthly meeting, agree to report, that after takeing the Subject under their consideration, think it may be left, under the present circumstances, that the monthly meeting be Established at West Lake, for the present and be called, West Lake monthly meeting, this meeting takeing the subject into consideration appear to unite with the mens meeting, in the report of the Committee.

This meeting adjournes to meet at the appointed time at Yonge Street

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Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 29th day of 8th month 1821

The time being expired that the clark was appointed for, she is re appointed, and Deborough Hill assistant for one year.

The Representatives from the Monthly meeting being called most of them war present, and a reason given for those that ware absent.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with answers to five of them that required answering at this time brought up from the different monthly meetings, A, Summary there of taken and concluded on in substance as follows.

1st. Ans^r. All our meetings for worship and Discipline are attended by most of our members, the hour nearly observed, some instances of sleeping, no other Deficiencies to remark, and care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity we believe is maintained amongst us except in one instance where care is taken; Tale bearing and Detraction Discouraged.

3rd. Ans^r. Most friends are Carefull to keep themselves and others under their in Plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, as Quearied after agreeable to our profession, the scriptures of truth are read in some friends families, more care and, more exemplary walking in the above respects in necessary.

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4th. Ans^r. We know of breach of this Queary.

9th Ans^r. We have endeavoured to deal with offenders as Discipline Directs.

Our Esteemed Friend Patience Sleeper attended this meeting with A minute of concurrence from the monthly meeting of Ceebler? Creek Warren county State of Ohio. whose Company and services ware acceptable to us.

Also Hannah Kerk Companion (to Patience Sleeper) attended this meeting with A minute of Concurrence from Center monthly meeting (Clinton County State of Ohio) whose company was acceptable.

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a Copy of the above minute.

Two of the representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting, report no way opened for them to attend that meeting.

Was produced to this meeting, Several Epistles from different yearly meetings, which was read to Satisfaction and encoragement, Jane Marsh, Elizabeth Hill, Marah Crothers, Mary Correll, Rachel Willson, Elizabeth Taylor and Catharine Webster are appointed to Copy them for the different monthly meetings.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at west Lake.

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 30th day of the 1st month 1822.

The Clerk being absent Both Bathsheba Brown is appointed for the day.

The Representatives from the monthly meetings being called, no account from Norwich monthly meeting, the others present except three and a reason given for two.

Our Esteemed friend Ruth Spencer attended this meeting with a minute of Concurrence from Ranslervill monthly meeting held the 22nd of 11th month 1821, whose Company and Gospal Labours ware truly Satisfactory to this meeting.

The Clerk is directed to furnish her with A Copy of this minute.

The Quearies ware read in this meeting, and the answers that ware brought up from the monthly meetings

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A Summary thereof taken and concluded on in Substance as follows, which is directed to the Next yearly meeting. Martha Armitage, Anna Cronk and Lidia Stephens are appointed to attend said meeting as Representatives and to report their care therein to next half years meeting.

1st. Ans^r. Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings bouth for worship and discipline altho a slackness appears in some especially in the middle of the week; the hour pritty well observed; not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecomeing behaviour to remark, care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity is in A good degree Maintained as becomes Sisters, except two instances which are under care; We believe most friends avoid and discourage tale bareing and detraction.

3rd. Ans^r. We believe most friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves, their own, and other friends Children under their care, in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel, and the grater number do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in A religious life and conversation, we believe the scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families, and some care extended to others under our tuition.

4th Ans^r. Clear as far as we know, except one instance of attending a place of diversion; Care taken.

5th. Ans^r. The circomstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded, all children under our care instructed in school lerning to fit them for business as far as appears.

6th. Ans^r. We know of none to charge with a breach of this queary excepting one instance of a marriage accomplished by a preast, and two instances of attending marriages which is under care.

7th. Ans^r. Clear.

8th Ans^r. Clear as far as appears.

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9th. Ans^r. We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the sperit of meakness, and agreeable to Discipline.

10th. Ans^r. We believe they are.

No report from the friends appointed to furnish the monthly meetings with Copys of the Epistles from the different yearly meetings, they are desired to report to next Half years meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at Yonge Street.

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held the 28th day of the 8th month 1822

The time being expired for which the Clerk was appointed, she is re appointed for one year, and Clarissa Lynde assestant.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being caled, most of them ware present, and a reason given for two that ware absent.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings to those that required answering at this time a summary thereof taken and concluded on, in Substance as follows.

1st. Ans^r. Friends appear careful to attend meetings for worship and discipline tho a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed not clear of sleeping, clear of all other unbecomeing behaviour in meetings as far as appears.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity is mostly maintained as becomes Sisters, with little exceptions; we know of no differences, or of Tale bareing, or detraction.

3rd. Ans^r. We believe friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparre, except one instance which is under care, we hope they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and

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conversation consistant with our Christan profession, the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families; some care extended to others under their care.

4th Ans^r. Clear as far as appears.

9th Ans^r. Their is a good degree of care taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meakness, and agreeably to our discipline.

The reports that was not forwarded from Norwich to last half years meeting, are now come to hand, and have been read in this meeting.

The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting; report there appeared no way convenient for two of them to attend, the other attended and produced the Extracts and several Epistles from different yearly meetings, which have been read to staisfaction amongs us. - Lidia Ray, Eliza Cronk Hannah Cunningham, Clarissa Lynde, Mary Widdifield, Matilda Brown, and Bathsheba Brown are appointed to Copy them for the different monthly meetings, and to report.

The friends appointed to Copy the epistles for the monthly meetings, performed the service agreeabl to their appointment.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at West Lake.

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Canada Half years meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 29th day of the 1st month 1823

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called most of them ware present, and a reason given for two that ware absent.

Yonge Street monthly meeting inform'd that Elizabeth Barr intends appealing from the Judgement of

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that meeting in her case, but she not being present, her case is left til next half years meeting.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings considered, and a Summary concluded on in Substance as follows, which is directed to the ensueing yearly meeting, Sarah Barker, Elizabeth Noxon, Sarah Clark and Clarissa Lynde are appointed to attend said yearly meeting as our representatives, and to report their care therein to next Half years meeting.

1st. Ans^r. All our meetings for worship and Discipline are attended by most of our members; altho a remissness in some especially on week days; the hour mostly observed, clear

of sleeping excepting a few instances and care taken, no other unbecoming behaviour in them to remark.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity are maintained in the ginnerall as becomes Sisters with a few exceptions, when diffirences arise endeavours are used to end them; Tale bareing and detraction discouraged by most of our members, tho some acknowledge A remissness therein, and care extended in the above deficiencies.

3rd. Ans^r. Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speach -- behaviour and apparel, with a few exceptions, and care taken, and we believe that most friends endeavour by example and precept to train them in a religious life and conversation consistant with our chirstean profession; The Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families; and cae extended in those respects towards others under tuition.

4th Ans^r None to charge with the unnecessary use of Sperittious liquors or frequenting Taverns, one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

5th Ans^r. The Circomstances of the poor, hath been inspected, and relief afforded; and our children, and others under care are instructed in school lerning, to fit them for business.

6th Ans^r. One instance of keeping company, on account of marriage with one not of our society, and four of attending such marriages, and care taken, none to charge with a breach of the other part of this queary.

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7th Ans^r Clear as far as appears.

8th. Ans^r. We believe friends are careful in performing promises and paying just debts and of extending their business beyond their ability to mannage.

9th Ans^r. We believe endeavours are used seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the Sperit of meakness, and agreable to our Discipline.

10th Ans^r. They are

The mens meeting informed this that a concern had been spread before their meeting to appoint A Committee to Visit the monthly meeting of Norwich, this meeting deliberateing thereon unites with them therein and appoints Clarissa Lynde, Phebe Blunt, Anna Cronk and Martha Armitage to join a committee of men friends in a Visit to that meeting, and to report jointly with them.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at Yonge Street.

Canada Half years meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street the 3rd. Of the 9th month 1823.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called ware present except three, and A reason for one.

The appeal of Elizabeth Burr being revived and she being present inform she intends to presecute the same, this meeting appoints Phebe Blunt, Sarah Barker, Mary Stover, Sarah Willson and Anna Cronk to join with a Committee of men friends to hear her in the case, and she uniting with them, they are to report to this meeting next setting.

The Queries were all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings to those that called for answers at this time a summary thereof taken and - concluded on in Substance as follows.

1st Ans^r All our meetings for worship and Discipline is attended though a deficiency with some especially on week days. The hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping and some care taken, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

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2nd Ans^r Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as become Sisters; when differences appear care is taken to end them, we believe most friends are careful to avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction.

3rd Ans^r Some friends appear careful to keep themselves in plainness and endeavour to train up their children and those under their tuition in a good degree consistent with our profession. Though deviations are apparent in others and some care taken we trust the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families, and care extended to others under their tuition.

4th Ans^r Clear in the different branches of this Query.

9th Ans^r We believe there has been care taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to our Discipline.

Two of the friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report they attended, and a reason for one that did not attend and they produced several Epistles from different yearly meetings which was read to our satisfaction and encouragement.

Part of the Committee appointed to Visit the monthly meeting of Norwich report they attend to the appointment to some satisfaction and expressed a hope the Visit may be of some use.

Eliza Cronk, Mary Betts, Sarah Harris, Hannaw W. Playter Sophiah Virrel and Jane Marsh are appointed to Copy the epistles for the different monthly meetings and to report.

The time being expired that the Clerk was appointed for, she is reappointed to that station for one year, and Sarah Barker assistant.

Norwich monthly meeting inform they unite in the Establishment of a meeting for worship and a Preparative meeting at Yarmoth to be held on first and fifth days in each week, and the Preparative meeting the last fifth day in each month to be called Yarmoth Preparative Meeting, and the mens meeting inform they unite with them in the establishment Thereof, with which we concur and direct the Clerk to send an Extract of this minute to Norwich monthly meeting.

This meeting adjourned till after the close of the meeting to morrow.

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Agreeable to adjournment this 5th of the week and 4th of the month this meeting met The Representatives being called were present as yesterday except one.

The joint Committee appointed to hear the appeal of Elizabeth Burr report they met with the monthly meetings Committee, and after having heard the Appellant and examined the minutes in her case, are unannamously of the opinion that the Judgement of the monthly meeting should be confirmed, and the mens meeting inform they unite with the Report of the

Committee, with which this meeting concurs and appoints Phebe Hughes, Martha Armitage and Mary Pearson to join a committee of men friends to inform her of this conclusion, and to report next Half years meeting.

The Committee appointed to Copy the Epistles report the service performed.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at west Lake

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Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 28th day of the 1st month 1824

The Clerk being absent the assistant takes her place, and Mary Pearson is appointed assistant for this time.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called four were absent, and a reason given for their absence.

No Reports from Pelham Monthly meeting.

The Queries were all read in this meeting, with the answers now received from the monthly meetings. A Summary thereof taken and concluded on in Substance as follows and are directed to the ensuing yearly meeting Martha Armitage, Edith Phillips, Sarah Bowerman and Nancy Bowerman, are appointed to attend said meeting as our Representatives and to report to next Half years meeting.

1st. Ans^r.——Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline tho a slackness in Some, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of Sleeping, Clear of all other unbecomeing behaviour as far as appears, and care taken in the above deficiencies

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2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters altho Some deficiencies acknowledged, no differences known, except one meeting expresses some differances and care taken to end them, Tale bareing and detraction in a good degree avoided and discouraged.

3rd. Ans^r. Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of Speach behaviour and apparrel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our Christion profession, tho some deviations are apparrent and some care taken; the Scriptuers of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under their tuition.

4th Ans^r. Clear, as far as we know.

5th Ans^r. The circomstances of the Poor have been inspected and some releaf afforded. We believe friends Children are in a way to get school lerning to fit them for business.

6th. Ans^r. Four instances of marrying out and one of attending a marriage of one that went out from us, and care taken.

7th Ans^r. Clear as far as appears.

8th Ans^r. Clear.

9th. Ans^r. We believe care is taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meakness, and agreably to our discipline.

10th. Ans^r. They are.

The Committee appointed to inform Elizabeth Burr, of the meetings result? in her case, report they informed her; and she signified she intends to appeal to the yearly meeting, from the Judgment of the Half years meeting in her case, Martha Armitage, Edith Phillips, Sarah Bowerman and Nancy Bowerman are appointed to attend said meeting with the minutes relative thereto, and to report to next Half years meeting.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at Yonge Street.

Canada Half years Meeting held at Yonge Street the 1st day of the 8th month 1824

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called were present except three and a reason given for their absence

The Queries were all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings to those that called for answering ??? ??? ??? [faint writing] Summary thereof taken in Substance as follows.

1st. Ansr. Our meetings on first days and for discipline are attended by most of our members, those on week days appears to be neglected by some, one instance of a week day meeting neglected by all on the ??? ??? ??? [faint writing] the hour for the most part nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping; no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

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2nd. Ans^r. We believe Love and unity are maintained in a good as becomes Sisters, we know of no differences; except one instance under note Tale bearing and detraction discouraged, but not fully avoided by all, and care taken.

3rd. Ans^r. Most friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel; and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation in a good degree consistent with our Christian profession, The Scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families, and are extended in those respects towards others under their tuition.

4th. Ans^r. We know of none to charge in those respects.

9th. Ans^r. We believe care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders measureably in the Spirit of meekness, and agreeably to our discipline.

Two of the Representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting report they did not attend on the account of the great distance and difficulty of traveling.

The Committee appointed to attend the yearly meeting with the minutes on the appeal for Elizabeth Burr inform that they forwarded them agreeable to appointment, and it was concluded that her case should lay till next yearly meeting, which is left under the care of the Committee, and they to report to next meeting.

The minutes of the yearly meeting in New York has been received, and read in this meeting also Epistles from several yearly meetings which was read to our satisfaction and encouragement.

Adjourned to meet at the appointed time at West Lake.

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held At West Lake the 2nd day of the 2nd month 1825

The Clerk being absent Rebecca Stickney is appointed for the day and Sarah Barker assistant

The Representatives from our several monthly meetings being called six present, and a reason given for the absence of the others.

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The Queries were all read in this meeting with the answers now received from the monthly meetings. A Summary thereof taken and concluded on in Substance as follows, and are directed to the ensuing yearly meeting Elizabeth Clapp, Sarah Hill, Ruth Cristy and Lidia Phillips are appointed to attend said meeting as our Representatives, and to report to next Half years meeting.

1st. Ans^r. Friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, though there appears a slackness in some especially in the middle of the week, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour appear, some care taken.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes Sisters, when differences arise care is taken to end them, we believe tale bearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided.

3rd. Ans^r. A good degree of care rests on the minds of most friends to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel. We believe some friends do endeavour by precept and example to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under their tuition.

4th. Ans^r. Friends appear to be be clear in the several parts of this Query.

5th Ans^r. The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded, and advice given, and friends children children [sic] appear likely to get school learning to fit them for business.

6th Ans^r. Several instances of going out in marriage and one instance of A parents conniving thereat, and some of our members attending marriages contrary to discipline, which is under care.

7th. Ans^r. We do not know but clear in this Query.

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8th. Ans^r. We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts, nor any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage.

9th. Ans^r. We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline.

10th. Ans^r. They are.

Elizabeth Burrs appeal being again revived in this meeting, and men friends inform, they have appointed A committee to attend the yearly meeting therewith, which we unite with and

appoints Ruth Christy and Elizabeth Clapp to join men friends in addition to the former Committee, and they to report to next Half years meeting.

West Lake Monthly meeting forwarded to this A request from Adolphas and Leeds Preparative meetings requesting A monthly meeting to be held alternately at boath places, and the mens meeting informed they had appointed A committee to attend said meetings, which we unite with and appoints Elizabeth Clapp, Sarah Garret, Jane How, Martha Armitage and Charity Terrel, to attend said meetings and to report in conjunction with mens Committee to our next Half years meeting.

Adjourned to mneet at the appointed time at yonge Street

Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street held the 1st of 8th month 1825

The time being expired that the Clark was appointed for she is reappointed to serve in that station for one year and Eliza Cronk assistant.

The Representatives from different Monthly meetings being called ware present Except four and a reason given for one.

Yonge Street Monthly meeting Report that Esther Brown intends to appeal to the Half years meeting, from the judgement of that monthly meeting in her Case this meeting appoints Ana Compel? Margaret Webster Anna Willson Sarah Height and Johanna? White

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to unite with men friends in hearing her in the case; and she being present united with them, and they to report to this meeting at a later Setting.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings a summary thereof taken and united with, being as follows.

1st. Ans^r. Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline tho a slackness appears in some, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming to remark, and care taken in the above deficiency.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes Sisters, when differences arise care is taken spedily to end them, and we believe friends do avoid and discourage tale bareing and detraction.

3rd. Ans^r. Most friends appears careful to keep themselves in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel, altho some deviations among the youth is apparrent and some care taken; We believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families, and A due care extended towards others under our tuitions

4th. Ans^r. We know of no breach of this queary.

9th. Ans^r. We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to Discipline.

The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report that Several of them attended, and A reason given for them that did not attend, and they produced several Epistles from the yearly meetings which was read to satisfaction and encoragement also the following Extract to with,

The Committee appointed by this meeting to attend to the case of Elizabeth Burr's appeal report they have carefully attended to the subject and thought it best that the judgement

of the quarterly and monthly meeting in her case be reversed, this meeting on attending to the report concluded to unite with the judgement of the committee.

Extracts from the minutes of New York yearly meeting held by adjournments from the 23rd of 5th month to the 27th of the same inclusive 1825 By

Abigale E Thurston Clerk

It appears by the foregoing Extracts that the judgement of this meeting, and Yonge Street monthly meeting in the case of Elizabeth Burr, is reversed.

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The Committee appointed on the request of Adolplas and Leeds Preparative meetings report they have attended to their appointment and are united that their request be granted, agreeable to the proposals, to be held the third day preceeding the third fifth day in each month, to be called Adolplas and Leeds monthly meeting to be opened in the 10th month next, and men friends inform they unite in the establishment thereof with which we unite and appoint Ana Cronk, Clarissa Lynde, Bathsheba Brown, Esther Doan, Catharine White and Edith Phillips to attend at the opening of said meeting and to report to next Half years meeting.

Yonge Street monthly meeting Report that, that monthly meeting unites in the deformation of the meeting at Queen Street for the present, this meeting taking the subject into consideration unite therewith having the unity of the mens meeting therein and direct the Clerk to send the needful information down to that monthly meeting.

Norwich monthly meeting inform that they unite with a request of Yarmoth Preparative meeting in having the monthly meeting held there part of the time, and the min inform they unite in granting their request, with which we unite, the meeting to be held the 10th. 2nd. and 7th months, which is directed down to that monthly meeting.

Adjourned till after the close of the meeting for worship to morrow.

The meeting having met agreeable to a journment this first day of 9th month 1825.

Representatives present as yesterday

The joint committee appointed on the appeal of Esther Brown report they have attended to the appointment and after closely investigation, they are united that she be reinstated, and the mens meeting inform they are united with the report of the committee, with which this meeting concurs and appoints Ana Cornwell and Sarah Height to join A committee of men friends to inform her of this conclusion and to report to next Half years meeting. An Extract of this minute is directed down to that monthly meeting.

This meeting adjourns to meet at the appointed time at West Lake

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Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at at [sic] West Lake the 1st. day of 2nd. Month 1826.

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

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called, only six present, a reason given for the absence of two, no report from the others.

Two of the committee appointed to attend the opening of the monthly meeting of Adolplas and Leeds report they attended, a satisfactory reason given for the non attendance of the others.

Yonge Street monthly meeting inform that Sarah Willson intends appealing to this from the judgement of that meetings to her case, She not being present to prosecute the same it is left for the investigation of next Half years meeting.

The Quearies ware all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings, A Summary thereof taken and concluded on in substance as follows and are directed to the ensuing yearly meeting.

Martha Armitage, Martha Linvill, Margaret Pommel?, Elizabeth Noxen and Edith Phillips are appointed to attend Said meeting, as our representatives and to report to next Half years meeting

1st. Ans^r. Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline, tho some neglect, particularly in the middle of the week. The hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecomeing behaviour to remark some care taken.

2nd. Ans^r. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters. We know of diffirences and most friends avoid tale bareing and detraction.

3rd. Ans^r. We believe most friends are careful to keep them Selves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel, and that many endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession the Scriptures of truth

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are frequently read in friends families, and care extended in these respects towards others under tuition.

4th Ans^r. Clear as far as appears, except one instance of attending a place of diversion, which is under care.

5th Ans^r. The circomstances of the Poor have been inspected and relief afforded; Children are not all in as good away to git school Larning as is desired.

6th. Ans^r. Clear as far as we know except four instances of attending marriages accomplished by a prest, which is under care.

7th. Ans^r. Clear as far as appears.

8th. Ans^r. We believe friends are endeavouring to comply with the contents of this queary.

9th Ans^r We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the Sprrit of meekness and agreeably to Discipline

10th Ans^r They are.

A request came to this through the mens meeting from the monthly meeting of Adolplas and Leeds to alter the time of holding said meeting to the second fifth day in the month and the Preparative meeting on the fourth day of the week preceeding and they concur therewith in which we unite.

We are informed through the mens meeting that the friends appointed to inform Esther Brown of her being reinstated had attended thereto.

The mens meeting inform they have refered the request from Coal Creek, for a meeting for worship and a Preparative meeting to our next Half years meeting with which we unite.

Adjourned to meet at Yonge Street

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**Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held the 30<sup>th</sup> day of the 8th month 1826**

The time being expired that the Clerk was appointed for ~~being expired~~; she is re appointed for one year, and Hannah Cunningham assistant

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The representatives from the different monthly meetings, being called, five of them were absent; and a reason given for the absence of one.

The appeal of Sarah Willson being revived in this meeting and she being present inform'd she intends to prosecute the same, the meeting appoints Mahitable Cooper, Ruth Christy Elizabeth Noxon and Anna Willson to join a committee of men friends to hear her in her case, and she uniteing with them, and they to report to the next setting.

The Quearies were all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings to those that called for answering at this time, a summary thereof taken and concluded on in Substance as follows.

1<sup>st</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Friends generally appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, the hour for the most part nearly observed not all clear of sleeping, and some care taken, no other unbecomeing behaviour observed.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe Love and unity is in a good degree maintained as becomes Sisters, one instance excepted, which is under care, tale bareing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Ansr Most friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparrel (one instance of unbecomeing behaviour out of meeting excepted and some care taken) and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation in a good degree consistant with our Christian profession, the Scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in their families, and care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition.

4<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe clear in the several parts of this queary, except one instance of attending a place of diversion and some care taken.

9<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe friends endeavour seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirrit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline

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The Representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting report they attended except two and a reason given for their absence and they produced the extracts from the yearly meeting in New york, and also several Epistles, from different yearly meetings which was acceptably read amongst us.

The mens meeting inform'd they are united in granting an established meeting for worship and preparative meeting at Coal Creek. The meeting for worship to be held on first and fifth days of the of the [sic] week, at the usial hour, and the preparative meeting to be held on

the second fifth day in each month to be called Coal\_Creek preparative meeting; with which this meeting concurs, and directs the Clerks to send the needful information to West Lake monthly meeting.

The meeting adjourned until the close of the meeting for worship to morrow.

The meeting met agreeable to adjournment this 31<sup>st</sup> day of the month and 5<sup>th</sup> of the week

Representatives present as yesterday.

The joint Committee appointed on the appeal of Sarah Willson report they have attended to their appointment and after hearing the appellant and examining the minutes in her case are unanimously of the opinion that the judgement of the monthly meeting should be confirmed, the mens meeting inform they uniting confirming the judgement of the monthly meeting, with which we unite and appoint Mary Bull, Anna Cronk & Amy Bowerman to unite with a committee of men friends to inform her of this meetings conclusion and to report to next half years meeting.

This meeting concludes to meet at the appointed time at West Lake.

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### **Canada Half years meeting of women friends held at West Lake 31<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1827**

The clerk being absent the assistant proceeds to her place and Bathsheba Brown is appointed assistant for this time

Representatives called 7 absent a reason assigned for two no report from the others

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers from our different monthly meetings and a Summary taken and concluded on in substance as follows and are directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting Sarah Barker Phebe Widdifield, Anna Cronk and Esther Doane are appointed as our representatives and report

Answer 1<sup>st</sup>. All our meeting for Worship and disciplin are atended by most tho a slackness prevales with some especialy in attending them in the middle of the week the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour in them some care taken in the above deficiencies

Answer 2<sup>nd</sup>. Love and Unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters though, not so fully by all as is desired when differences arise care hath been taken to end them we belived tale bearing and detraction for the most pare are discouraged avoided, when it hath appeared otherwise care hath been taken

Answer 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear carefull to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness, though some deviations from plainness of speech behaviour and apparel is evident amongst the Youth we believe most friends do endeavour by example & precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation

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It appears the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and a care extends in these respects towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> None known to make unnecessary use of spiritous liquors, twelve instances of young Friends attending places of diversion, and some care taken.

5<sup>th</sup> The necessities of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded them, mos of their Children are likely to get School learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Nine instances of keeping company and marrying contrary to the order of friends and twelve instances of attending these marriages, two of these accomplished by a Priest, and some care taken, none known to connive at their Children keeping company with such

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

8<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query excep one meeting expresses a deficiency on account of performing promises

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

The Committee appointed to inform Sarah Wilson of the meetings result in her case report they inform,d her and she likewise informed this meeting she intended to appeal to the Yearly Meeting from the judgment of the Half Years Meeting in her case Sarah Barker Esther Doane & Anna Cronk

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are appointed in conjunction with the Men to atten, said meeting with the minits relative thereto and report to next Half Years Meeting ~~Men~~

Men Friends inform there is a proposition from Farmington quarterly meeting for a division of the Yearly meeting, Sarah Barker Elizabeth Noxon Anna Wilson Lydia Phillips Catharine Walters Mary Haight Ruth Christy Anna Rogers and Mary Cromwell are appointed to join the men in considering the subject and report

This meeting adjourns till the close of the meeting for worship tomorrow

This meeting met agreeable to adjournments the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 month 1827

Representatives call,d all presant as present as yesterday except one and reason assigned for her absence

The committee appointed to join the men in consulting the division of the Yearly meeting report they have met and deliberately conferred together and are united in a belief that it would be right to forward the subject to our Yearly meeting porposing that a meeting be opened at Farmington on second day following the second first day in the sixth month and that it be called Gennesee Yearly meeting and men friends inform they have united with the judgment of the committee with which we also unite

Yonge Street monthly meeting informed this that a request is produced from Pickering preparative for the monthly meeting to be held there one third of the time That is in first fourth seventh and eleventh months and men friends inform us they unite therein; with which we also unite the clerk is directed to furnish a copy of this minute to Yonge street monthly meeting

This meeting adjourns to meet at the appointed time at Yonge Street.

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**Canada Half years meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the 8<sup>th</sup> month 1827.**

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called Several were absent, and a reason given for five.

The time for which the Clerk is appointed being expires She is re appointed for the day and Lidia Phillips assistant.

The Quearies were all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings to those that required answering at this time a summary thereof taken and concluded on in substance as follows.

1<sup>st</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. All our meetings are attended by some; altho a neglect appears appears in others, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other nonbecomeing behaviour observed, ca taken in the above respects

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Love and unity are in a good degree maintained as becomes Sisters, one instance excepted and that under care, when differences have arison care has been taken to end them, tale bareing and detraction are discouraged but not altogether avoided, care taken in the above respects.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe friends are in a good degree careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel. - except some deviations are apparrent amongst the youth. We believe friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our christian profession. We believe the Scriptuers of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

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

9<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Care is taken to deal with offenders we trust, in the Spirrit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

The representatives to the yearly meeting report that two of them attended and a reason given for one, that did not attend and they produced several Epistles from different yearly meetings which was exceptably read amoungst us, also the following Extracts from the yearly meeting.

At a yearly meeting of Women friends held in New york by adjournments from the 28<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of the 6<sup>th</sup> month 1827 inclusive.

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To the Half years meeting in Canada.

The Committee appointed on the appeal of Sarah Willson report that, having attended thereto, and examined the proceedings of of the monthly meetings of yonge Street and the Half years meeting of Canada, with the statement of the appelland and the Committee in the case, they are of the mind, that the Judgement of those meetings, be reversed on a consideration of the subject we unite with the mens meeting in confirming the judgement of the committee, and Sarah Barker and Anna Cronk are appointed to give her this information and the Clerk was directed to inform the Half years meeting of Canada.

Signed on behalf of the meeting

By Abigale E Thurston Clerk.

It appears by the foregoing extract that the judgement of this meeting, and yonge street monthly meeting in the case of Sarah Willson is reversed, the clerk is directed to send the needful information to yonge Street monthly meeting.

West Lake monthly meeting inform they unite with the request of friends in Halderman to have a meeting for worship and discipline, the meeting for worship to be held on first and fifth days of the week and the Preparative meeting to be held the fourth day preceeding monthly meeting week and men friends inform they have united therewith, with which this meeting also unites, the Clerk is directed to forward an Extract of this minute to West Lake monthly meeting.

This meeting concludes to meet at the appointed time at West Lake.

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**Canada Half years Meeting held at West Lake the 30th day of the 1st Month 1828**

The time being expired that the Clerk was appointed for, she is reappointed to serve in that station one year and Lidia Phillips assistant.

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called ware most present, and a reason given for two that ware absent No report from Pelham.

The Quearies were all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings, except one. A summary thereof taken and agreed on in Substance as follows and re directed to the next yearly meeting Sarah Hill, Ruth Christy, Sarah Barker and ~~Marga~~ Margaret Brown are appointed to attend said meeting as our representative and to Report.

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1<sup>st</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. With the exception of two meetings in one preparative meeting, all our meetings for worship and discipline are attended altho a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecomeing behaviour to remark, and care taken

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Love and unity we believe is maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, tho not so fully by ass as desired some differences amongst us, and not quite clear of tale bareing and detraction and care taken in the above deficiencies.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves in plainness and endeavour to train up their own children and those under their care agreeable to the purport of this queary, some deviations excepted amongst the youth; The scriptuers of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Clear in the several parts of this queary except Three instances of attending a place of diversion, which is under care.

5<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. The circomstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded, their children are not all in a way of partakeing of school Larning.

6<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Several instances of keeping company with persons not of our Society on account of Marriage and Marring out from us, we know of no parents conniveing at their children keeping company with such, two instances of attending Marriages accomplished by a preist and care taken.

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

8<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We know of none to charge with a breach of this queary.

9<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the Spirrit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe they are (except one meeting).

The mens meeting inform they have united in discontinuing the appointment of a meeting for worship the day following our half years meeting, with which we also unite.

This meeting concludes, to meet at the appointed time at yonge Street.

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### **Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Day of the 9<sup>th</sup> month 1828.**

The Representatives from the different monthly meetings being called most of them were present, and a reason given for them that were absent

The Quearies were all read in this meeting, with the answers brought up from the monthly meetings to those that call for answers at this time, a Summary thereof taken in substance as follows.

1<sup>st</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. All our meetings for religious worship are attended, But not so fully by all as wld be desired, the hour nearly observed some instances of Sleeping; no other unbecomeing behaviour in them, Some care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Love and unity we believe is generally maintained as becomes Sisters, if differences arise care is taken to end them, some instances of talebareing and detraction, and some care taken.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe friends are mostly careful to keep themselves in plainness of speach behaviour and apparel altho some friends children are not as plain as is desired, we believe friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up consistant with our christian profession; The Scriptuers of truth are frequently read in friends families, and care extended in these respects towards others under tuition.

4<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. Clear except one instance of attending a place of diversion

9<sup>th</sup>. Ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe care is taken to deal with offenders we haft? In the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline:

One of the friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report she attended and produced a number of extracts, and Epistles from that meeting, one of each being read, was acceptable amongst us.

This meeting concludes, to meet at west Lake.

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#### **Canada half years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake 1<sup>st</sup> month 28<sup>th</sup> 1829 -**

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called all were present except four, and a reason given for the absence of one -

\*the minute of appointment of Clerk, which should have been placed here is now B

The Queries were all read in this meeting with the answers brought up from our Several Monthly Meetings (with the exception of one, the members of which have mostly seseded and gone from us. ) A Summary thereof taken and agreed on in substance as follows - which is directed to be forwarded to the ensuing Yearly Meeting, to attend which as our representatives, Edith Phillips, Elizabeth Noxen, Anna Cronk, Clarissa Lynde & Lydia Mills are appointed and report to our next Meeting -

Answer 1<sup>st</sup>. It appears that most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for Worship and Discipline, except one account states the omission of one Midweek Meeting, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping and other unbecoming behaviour, care taken in the above deficiencies.

2<sup>nd</sup>. Love and Unity we believe is maintained among us, We know of no differences, tale bearing & detraction mostly discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup>. Most friends are careful to keep themselves, their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech deportment and apparel, and are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a Religious life and conversation consistent with our religious profession - the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends familys, and due care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition -

4<sup>th</sup>. It appears that friends do avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion -

5<sup>th</sup>. The circumstances of the poor and those that appear likely to require assistance are inspected and some relief afforded them, and most friends appear to be concerned to give their children learning to fit them for business -

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6<sup>th</sup>. We know of none keeping company with persons not of our society on account of marriage, no parents known to connive at their children keeping company with such in one instance of attending a marriage of one that went out from us, Said marriage being accomplished by a Priest and some care taken -

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

8<sup>th</sup> Friends are mostly careful to perform their promises and pay their just Debts, we know of none that extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession -

9<sup>th</sup>. We believe friends are careful to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our Discipline

10<sup>th</sup>. We believe they are -

The time being expired that the Clerk was appointed for Lydia Phillips is appointed to serve as Clerk and Bathsheba Brown as assistant for one year -

West Lake Monthly Meeting suggests to this Meeting the propriety of laying down Ameliasburgh & Cold Creek preparative Meetings; men friends inform they are united in the propriety of laying down s<sup>d</sup>. Meetings with which we also unite, and the clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to the Monthly Meeting -

Young Street Monthly Meeting forwarded to this a request to have the monthly meeting held alternately at Young Street and Piking to be held at Young Street next month (being 2<sup>nd</sup> month) Men Friends inform they have united with therewith, with which we also unite & the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Minute to Said Meeting -

Norwich Monthly Meeting forwarded to this a request to have the Monthly Meeting held alternately at Pine Street and Yarmouth to be held at next Month - Men friends inform they unite with said proposition with which we also unite, and the Clerk is accordingly directed to forward a copy of this minute to said Meeting -



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Men friends inform they have appointed a committee to join the Yearly Meetings Committee in visiting the Monthly Meeting of Adolphus & Leeds this Meeting uniting in the propriety of said visit appoints Catharine White, Mehetabel Cooper, Phebe Blount, Anna Cronk, and Sarah Barker, sto join men frds and to report in conjunction with them to our next Meeting

This Meeting concludes to meet at the usual time at Young Street -----

## Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Young St. 9<sup>th</sup> mo 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called were all present except four and a reason given for the absence of one.

Men friends inform they conclude to adjourn to W<sup>m</sup> I Phillips with which we unite in consequence of being deprived of the Meeting house by our opposers.

Met pursuant to adjournment

The assistant clerk not being present Eliza Cronk is appointed for the day -

The Queries were read in this Meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings a summary thereof being taken is in substance as follows

1<sup>st</sup> ans<sup>r</sup>. It appears that all our Meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by most of our members, the hour not so well observed by some as would be best, not quite clear of Sleeping, clear of other unbecoming behaviour as far as appears, and one report mentions care in the above deficiencies

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2<sup>nd</sup> ans<sup>r</sup>. We believe Love and Unity are maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters and when differences arise care is taken to end them. Tale bearing and detraction discouraged by most friends -

3<sup>rd</sup> ans<sup>r</sup>. Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and we believe they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession. The scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends families, and care is extended toward others under their tuition -

4<sup>th</sup> ans<sup>r</sup> Clear in the fore part of this Query; one report mentions some instances of attending a place of diversion, and care taken -

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline -----

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reports that two of them attended and produced several Epistles & extracts which were read to our satisfaction and encouragement

Our esteemed Friend Martha Smith attended this meeting with a certificate from the Monthly Meeting of Friends of Bucks County Pennsylvania held 4<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1828 endorsed by Bucks Quarterly Meeting held at the falls 8<sup>th</sup> mo 28<sup>th</sup>, 1828 whose company and gospel labours have been truly acceptable -

The Friends appointed to attend Adolphus and Leeds Monthly Meeting reprot they have attended to their appointment and found them in no disposition to make this Meeting satisfaction

for not representing it, and men friend they have concluded to lay down that meeting and attach them that remain united with us, to West

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lake Monthly Meeting with which we unite and the Clerk is directed to forward a copy of said minute to West lake Monthly Meeting

Several of the Yearly Meetings committee being present produced the following report by which it appears they are united in proposing to Friends of the half-years meeting that they adjourn that Meeting to some place where they may meet in the quiet separate from their opposers and that they empower the Monthly and preparative Meetings within their limits to do the like, and that the Monthly Meetings be empowered, to alter the time and place of holding their meetings for worship and discipline as they think necessary.

Signed on behalf of the Committee

Young St 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1829 by Jesse Merritt  
Phebe Merritt

The Meeting adjourned to meet at Green point the usual time

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Green point the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1830 -**

The representatives being called were all present from two monthly meetings no reports from Norwich and Pelham -

The time being expired that the Clerks were appointed for, Lydia Phillips is reappointed for one year and Eliza Cronk assistant

The Queries were all read in this meeting and answers from different monthly meetings a summary thereof taken is in substance as follows which are directed to the ensuing yearly meeting

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1<sup>st</sup> Answer 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline - the hour nearly observed by most, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, and some care taken -

2<sup>nd</sup> It appears that Love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters, no differences amongst us Tale bearing and detraction are in a good degree avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour & apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession, the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in their families, and care is extended towards others under our tuition -

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

5<sup>th</sup> None known amongst us that require assistance - our Children and those under our care, are in a way to git school learning to fit them for business -

6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of keeping company on account of marriage and some care taken, clear in the remaining parts of this Query -

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in every part of this Query -

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or extending their business beyond their ability to manage, or that give occasion for fear on these accounts -

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken to deal with offenders, in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to

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

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Catharine White, Elizabeth Noxon, Sarah Hill and Rebecca Stickney are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as our representatives and report to our next Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to meet at Young Street at the usual time -

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of women friends held at Yonge Street 1 of 9 Month, 1830**

The representatives from the different Monthly meetings being called were all present except three and a reason given for the absence of one.

The queries were read in this meeting and answers from the different monthly meetings a Summary thereof taken which is in Substance as follows

1 ans Friends are mostly careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline one report says not so fully by all as is desired particularly in the middle of the week the hour is nearly observed not clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark care is taken in the above deficiencies

2 ans Love and unity we believe are maintained amongst us as becomes sisters no differences known, tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

3 ans Friends are not all enough careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech deportment and apparel

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we believe there are many who by example and precept are endeavouring to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession - the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is taken towards others under tuition

4 ans Clear in the several parts of this queries

9 ans Care is taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline.

Two of the Friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting inform they attended no report from the others --

Men friends inform that a proposition came to their meeting from Pelham and Norwich Monthly Meetings proposing an alteration in the places of holding the half years Meeting and it appears they unite in appointing a committee to visit them on that account with which we unite and appoint Margaret Brown Margaret Bonnel Anna Cronk Edith Phillips and Martha Phillips to join men friends and report in conjunction with them to our next meeting

This meeting adjourns to meet at green point the usual time

### **Canada half years Meeting of women friends held at Green Point 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1831**

The Representatives from the Several Monthly Meetings being called were Present accept four and a reason given for the absence of one

The consideration of a Clerk claiming the consideration of this Meeting Eliza Cronk being proposed is united with and appoints to that service for one year and Bathsheba Brown assistant

The queries were all read in this Meeting and the answers from the different Monthly Meetings a Summary thereof, taken in Substance as follows which are directed to our ensuing Yearly Meeting

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for to attend this Meeting appoints Anna Cornwall Phebe Blount Eliza Cronk and Dolly White and to report

1st Friends appear Carefull to attend Meetings for WorShip and Disapline although a Slackness in some the hour nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping - Clear of all other unbecoming behaviour in them as far as appears Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Love and unity are Maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known Tale bearing and detraction is in a good Measure guarded against

3rd Most Friends are carefull to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious Life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession one Meeting mentions Some deviations The Scriptures of truth are frequently read in Friends Families, and Care extended towards others under our tuition

4th Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liquors ~~Liquors~~ frequenting Taverns and attending places of diversion

5th No poor that appears likely to require assistance all Children under our Care as in a way to get Learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> One instance of Keeping company and Marrying one not of our Society and that accomplished by a Priest and Seven instances of attending Marriages accomplished By a Priest and them under Care

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Different parts of this query

8<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Several parts of this query

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken in a good degree Seasonable to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of Meekness and Measureably agreeable to Disapline

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

The Extract from the Yearly Meeting has been received also Epistles from other Yearly Meetings, which were read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction and encouragement They are directed to the observance of the Monthly Meetings

The Clerk is desired to forward coppies of the Extract To the M Meetings

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The committee appointed to Visit Pelham and Norwich Monthly Mee[t]ings reports that Eight of the number attended Said Meetings, also had a conferance, with committes from the Same, The friends composing said Meetings being more desirous of the Establishment of a

quarter meeting to be held ??? named \wit Black Creek Pelham Yarmouth and Norwich The Committ Viewing their situation, Under the feeling of much exercise on account of the importance of the Subject are united in a belief that a Meeting to be held Twice in the Year, composed of Pelham and Norwich M Meetings to be held at Pelham the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> day in first Month and at Yarmouth the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Day in Seventh Month - after consideration this Meeting is united with Men friends in forwarding the subject to the yearly Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to Meet at Young Street at the usual time

### **Canada half Years Meeting of Women friends held at Young Street 31<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1831**

The representatives from the Different Monthly Meetings being called wee present accept Six and a reason given for the absent one.

The Queries were all read in this Meeting with the answers brought up from the Monthly Meeting a Summary thereof which is as follows --

1<sup>st</sup> All our Meetings for Worship and Disapline have been attended and generly by the greater number. The hour nearly observed by the Most. Not all clear of sleeping and some care taken No other unbecomeing behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us by most as becomes Sisters, No Differencies amongst us, tale bearing and detraction Mostly avoided and Discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to Keep themselves in plainness in its several branches although deviations are apparent amongst the Youth, The Schriptuors of trust are frequently read in friends families and care is extended towards others under our tuition. --

4<sup>th</sup> None to chare with the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liquers frequenting taverns or attending Places of Diversion

9<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are careful Seasonably to Deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of Meekness and agreeably to Disapline --

Those of the friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reports they attended, No account from the other friend

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and forwarded the extracts and Epistles also A Number of Epistles from our Neighbouring Yearly Meeting which Were read in this Meeting to our Sattisfaction they are Directed down to the observance of the Monthly Meetings

This Meeting adjourns to Meet at Green Point at the usu[a]l time

### **Canada Half Years meeting of wom friends at Green Point the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1832.**

The representatives from the different monthly were present except three no accounts from Norwich

The time of the appointment of the Clerk being expired. Bathsheba Brown is appointed to this Service for one Year and Hannah W Playtor assistant

The Queries were all read in this meeting with th answers from the different Monthly meetings except Norwich of which the following is a Summary and are directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting

To attend which this meeting appoints Lydia Phillips Ann Morris Catharine White Anna Cronk and Rebecca Stickney with the business of this and report to our next meeting

1<sup>st</sup>. Ans Friends are mostly careful to attend all our meeting both for worship and discipline on first day midweek meetings small the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping and some care taken no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup>. Love and unity are maintained by most friends as becomes Sisters tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged and when differences arise care is taken to end them

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care in plainness of speach behaviour and apparrel and do endeavor by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and cae extended towards others under tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion except one instance of attending places of diversion which under care

5<sup>th</sup> We believe the circumstances of the poor are duley inspected we know of none that require assistance most friends children are instructed in School learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> three instances of marriages accomplished by a priest we know no parents conniving at their children keeping company with persons not of our society or any attending the marriages of those accomplished by a priest or those who go out from us Care taken in the above deficiencies

7 Clear with respect to this Query

8<sup>th</sup> We know of no none who are deficient in performing their promises of paying their just debts or extending their business beyond their ability manag as becomes our religious profession

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

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This meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

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#### **Canada half years meeting of women friends held 29<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1832**

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called were present except one

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report they attended and not having produced the extracts and epistles ti is continued under their care, and they are desired to produce them to next Half Year meeting

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers from the different monthly meeting to those that require answers at this time and Summary thereof taken on substance as follows

1<sup>st</sup> answer All our meetings for worship a discipline although a Slackness in some the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping and some care taken no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans love and unity are generally maintained as becomes sisters one meeting mentions some differences and some care taken We believe most of Friends do avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friend children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and we believe they are endeavouring by example & precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession but not all so careful as is queried after [blank] i.e. the scriptures of Truth are frequently read in our families and care extended to others under tuition

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4<sup>th</sup> None to charge with the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liquors or frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in a Spirit of Meekness agreeable to Discipline

This Meeting adjourns to meet at Green Point at the usual time

### **Canada Half years Meeting of Women Friends held at Green Point the 30<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1833**

The Representatives from three Monthly Meetings were Called and present except five a reason given for the absence of four no account from Pelham Meeting

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that Service for one year and Elizabeth Orvis assistant

The Queries were all read in this Meeting and the Ans brought up from the Monthly Meetings of which the following is a Summary and is directed to the Yearly Meeting this Meeting appoints Lydia Solmes Mary Barker Elizabeth Orvis Lanor M Morden & Margaret Brown to attend there with and report to next Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> All our Meetings for Worship and Discipline are attended though deficiencies are apparent. The hour mostly observed not all Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark Some care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe Most friends are preserved in love and unity one with another as becomes Sisters when deficiencies have arisen Care has been taken to end them tale bearing and detraction is avoided and discouraged by most Friends.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech Deportment and apparel, and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession, the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends Families and Care towards those under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors & frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion

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5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of those who require assistance have been inspected and relieved and most Friends Children and all others under our Care are in a way to get School learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of keeping Company and Marrying out of Society no parents to charge with coniving at their Childrens keeping Company with such one instance of attending gone out from us and three instances of having their marriage accomplished by a Priest Care taken in the above deficiencies.

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query

8<sup>th</sup> No deficiencies with respect to this Query

9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeable to Disapline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting not producing the extracts and Epistles to last Meeting have now forwarded them with the Epistles from different Yearly Meetings which have been read to general Satisfaction and are directed down to the Monthly Meetings

Yonge Streett Monthly Meeting informed this Meeting that they have Concluded to establish a Meeting for Worship & Preparitive Meeting at the Township of King the Meeting for Worship to be held on first and fourth days at the usual hour and the Preparitive Meeting to be held on fourth day Preceding the week of the Monthly Meeting to be Called King Preparitive Meet- after a time of deliberation thereon and having the unity of the Mens Meeting this Meeting approves thereof and leaves that Monthly Meeting at liberty to open Said Meeting when they think most convenient, and report to next Meeting

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Yonge Street.

### **Canada Half Yers Meeting of Women Friends held the 28<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1833**

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Called and preasant except two a reason given for the absence of one.

TheQueries have all been read in this Meeting and the Ans

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brought up from the Monthly Meetings to those that require them at this time and a summary thereof taken is as follows

[the first answer was pasted into the book]

1st All our Meetings for Worship and disapline are attended although a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed, friends appear mostly Clear of Sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known; except Some differences in one Meeting. Tale bearing and detraction is discouraged by Most Friends



3rd Most Friends are carefull to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation Consistent with our profession, we believe the scriptures of truth of are frequently read in Friends Families and Care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Friends appear Clear in the several parts of this Query

9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of Meekness and agreeable to discipline

One of the friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reports that four of them attended as reason given for the absence of one of the representatives have forwarded to this the extract from the Y Meeting and Number of Epistles from our Neighbouring Yearly Meetings which ware read in this Meeting to our Sattisfaction they are directed to observance of the Monthly Meetings also the followin Minute from New York Yearly held from the 27<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Month to the 31st of the Same 1833

The following report was received from the joint committee, appointed Last Year on the proposition for a division of the Yearly Meeting, To the Yearly Meeting

The joint committee of Men and Women friends, on the Subject of establishing a New Yearly Meeting report

That in consequence of the prevalence of Cholera at the season of the Year when the quarterly Meetings of farmington Scipio Have adjourned for the accomodation of the committee but few of our number attended to the appointment although friends ware pretty generly prepared and desireous of attend thereto

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At a meeting of the committee to take the Subject into consideration, the members being generly Presant, after a free and full expression of Sentiment the committee is united in recommendin to the Yearly Meeting that a Yearly Meeting be established as proposed by the quartily Meetings of farmington and Scipio consisting of those two half Years Meeting in canada to be called, Genasee Yearly Meeting of friends, and to be opened on Second day after the Second first day in Sixth Month 1834, at farmington at the Evelventh hour (am) The Meeting of Ministers and Elders on the Seventh preceeding at the Same hour, This interesting Subject now claimed the Soled consideration of the Meeting, and the report of the committee was fully united with, and friends of the quarterly Meetings of farmington and Scipio and the half Years Meetings of Canada and Pelham are left at liberty to open a Yearly Meeting agreeably to the proposition

This Meeting adjourns to Meet at Green Point at the usual time in first Month

#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held the 29<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Moth 1834**

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Eliza Cronk is reapointed to that service for one year and Mercy C Brown assistant

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Called and presant except two

The Queries with the answers from different Monthly Meetings have all been read in this Meeting from which the following summaries are selected & are directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting to be opened at Farmington

1<sup>st</sup> The Most Friends appear Carefull to attend all of our meetings for Worship and Disapline the hour nearly observed not all Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour appears, some Care taken

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained by Most Friends

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as becometh Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction is generally avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly Carefull to keep themselves in plainness their own and other Friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation, Consistent with our Christian profession the scriptures of truth are frequently read in Friends Families and care extended in those respects towards others under our tuition, One Meeting says deviations are apparent amongst us

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unecessary use of Spirituous Liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion, as far as appears

5<sup>th</sup> Most Children under our care are in a way of getting school learning to fit them for business, None amongst us who appear likely to require assistance.

6<sup>th</sup> None known to keep company with persons not of our Society on account of Marriage except two instances of Marrying persons not of our Society one marriage accomplished by a Priest Clear in the remaining part of this Query, one Meeting expresses care in the above deficiencies.

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

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none who are deficient in performing their their [sic] promises or paying their just debts and any that extends their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in a spirit Meekness and Measureable agreeably to Disapline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

Catharine White Martha Bull Elizabeth Dennis and Margaret Brown are appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting as representatives

This Meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

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#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Moth 1834**

The Representatives from the Monthly were Called and presant except one, and a reason given for her absence

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting and the Answers brought up from the Monthly Meetings to five of them are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to attend all of our Meetings for Worship and Disapline the hour nearly observed not all Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming Behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe Love and unity is measureably maintained as becometh sisters no differences known amongst us Tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly Carefull in the several parts of this Querie, although some deviations are apparent amongst us, and some care taken in the above deficiencies

4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

9<sup>th</sup> We believe Care has been to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to our disapline

The Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they attended and forwarded the Epistles from Neighbouring Yearly Meetings. The Extracts from the Yearly Meeting not being ready has not been forwarded

The Epistles have been read in this Meeting to our Satisfaction and encouragement. ~~This Meeting appoints~~ Ann Watson Bathsheba Brown Rebeca Stickney and Anna R Brown are appointed to draw Copies of them and forward to the Monthly Meetings

This Meeting Adjourns to meet at Green Point at the usual time

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### Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held the 28<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1835

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were called and presant except one.

The Time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Lydia Philips assistant

The Queries have all been read in Meeting and the Answers brought from the Monthly Meetings of which a summary is taken and directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Anna R Brown Elisa Cronk Lanor Morden and Lydia Stinson they are desired to attend there with and forward Such business as may belong to this, and report to our next Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> All of our Meetings for Worship and Desapline are attended but no so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping, - no other unbecoming behaviour to remark. Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained by Most as becomes Sisters when differences have arisen Care has been taken to end them. We believe Friends do mostly avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel. Yet deviations are apparent. We believe Most Friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation consistent with our Christian profession The Scriptures of truth are read in Friends Families and care extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do ~~mostly~~ avoid the unnecessary use of Spiritious Liquers frequenting Taverns, and attending places of diversion except two instances of attending places of Diversion which are under care

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5<sup>th</sup> None amongst us that requires assistance and most of our Children are in a way to get School learning to fit them for business except one Preparitive Meeting Says no Schools

6<sup>th</sup> We know of none that keep Company with persons not of our Society on account of Marriage Clear in the remaining part of this Query

- 7<sup>th</sup> We know of no breach in the different parts of this Query  
8<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Several branches of this Query as far as appears  
9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken to deal Seasonably with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to Discipline  
10<sup>th</sup> They are

Was read in this Meeting a Certificate from Blue River Monthly and Quarterly Meeting and likewise one from Indiana Yearly Meeting of Ministers and Elders on behalf of our Friend Precilla Cadwallader whose company and gospel Labours have been truly acceptable

Came to this Meeting by way of one of the Committee appointed by the Yearly Meeting a minute on the important Subject of Education of our Youth we are united in the opinion that it is best to Separate a portion of our number of each Sex to have the more immediate Care of the Subject in each of our Quarters and Half Years Meetings and to ascertain where Suitable Teachers can be obtained and what Families wish for them & such other means as may promote the general views of the Committee to which Service the following Friends are appointed, this Meeting appoints Anna Bowerman and Bathsheba to assist the Yearly Meetings Committee in Carrying their views into effect

This Meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

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### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yonge Street the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1835.**

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings being Called were pleasant except one The Clerk being absent Anna R Brown is appointed for the day

The Queries were all read in this Meeting with the Answers brought up from the Monthly Meetings to those that are required at this time, of which the following is a summary

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends are Careful to attend all of our Meetings for Religious Worship and Discipline, the hour nearly observed, not all Clear of Sleeping, and Some Care taken, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appear to be maintained by most as becometh Sisters when differences have arisen Some Care has been taken to end them. Tale bearing and detraction is avoided and discouraged by most as far as appears.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear mostly Careful to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although deviations are apparent amongst the Youth We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends Families, and Some Care extended towards others under our tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> None to Charge with the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors frequenting Taverns and attending places of diversion, except two instances of attending an exhibition

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of Meekness and agreeably to Discipline

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The Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting report they attended except one and produced the extracts from the Yearly Meeting also Epistles from other Yearly Meetings which have been read to our Satisfaction and encouragement

Dorcas Watson Clarissa White Mary Ann Webster Sarah Bonnel Abigail Brown are appointed to draw copies to be forwarded to the Monthly Meetings

Men Friends informed this they are united in resuming a meeting for Worship the day following the Meeting for Disapline with which we unite

This Meeting Adjourns to meet at Green Point at the usual time

### **Canadas [sic] Half Years Meeting of Women held the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1836**

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Called and preasant except one a reason given for her absence

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Anna R Brown assistant.

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting and the Answers to them are as follows, which are directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Lydia Philips Ruth Christy Margaret Brown Fanny Cunningham and Sarah Hill they are desired to attend there with and report to our next Meeting

St 1 Most Friends are Carefull to attend all of our Meetings for Religious Worship and Disapline the hour nearly observed not all clar of Sleeping and some care taken no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

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<sup>nd</sup>2 Love and unity are maintained by most as becometh Sisters no differences known amongst us. Tale bearing and detraction generally avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear carefull to keep themselves their own Children in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel (no other Children under our care) we believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a Religious Life and Conversation Consistent with our profession. The Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in Friends Families and Some Care extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friend do avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors and frequenting Taverns, two instances of attending places of diversion, and them under Care

5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the Poor hath been inspected and some relief afforded, we know of no Children but that are in a way to get School Learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> One instance of keeping Company and Marrying a person not in Membership with us, and one instance of attending said Marriage, several instances of attending Marriages accomplished by a Priest, and Some Care taken

7<sup>th</sup> None to Charge with a breach of any part of this Query.

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises, nor of paying their just debts, nor of paying [attempt to erase] extending their business beyond their ability to manage

9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken to Deal seasonably with offenders in the Spirit of Meekness and agreeably to disapline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

The Friends appointed to draw Copies of the Extract and Epistles from the Yearly Meeting report that they have attended thereto

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Our Friend Margaret Brown opened in this Meeting a concern that had for years rested on her mind to pay a Religious visit to the families of the City of New York and Philadelphia, also to appoint Some Meetings amongst others, not of our Society, and produced a certificate from Yonge Street Monthly, the Subject Claimed the solid Consideration of this Meeting, and was united with her therein The Clerk of this Meeting is directed to sign the endorsement

This Meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yonge Street the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Moth 1836**

The assistant Clerk being absent Lydia Philips is appointed for the day

The Representatives were Called and preasant except one a reason given for her absence

The Queries were all read in this Meeting and the answers to those that require answering at this time

1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to attend all our Meetings for religious Worship and disapline the hour nearly observed not all Clear of Sleeping in Meetings and advise given no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained in a good degree as becomes Sisters no differences amongst us, and frinds do avoid and discourage Tale bearing and detraction as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe Friends are generally Carefull to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under their in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and the most do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent

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with our Christian profession, the Scriptures of truth are read in Friends families and Some Care extended to those under tuition

9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offender agreeably to our disapline

One the friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report that four of them attended and a reason given for the absence of the other, and forwarded four epistles from Neighbouring Yearly Meetings which have been read to our edification and the Clerk is directed to forward them to the monthly meetings

This meeting taken the subject of adjournment into Consideration are united in meeting at West Lake at the usual time

#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1837**

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for they are reappointed to that service for one year

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Called and preasant

The Queries have been read in this Meeting and the answers from the Monthly Meetings to them are as follows which are directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> All of our Meetings for religious Worship and discipline are attended though not so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed by the most not Clear of Sleeping in Meetings, and Some Care taken no other unbecoming behaviour that we know

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe Love and unity is maintained amongst us as becometh Sisters no differences known Friends appear mostly Carefull to avoid tale bearing and detraction

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4<sup>th</sup> None to charge with the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors frequenting tavern & of attending places of diversion

5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected no assistance required except one instance in regard to School learning to fit them for business which is under Care, they are advised in Such employment as they are Capable of

6<sup>th</sup> One instance of keeping Company and marrying a person no in membership with us and one instance of attending a marriage accomplished by a Priest and Some Care taken

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

8<sup>th</sup> None to Charge with any breach of this Query

9<sup>th</sup> We believe Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

This Meeting appoints Abigail Hill Elisabeth Mitchael Catharine White and ~~Anna R Brown~~ Hannah Carpenter, to attend the Yearly Meeting with the minuets of this and report to our next Meeting

Came to this from West Lake Monthly Meeting a proposition for holding the Monthly Meeting a part of the time at Green Point vis in the third eighth and eleventh Months in which this Meeting is united having the unity of Men Friends

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Our Friend Nicholas Brown opened in this Meeting a Concern to join his Wife Margaret Brown in visiting the families of Friends in New York and Long Island if way opens and also to attend the Yearly Meetings of Philadelphia and New York and appoint Some Meetings amongst others and produced a Certificate from Yonge Street Monthly Meeting the Subject Claimed the attention of this Meeting and was united with the Clerk is directed to sign a Copy of this minute

Our Friend James Noxon laid before this Meeting a Concern, that has rested on his mind for some time to make religious visit to friends in the State of New York Pennsylvania and a part

of Maryland and Virginia and also to appoint Some Meetings amongst others as truth may open the way after a time of Solid deliberation thereon this Meeting appears to be united with him. The Clerk is directed to sign a Copy of this minute

This Meeting Adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time.

### **Canada half Years Meeting of Women friends held at Youngstreet 30<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1837**

[The following is written in the left hand margin of this page]

The Clark being absent Anna R Brown is appointed for the day and Lydia Phillips assistant [end of writing in margin]

The representatives from the Monthly Meetings being called were present except four and a reason given for their absence

The queries were all read in this Meeting with the answers from the Monthly Meetings A Summary was concluded to five of them are as follows

1<sup>st</sup> A<sup>ns</sup> Most friends are careful to attend all of our Meetings for religious worship and Discipline. The Hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in Meetings Some care taken; no other unbecoming behaviour that we know of

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are Mostly maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters, though not so fully with all as truth requires, when differences have been known Care has been taken to end them, Tale bearing and Detraction no so fully guarded against as could be desired

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to Keep themselves their own and other friends children under our care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example to train them up in a religious life and conversation

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consistent with our Christian Profession, though Deviations are apparent amongst us, and Some care taken we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and Some care extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> None to charge with the unnecessary use of Spiritous Liquors frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion, except Some instances of attending an exhibition of wild animals

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the Spirit of Meekness & agreeably to Discipline

Two of the representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting reported they attended and produced an extract from the Yearly Meeting and Epistles from different Yearly Meetings which have been acceptable to us and are directed down to the Monthly Meetings

Adjourned to meet at the usual time at West Lake.

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 31<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1838**

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Eliza Cronk is appointed to that Service for one year and Anna R Brown assistant

The Representatives from the Monthly meetings were Called and pleasant except one & a reason given for her absence



The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to them from the Monthly Meetings the following is a summary that is directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Fanny Cunningham Elisa Conk Anna R Brown & Hannah Carpenter they are desired to attend there with and report to our next Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> All of our meetings for religious worship Worship & Disapline are attended ~~are attended~~ ~~are atten~~ although there appears a slackness in some friends, the hour mostly observed not all Clear of Sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

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2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters; no differences known. Tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged as far as appears.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear mostly Carfull to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel Some are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession although deviations are apparent amongst us, we believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and Care is extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as appears

5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded and advice given we know of no Children but that are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Four instances of keeping Company and marrying those not in membership with us, and having their marriages accomplished by a Priest, no parents to charge with Conniving at their Childrens keeping Company with such, one instance of attending a marriage accomplished by a Priest. Care taken in the above deficiencies

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

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises nor of paying their just debts or that extent their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9<sup>th</sup> We believe care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to Discipline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Yonge Street

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#### **Canadas Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yonge Street the 29<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1838**

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Called and preasant except two

The assistant Clerk being absent Lydia Philips is appointed for the day

The Queries have all been read in this Meeting with The answers from the Monthly Meetings to those that require them at this time a summary thereof is taken which is as follows

1<sup>st</sup> All of our Meetings for Worship and Disapline have been attended but not So fuly by all as is desired the hour is nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark. Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity are generally maintained as becomes Sisters, we know of no deficiencies differences amongst us. Tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to keep themselves in plainness their own and other Friends Children under their Care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel although deviations are apparent amongst us especially amongst the Youth we believe most friends do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation with our Christian profession. We believe the Scriptures of Truth are frequently read in friends families and a Care towards others under our tuition Some Care taken in the above deficiencies.

4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

9<sup>th</sup> Some Care hath been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to disapline

Two of the Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they attended and forwarded the extracts and Several epistles from Neighbouring Yearly Meetings

The extract from the Yearly meeting has been read in this meeting with also four Epistles from different Yearly meetn'g to our Satisfaction and encouragement this meeting appoints

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Esther Cunningham Bathsheba Brown Ann Watson and Lydia Stinson to draw Copies of the extract and epistles to be forwarded to the monthly meetings

This Meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time

## Canadas Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 31<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1839.

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings were Called and preasant

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed Elisa Cronk is appointed to that Service for one year and Bathsheba Brown assistant

The Queries have ll been read in this Meeting with the Answers to them from the Monthly Meetings a summary thereof is taken and Concluded on in Substance as follows which is directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Hannah Carpenter Letty Barker Elisabeth Stinson Eleanor Bowerman & Ann Watson they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends are Carefull to attend all of our Meetings both for Worship & Disapline but not so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed by most not all Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becometh Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation Consistent with our

Christian profession, We believe the Scriptures of Truth are read in Friends families and some care extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> None to Charge with any Breach of this Query

5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the poor and those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and Some relief afforded

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them and advice given the most of our Children are in Some way to get School learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Clear in the different parts of this Query except one Marriage accomplished by a Priest and five instances of attending Such Marriages

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Several parts of this Query as far as appears

8<sup>th</sup> Friends are endeavouring to perform their promises and pay their just debts none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage

9<sup>th</sup> Some Care hath been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to disipline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

This Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Yonge Street

## **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yonge Street the 28<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Month 1839**

The Clerk being absent Anna R Brown is appointed for the day

The Representatives have been Called and preasant except three a reason given for the absence of one

The Queries with the answers from the Monthly Meetings have been read in this and the following is a Summary

~~No report from the Representatives appointed to at~~

1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to attend all of our meetings for religious Worship and disipline the hour is nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark. Some Care taken.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are in a good degree maintained as becomes Sisters no differences amongst us. Tale bearing & detraction mostly avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to keep themselves and their own Children in plainness of Speech behaviour

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4<sup>th</sup> Clear excepting tending places of diversion Some Care taken

9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders seasonably in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to disipline

No report from the Representatives to attend the Yearly Meetg the extract from the Yearly Meeting with Epistles from different Yearly Meetings have been forwarded to this and read to our Satisfaction, Elizabeth Eves Clarrissa Watson, Rachel Morris Rebeca D Cronk Permelia Brown & Abigail Webster are appointed to draw Copies for the Monthly Meeting

Men friends inform this meeting a proposition has been before them for Changing the time of holding the Half Years meeting and appoint a Committee to Consider the Subject and report to next meeting, with which we unite and appoint Rebecca Stickney Catharine White Margaret Brown Lydia Phillips Ruth Christy Ann Watson Euphama Lundy Bathsheba Brown and Elizabeth Dennis to join men friends there in

This Meeting Concludes to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women held at West Lake the 29<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> Month 1840**

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk in appointed to that service for one year and Bathsheba Brown assistant

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings have been Called and preasant except two and a reason given for their absence

The Queries have all been read in meeting with the answers from the Monthly Meetings a summary thereof concluded on in Substance as follows which is as follows directed

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to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our Representatives who are Lydia Stinson Mary Barker Eliza Cronk Abigail Hill Hannah Eves and Anna R Brown they are desired to attend there with and report t our next meeting

1<sup>st</sup> All of our Meetings for religious worship and disapline have been attended although there appears a slackness in some friends the hour is nearly observed not quite Clear of Sleeping Some Care taken

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3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear Carefull to keep themselves their own and others under our care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a Religious life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession although deviations are apparent amongst us

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5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected and Some relief afforded them and advice given we know of no Children but that are in some way to get School learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Four instances of marrying persons not of our Society and having their marriages accomplished by the assistance of a Priest which is under Care and two instances of attending such marriages

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Several part of this Query ~~except one instance of attending a place of diversion Care taken~~

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises nor of paying their just debts no deficiencies known in the remaining part of this Query

9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with

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offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to discipline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

Men Friends informed this meeting that they are united in dropping the proposed alteration of the time of holding this meeting with which we unite

This Meeting Adjourns to meet at the usual time at Yonge Street

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women held at Yonge Street the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1840**

The Representatives being Called were pleasant

The Clerk being absent Hannah W Eves is appointed for the day

Our friend Rachel Hicks jun attended this meeting with a minute of Concurrence from Westburry monthly meeting with an endorsement from West-burry - Quarter, whose Company and gospel labours has been truly acceptable.

Our friend Maria Farrington attended this meeting in Company with Rachel Hicks with a minute of concurrence from flushing monthly meeting whose company has been very acceptable

The Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this

The Queries have been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the monthly meeting to those that require them at this time a Summary thereof taken that is in Substance as follows

1<sup>st</sup> All of our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended but not so fully by all as is desired the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of Sleeping, some Care taken no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained as becomes sisters and most friends do avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear Carefull to keep themselves in plainness their own Children and other friends

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Children under their Care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession Some Care extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous Liquors frequenting taverns Some instances of attending places of diversion.

9<sup>th</sup> Some Care hath been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

One of the friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report She attended and forwarded the extract from those minuits and Epistles from different Yearly Meetings which have been read to our satisfaction and are directed down to the subordinate Monthly meetings

This meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1841**

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Eliza Cronk is appointed to that Service for one year Bathsheba Brown assistant

The Representatives from the Monthly meetings have been Called and preasant

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the monthly meetings a summary thereof taken in Substance as follows which is directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our Representatives who are Elisabeth Stinson Ruth Christy Hannah W Eves & Elisabeth Brown they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting

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4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of Spirituous liquors and frequenting taverns except one instance of dealing in Spirituous liquors and Several instances of attending places of diversion which are under Care

5<sup>th</sup> None known amongst us that appear likely to require assistance and the most of our children are in a way to get School learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> One instance of Countenanancing a hireling minister and several instances of attending marriages accomplished by a Priest Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Several parts of this Query

8<sup>th</sup> No deficiencys known in performing promises or of paying just debts nor extending their business beyond their abilities to manage

9<sup>th</sup> Some Care hat been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to disapline

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This meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

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### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held the 1<sup>st</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Moth 1841**

The Representatives from the Monthly Meetings have been Called and preasant

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the monthly meetings to those that require them at this time a Summary thereof taken in Substance as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Most friends are Carefull to attend all of our meetings for religious worship and disapline the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters we know of no differences tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are Carefull to keep themselves their own and others under our Care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel although deviations are apparent amongst us and Some Care taken Some are endeavouring by example & precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation Consistent with our profession.

4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

9<sup>th</sup> Some Care hath been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to disapline

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report she attended and forwarded the extracts from the minuits and Several epistles from Neighbouring Yearly meetings which have been read to our Satisfaction and encouragement they are directed down to the subordinate meetings no report from two of the representatives

Was forwarded to this from the Yearly Meeting a proposition for erecting a building and making some necessary improvements for the use of the Yearly meeting which was united with and the Sum of one hundred dollars directed to be raised and fifteen dollars quotoed to this half years meeting ~~which~~ and forwarded to Sarah ??? at farmington

Men friends informed this meeting that they have united in discontinuing the meeting at Haldermand with which we unite a Copy of this minuite is directed down to the monthly Meeting

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This meeting appoints Hannah W Eves Abigail Webster Elizabeth Phillips Gulielma Orvis & Elisabeth Brown to draw Copies from the Extracts and Epistles

This meeting Adjourns to meet at the usual at West Lake

## Canada Half Years of Women Friends held at West Lake the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Moth 1842

The representatives from the monthly monthly have been Called and preasant except one

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Eliza Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Anna R Brown assistant

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the monthly meetings a summary thereof taken in substance as follows which is directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our representatives who are Catharine White Lydia Philips Anna A W Houghs Lydia Stinson and Hannah Carpenter they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting.

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5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded most of our Children are in some way to get School learning to fit them for business

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9<sup>th</sup> Some Care has been taken to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and a agreeable to disapline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

The sum of fifteen dollars has been raided agreeable to direction for the yearly meetings use and forwarded by our representatives

Men friends proposed to this that they were

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united in appointing a committee to visit the preparative meetings composing Yonge Street monthly meeting on a proposition from them for a division of said meeting with which we unite and in Substance as follows. Viz

That the preparitive meetings of Uxbridge and Pickering should Constitute a Monthly meeting to be held at Pickering on the 5<sup>th</sup> day after the 3<sup>rd</sup> first day in each month at the usual hour to be Called Pickering Monthly Meeting and that the meeting of ministers and Elders be held on the day preceding the monthly meeting in 1<sup>st</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> months at the usual hour - And that Yonge Street ~~Whitchurch and King Preparitive meetings~~ Monthly Meeting be composed of Yonge Street Whitchurch and King Preparitive meetings and that it be held one third of the time at each place viz at Whitchurch in first month at Yonge Street in 2<sup>nd</sup> and at King in 3<sup>rd</sup> and thus in succession and that the monthly meeting and meeting of ministers and Elders be held on the same days for the months as heretofore.

This meeting appoints Ruth Christy Eliza Cronk Catherine White Abigail Hill and Lydia Stinson to join Men Friends and report in conjunction with them

This Meeting adjourns to meet Yonge Street at the usual time



## **Canadas Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yonge Street the 31<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1842**

The Representatives from the monthly meetings have been Called and four absent  
The assistant Clerk being absent Lydia Phillips is appointed for the day  
The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the  
Monthly Meetings to those that require them at this time

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1<sup>st</sup> Most Friends are Carefull to attend all of our Meetings for riligious worship and disapline our mid week meetings not so well attended the hour for most part is nearly observed, not quite clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> We believe love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction is guarded against and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends are Carefull to keep themselves and do endeavour to keep their Children in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparrel, and some endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a riligious life and Conversation Consistent with our Christian profession Some Care extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of spiritous liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion except one instance of attending a place of diversion and Some Care taken

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to disapline

Three of the Representatives appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they attended and forwarded the extracts From our Yearly Meeting and Epistles from Neighbouring Yearly Meetings which have been read to our Satisfaction and also produced the Treasurers receipt for the money raised in this meeting

The Committee appointed to attend the preparitive Meetings belonging to Yonge Street Monthly Meeting report that they have attended thereto and forwarded the following report

We the Committee appointed by the Half Years meeting on the proposition from yonge Street monthly meeting for a division of that meeting now report that seven of our number have attended thereto and visited all the preparitive meetings composing that meeting it is our united judgment that a division take place, that is that Pickering and Uxbridge preparitive meetings Constitute a monthly meeting to be held agreeable to the proposition from Yonge Street, and that Whitchurch Yonge Street and King preparitive meetings constitute a monthly meeting to be held two thirds of the time at Yonge Street and one third of the time at King that is to say, to be held at Yonge Street in tenth and Eleventh months

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and at King in twelfth months and thus in succession at the usual hour and the meeting of ministers and Elders to be held the day preceding

Signed on behalf of the Committee} David Barker

8th Month 27th 1842

Catharine White

This meeting unites with the report of the Committee and appoints Catharine White Abigail Hill Mahetable Cooper and Eliza Cronk and Anna A W Hugh to attend the opening of Pickering Monthly meeting in tenth month and report to our next meeting

Our Friends Nicholas and Margaret Brown opened in this meeting a prospect that had rested on their minds for some time with a minute from Yonge Street monthly meeting expressive thereof with which we unite and this meeting directs the Clerk to sign the endorsement mark on said minute

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual at West Lake

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 1843**

The Representatives from the monthly meetings have been called and pleasant except two

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Bathsheba Brown assistant

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the monthly meetings a summary thereof taken in substance as follows which is directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our representatives who are Lanor Morden Catharine White Abigail Hill Anna A W Hughs and Elisabeth Brown they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Friends are mostly Carefull to attend all of our Meetings for religious worship and disapline, except one meeting day although there appears a slackness in some friends, the hour is nearly observed no all clear of Sleeping, one instance of unbecoming behaviour and some Care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained amongst us as becomes sisters we know of no differences, except two instances and care taken to end them, tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are carefull to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under our Care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, some endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation

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consistent with our christian profession, although deviations are apparent amongst us, Some Care has been taken in the above deficiencies, and care extended towards other under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup>. Friends do avoid the unecessary use of Spirituous liquors frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as appears except one instance of attending a place of diverson

Ans 5<sup>th</sup>. We know circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded and advice given, we know of no children but that are in a way to get schoollearning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup>. We know of none that countenance a hireling ministry except three instances marriages accomplished by a Priest and Several instances of attending such marriages, and some have attended their meetings. Care has been taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts nor in extending their business beyond their abilities to manage

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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

One of the Committee appointed to attend the opening of Pickering monthly meeting in tenth month last report she attended, the others did not attend and gave their reasons

A memorial from West Lake monthly meeting concerning our late beloved Friend James Noxon was produced and read and being satisfactory to the meeting was approved

This Meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held the 30<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1843**

The representatives from the monthly meeting have been Called and present

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to those that require them at this a summary there of taken in substance as follows

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1<sup>st</sup> ans All of our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended although there appears a Slackness with some of our members in this important duty the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> ans Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters no differences known amongst us tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> ans Most friends seem carefull to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour, and apparel, and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our profession, although deviations are apparent and care is extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> ans Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of spirituous liquors frequenting taverns and of attending places of diversion except one instance of attending a place of diversion and that under Care

9<sup>th</sup> ans We believe care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

The representatives appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report that the most of them attended and forwarded the extracts from our Yearly meeting and Epistles from New York Philadelphia and Baltimore which have been read to our satisfaction and encourage and are directed down to the monthly meetings.

A request came from Pickering monthly meeting for an alteration in time and place, of holding the half years meeting in the summer (that is) at Pickering in sixth month the same time that That it is in eighth month, after a time of diliberation thereon this meeting is united in defering to our next

This meeting appoints Calarisa Armitage Lydia Clark and Permelia Brown to draw copies of the Extracts and Epistles for the subordinate meetings

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

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#### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 31<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1844**

The representatives from the monthlys have been Called and present

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Anna R Brown assistant

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the monthly meetings a summary taken in Substance as follows which is directed to the ensuing yearly meeting by our representatives who are Catharine White Letty Barker Anna A W Hughs Margaret Brown Sarah Stickney and Lydia Phillips they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup>. Friends are mostly Carefull to attend all of our meetings for worship and disapline the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of Sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, Some care taken in the above deficiencies

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Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Most friends endeavour to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care is plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel and we believe Some endeavours are used to train them up in a religious life and Conversation consistent with our christian profession and some care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup>.We know of none to charge with the unnecessary use of intoxicating liquors nor of frequenting taverns some instances of attending places of diversion and care taken

Ans 5<sup>th</sup>. The circumstances of the poor and those that appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and some relief afforded, the most of our children are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business~

Ans 6<sup>th</sup>.Three instances of having their marriages accomplished by a priest and several instances of attending such marriages, and care taken.

Ans 7<sup>th</sup>.None to charge with any breach of this Query.

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Ans 8<sup>th</sup>.We believe friends do endeavour to perform their promises and pay their just debts and Carefull not to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

Ans 9<sup>th</sup>.Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to disapline

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

Was deferred from our last meeting to this a proposition for an alteration in time and place of holding our Half Years meeting after a time of solid deliberation thereon this meeting concludes to discontinue it -

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

### **Canada Half years meeting of Women friends at Young Street 28 of 8 mo 1844**

The representatives from the monthly meeting being called were all present

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the monthly to those that require them at this time

Ans 1st. All our meetings for religious worship discipline have been attended, yet not so fully by all as is desired, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, and some care taken

2nd Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters, no differences known among us, tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discourages as far as appears

3rd We believe most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and some endeavours are used to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession and some care extended towards other under our tuition

4th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

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9th We believe care is mostly seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report that four of them attended and forwarded the extracts from our yearly meeting and epistles from neighbouring yearly meetings which have been read to our satisfaction and comfort and are directed down to the monthly meeting.

This meeting appoints Lydia Clark Permelia Brown Hannah W Eves, Rachel Morris and Sally Taylor to draw copies of the epistles for the monthly meetings,

This meeting adjourns to meet at West Lak at the usual time

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women Friends held the 29<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1845**

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed Eliza Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Permelia Brown assistant

The representatives from the monthly meetings have been Called and present except one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings a summary thereof taken in substance as follows which are directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our representatives who are Anna A W Hughs Margaret Brown Lanor Morden & Lydia Stinson they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting

1ns Most friends are carefull to attend all of our

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Meetings for worship and discipline the hour is nearly observed no all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies

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4<sup>th</sup> ans Clear in the Several parts of this Query as far as appears

5<sup>th</sup> ans The Circumstances of the poor and those who appear likely to require assistance have been inspected and some relief afforded them we know of no Children but that are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> ans Clear except three instances of attending marriages accomplished by a Priest and some care taken

7<sup>th</sup> ans None to charge with any breach of this Query

8<sup>th</sup> ans We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts nor any that extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our christian profession

9<sup>th</sup> ans We believe Care has been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to discipline

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

West Lake monthly meeting suggested to this the propriety of requesting a Yearly meeting to be held in Canada Composing Pelham and Canada Half Years meeting after a time of solid deliberation thereon this meeting is united

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in referring it to a committee and appoint Elisa Cronk Catharine White Permelia Brown Margaret Brown Anna A W Hughs & Lydia Stinson to join men friends in considering the propriety of said request, and report to our next meeting

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Yonge Street

## Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1845

The representatives from the monthly meetings have been Called and present except two, a reason given for the absence of one

One of the friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report that three of them attended and forwarded the extracts from our Yearly meeting and epistles from Neighbouring yearly meetings which have been read to our satisfaction and encouragement and are directed down to the subordinate meetings

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the monthly meetings to those that require them at this time.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear carefull to attend all of our meet,<sup>9</sup> for worship and disapline the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of Sleepg no other unbecoming behaviour has been observed and some care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction is generally avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Friends appear mostly Carefull to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian Profession and some Care is extended in those respects towards others under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of meekness and measureably agreeably to disapline

This meeting appoints Gulielam Orvas Clarissa Watson Susana Clark Lydia Stinson and Lydia Dennis to draw Copies of the Extracts and Epistles for our Subordiante meetings

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The joint Committee to whom was refered the consideration of the propriety of requesting that the two Half Years meetings of Canada be set apart as a yearly meeting met agreeable to appointment and after a time of solid deliberation on the important subject were united with the proposition in belief that with the divine blessing it would be promotive of the best interests of Society in these parts and submit as their view that the proposed Yearly meeting be called Canada Yearly meeting and that it be held at Pickering on the Second day after the fourth first day in sixth month, the meeting of ministers and Elders the 7th day preceding the same and recommend that a Committee be appointed to Confer with Pelham Half Years meeting with a Committee there of on account of said proposition

Signed on behalf of the Committee  
By John Watson  
Margaret Brown

The report of said Committee being read and approved of this meeting appoints Lydia Phillips Anna A W Hugs Elizabeth Dennis Margaret Brown Catharine White and Elisa Cronk to join men friends and report in connexion with them

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

## Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held the 28<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> month 1846

The time being expired that the Clerk was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and and [sic] Anna R Brown assistant

The representatives from the monthly meeting have have [sic] been called and present except one

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with ans brought from the monthly meetings a summary thereof

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taken in substance as follows which are directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our representatives who are Anna Cronk Mary Platt Margaret Brown Catharine Whhite [sic] & Ann Watson they are desired to attend there with and report to our next meeting

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear carefull to attend all of our meetings for religious meetings for worship except one meeting states one week day meeting neglected the hour nearly observed mostly all Clear of sleeping in meetings no other unbecoming behaviour to remark  
Some Care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity is maintained by most friends as becometh Sisters some differences have arisen tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> The most of friends are carefull to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession and some care extended towards others under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded them, we know of no children but that are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Clear except one instance of accomplishing a marriage by the assistance of a Priest and several instances of attending such marriages which is under care

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this Query

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> None to Charge with any breach of this Query

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> We believe Care has been mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to disipline

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

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at yonge Street the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> Month 1846**

The representatives from the different monthly meetings

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have been called and present except four

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the monthly meetings to those that require them at that time

1<sup>st</sup>. Ans Most friends are carefull to attend all of our meetings for worship and disipline the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, and some care taken

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans Love and unity appears to be generally maintained as becomes sisters when differences become known care has been taken to end them friends mostly avoid tale bearing and detraction as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Most friends friends [sic] are Carefull to keep themselves in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel but some deficiencies are apparent amongst us, endeavours are used to



train them up in a life and Conversation consistant with our profession Care is extended towards others under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> We believe friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to disipline

The representatives appointed to attend the yearly report that they all attended except one and forwarded an extract from the Epistles from different yearly meetings which have been read to our Satisfaction and incouragement

The Committee appointed to confer with Pelham Half Years meeting produced the following report, We the joint committee of men and woman friends appointed by the Half Years meeting in 9<sup>th</sup> month last to attend Pelham Half Years meeting with minuits of this relative to the two Half years meetings in Canada to compose a yearly meeting to be held in Canada, now report that eight of our number attended that meeting with said proposition agreeable to the duties of our appointment and give such explanations as appears necessary on the subject

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1846

Signed on behalf of the Committee David Barker  
Elisa Cronk

This meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at West Lake

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1847**

The representatives from the monthly meetings have been Called and present except two

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for Elisa Cronk is appointed to that service for one year and Eleanor Bowerman assistant

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The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the different monthly meetings a summary thereof is selected which is in substance as follows and are directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting Lydia Philips Lydia Stinson Elisabeth Brown Elisa Cronk and Martha Striker are appointed to attend there with as our representatives and report to our next meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Ans All of our meetings for worship and Disipline have been attended by most, the hour no so carefully observes, as could be desired, not quite Clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour in, Some Care taken

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be in a good degree maintained as becometh Sisters ~~where~~ differences when differences have arisen Care has been taken to end them Tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are Careful to keep themselves and their own Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, and some care is extended in these respects towards others under tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Clear except one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded them, we know of no Children but that are in Some way to get school learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> One instance of a marriage being accomplished by a Priest and several instances of attending such marriages and care taken

7<sup>th</sup> Clear in the Several parts of this Query

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that extend their business beyond their ability to manage, nor of none that are deficient in performing their promises nor of paying Their just debts

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to disipline

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Came to this meeting from Yonge Street monthly meeting a proposition for holding that meeting at Whitchurch one third of the time that is to say in second fifth eighth and eleventh month with which this meeting unites

Adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held the 1<sup>st</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1847**

The representatives from the monthly meetings have been called and all present

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the different monthly meetings to the usual five and a summary thereof taken as follows

1<sup>st</sup> ans Friends are generally carefull to attend all of our meetings for religious worship and disipline the hour is nearly observed not all Clear of Sleeping, and some care taken, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> ans Love and unity is in a good degree maintained amongst us as becomes sisters when differences have become known, endeavours have been used to end them tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> ans We believe friends do endeavour to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our profession and care is extended in those respects towards others under tuition

4<sup>th</sup> ans Clear in the several parts of this query except several instances of attending places of diversion and some Care taken

9<sup>th</sup> ans We believe care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to disipline

Our friend John Watson laid before this meeting

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a prospect that had accompanied his mind for some time to make a visit in gospel love to those that have been disowned from Society since the seperation as way may open within the limits of this Half Years meeting, he produced to this a minute of unity from his monthly meeting, after a time of solid deliberation thereon this meeting unites with him in his concern

A concern arose in this meeting to appoint a committee to visit the families belonging thereto & on laying the subject before our brethren it is thought best to defer it for the consideration of our next meeting

Adjourns to meet as usual at West Lake

### **Canada Half Years meeting of women friends held the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> month 1848**

The representatives from the monthly meetings have been and present except two a reason given for the absence of one

The time being expired that the Clerks was appointed for they are reappointed to that service for one year.

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers brought up from the monthly meetings a summary is thereof taken in substance as follows which are directed to the ensuing Yearly meeting by our representatives who are Anna R Brown Lydia Stinson Permelia Brown & Mary Armitage they are desired to attend therewith and report to our next meeting

1<sup>st</sup> All of our meetings for worship and disipline have been attended, but no so fully by all as is desired the hour is nearly observed, not all Clear of sleeping, and some care taken no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained by most as becomes Sisters no differences known, Tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends do endeavour to keep themselves and their own and other friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our profession, and care is extended in these respects toward others under our tuition

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4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion

5<sup>th</sup> None amongst us who appear likely to require assistance at this time. We believe the most of our children are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Several instances of attending a marriage accomplished by a Priest, one meeting says several instances of attending a meeting held by a hireling minister, and some care taken

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

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises in paying their just debts, no one known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9<sup>th</sup> We believe that care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to disipline

10<sup>th</sup> They are

Men friends informed this meeting that they are not prepared to unite in the concern that was defered from our last meeting to this, and it is thought best to discontinue it from our miniuts

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street as usual

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street the 29<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> month 1848**

The representatives from the monthly meetings have been Called and present except two

The assistant Clerk not being present Anna R Brown is appointed for the day.

Two of the representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting report they attended and furnished the extracts from the the [sic] yearly meeting with epistles from Neighbouring yearly meetings, a reason given for the non attendance of the other two

The Queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers from the different monthly meetings to the usual five a summary is there of taken as follows

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coming behaviour to remark, and some care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup>. Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction is mostly avoided and discouraged as far as we know

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> We believe most friends are carefull to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under our Care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, although deviations are apparent amongst us, we believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistant with our profession and some care extended towards others under our care. Some care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

Ans 9 Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to disapline

Our friend Nicholas and Margaret Brown opened in this meeting a concern that had accompanied their minds for some time to attend Baltimore yearly meeting and also to make a religious visit to the Southern States as follows Charles Town New Orleans and some of the Western States as truth may open the way, and to attend the yearly meetings of Philadelphia and New York, and after a time of deliberation thereon this meeting unites with them and leaves them at liberty to pursue their prospect

Our friend Daniel Quimby attended this meeting with a minute from Rochester monthly meeting expressing his concern to attend this and the meetings belonging thereto, his company and Gospel labours have been fairly acceptable

This meeting appoints Elizabeth White Elmira Armitage Mary Elisa Hazard Anna R Brown and Elisa Phillips to draw Copies of the Epistles to send down to our monthly meetings  
Adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time.

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#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held 31<sup>st</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1849**

The representatives from the different Monthly meetings being called were present except one

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Anna R Brown was proposed for clerk and Elenor Bowerman assistant which being united with they are appointed to that Service for one year.

The Queries with their answers from the different Monthly Meetings have all been read in this a summary thereof taken in substance as follows and directed to our ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Eliza Chronk, Sarah Hughs Lydia Stinson, Elisabeth Brown, Lydia Fox, and Elisabeth Dennis. They are desired to attend therewith and report to our next meeting.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended altho a slackness in some, the hour nearly observed; no all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark; Some care taken

2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity are in a good degree maintained as becomes sisters no differences known friends are mostly careful to avoid & discourage tale bearing & detraction

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to ~~attend all our m~~ keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel altho deviations are apparent amongst us, We believe endeavours are used by example & precept to train them up in a life & conversation consistant with our profession, care is extended towards others under our Tuition.

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4<sup>th</sup> Ans Clear in the several parts of this query except one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

5<sup>th</sup> None known amongst us that require assistance most of our children and others under our care instructed in School learning to fit them for business.

6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of accomplishing marriages contrary to discipline and Several for attending such marriages and care taken in the deficiencies.

7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions, or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof.

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises, of paying their just debts none know to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken to deal seasonably with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

10<sup>th</sup> They are

We adjourn to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

## **Canada Half Years meeting of women friends held 23<sup>rd</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1849.**

The Clerk being absent Bathsheba Brown is appointed for the day.

The representatives being called are all present except four and a reason given for the absence of one.

The Queries have all been read and the answers from the different Monthly meetings a summary thereof taken in substance as follows

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Ans 1<sup>st</sup>. Friends are mostly careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline, the hour nearly observed; not all clear of sleeping in meetings. No other unbecoming behaviour to remark. Some care taken in the above deficiency

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes Sisters, no differences known amongst us; Tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discourages as far as appears.

3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our Christian profession, ancare care extended towards others under our tuition.

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

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report they all attended except one and produced the Extracts from our yearly meeting and Epistles from other yearly meetings which were read to our encouragement Mary Ann Willson, Elanor Bowerman, Patience Crista? Emily Penrose and Martha Armitage are appointed to prepare copies of the above Extracts & Epistles for the different Monthly meeting.

Adjourned to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

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#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held 30<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> mo 1850 at West Lake**

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Anna R Brown was proposed for Clerk and Pamela Brown for Assistant: which being united with they are appointed to that service of one year.

The representatives being called are all present.

The Queries with their answers from the Monthly meetings have been read in this and the following Summaries Selected and directed to our ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Mary Armitage, Lysia Stinson, Sarah Spencer Anna A W Hughs and Pamela Brown they are desired to attend therewith and report to our next meeting.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup>. All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended though not so fully by all as is desired. The hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour in them some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2<sup>nd</sup>. We believe love & unity are maintained by most as becomes Sisters no differences known, tale bearing and detraction avoided and discourages as far as appears.

3<sup>rd</sup>. Friends are careful to keep themselves and all children under their care in plainness as queried after but a manifest departure from this testimony appears in some, endeavours are used by example and precept to train ~~them~~ up their children in a life and conversation consistant with our profession, and care is extended towards others under tuition.

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the unnecessary use of intoxicating drinks frequenting tavers or attending places of diversion as far as appears.

5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded and their Children and all under their care are in a way of getting School learning to fit them for business.

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6<sup>th</sup> Clear except one instance of accomplishing Marriage by a Hireling Minister and two of attending such marriage and care taken in the above deficiencies.

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

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises, or paying their just debts; None known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage becoming our religious profession.

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust, in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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Adjourned to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

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## Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street 28<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> mo 1850

The representatives being called are all present except one

The Queries with the answers to the usual five from the different monthly meeting have been read on this of which the following is a summary.

Ans 1 All our meetings have been attended tho not so fully by all as is desired, the hour nearly observed no other unbecoming behaviour has been observed Some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity appear to be maintained as becomes Sisters; no differences known amongst us, Tale-bearing & detraction mostly avoided and discouraged

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under

**[See image 71 for the completion of this meeting and the meeting in the 1st Month of 1851]**

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## Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street the 3<sup>rd</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1851

The assistant Clerk being absent Anna R Brown is appointed for the day

Representatives being called are present except two.

The queries with their answers as brought up from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and the following summaries selected -

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Friends appear mostly careful to attend all our meetings for worship & discipline the hour nearly observed, no all clear of sleeping in meeting no other unbecoming behaviour in them -

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity appear to be maintained as becomes sisters no differences known amongst us, and friends do avoid and discourage talebearing & detraction as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup>. Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plan [off page] of speech behaviour and apparel; and some endeavours are used by example & precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession

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

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

The friends appointed to attend the yearly Meeting report they attended except one and produce the extract from the yearly meeting which has been read to our encouragement; also Epistle from New York Baltimore Philadelphia Ohio and Indiana which we refer to our next meeting

We adjourn to meet at West Lake at the usual time

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### Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 28<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1852

The time being expired for which the clerks were appointed Pamela Brown's name was proposed for clerk & Mary Cronk for assistant which being united with are appointed to that service for one year

Representatives being called were all present

The queries with their answers as brought up from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and the following summary selected and directed to the ensuing yearly Meeting to attend which we appoint \* **[no names given see image 69 for the names and further business]**

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship & discipline except one meeting states the neglect of three; the hour not always observed Not all clear of sleeping in meeting; no other unbecoming behaviour in them -

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters, no differences known amongst us, most friends do mostly avoid & discourage talebearing & detraction -

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and most friends are endeavouring by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession & care is extended towards others under tuition -

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

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been duly inspected and some relief afforded of them most of our children are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of having their marriages accomplished by a priest, two of attending such a marriage, and two instances of joining in membership with another society, Care taken -

Ans 7<sup>t</sup> Clear in the several branches of this query

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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

Our friends Nicholas & Margaret Brown produced a minute from Pickering Monthly stating their prospect of paying a religious visit to the yearly meetings of Ohio and Indiana also to some parts of Kentucky Georgia and South Carolina

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claiming ~~the~~ our solid consideration, this meeting is united in leaving them at liberty to pursue their prospect as Truth may open the way they being ministers in unity with us The Clerk is directed to Sign an endorsement on said minute. -

The Philadelphia Baltimore Ohio Indiana and New York Epistles have been read at this time

We adjourn to meet at Yonge St at the usual time.

- Rhoda Noxen Mary Ann Wilson Mary Armitage Pamela Brown Lydia Fox and Deborah Cochren who are desired to attend therewith and report to our next meeting.  
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## Canada Half Years Meeting Meeting [sic] of Women friends held at Yonge Street 1<sup>st</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1852 -

Representatives being Called were all present

The queries with answers to the usual five as they are brought up from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and the following summary selected -

The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting report that four of their number attended and produced the extract from that meeting which has been read and directed down to our monthly meeting, also Epistles from other yearly meeting which not being present was directed to our next meeting

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended although there appears to be a neglect in some, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour has been observed..

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes sisters; No differences known amongst us; talebearing & detraction avoided & discouraged as far as we know

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> The most of friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel though deviations are apparent and some endeavour ??? by example and precept to train them up

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in a life and conversation consistent with our profession and some care taken in these respects towards others under tuition

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

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discip [off page]

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report that four of their number attended and forwarded the extracts from that meeting which has been read to our satisfaction and is directed down to the monthly meetings: Also Epistls from other yearly meetings which not being present are directed t our next meeting

We adjourn to meet at West Lake at the usual time

## Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at West Lake the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2<sup>n</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1853 -

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed Pamela Brown's name was proposed for Clerk & Eleanor Bowerman for assistant which being united with, are appointed to that service for one year

The representative being called are present except two and a reason given of the absence of one -

The queries with their answers as brought up from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and the following summary selected and directed to the ensuing yearly, where Jemima Noxen Lydia Stinson Pamela Brown - and Sarah Ann Willson are desired to attend with the business from this, and report to our next meeting -

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended, although not so fully by all as desired; the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in meeting, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark - some care taken -

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters, No differences known tale bearing and detraction are avoided and discouraged as far as we know

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves, and we believe desire to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech

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behaviour & apparel; and some endeavours are used by example & precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our profession Care is extended in these respects towards others under tuition -

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of intoxicating liquors frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears -

Ans 5<sup>th</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded and the most of our children are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of attending a marriage accomplished by a priest -

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> None to charge with any breach of this query

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> None known to be deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or extending their business beyond their ability to manage becoming our profession -

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> We believe care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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

Epistles from New York Baltimore Philadelphia Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings have been read as we trust to the encouragement of many minds

Was produced from the mens meeting a request to the yearly meeting for an explanation on a clause of discipline respecting the accomplishing of marriages in private houses, with which we unite, and direct the Clerk to sign their minute to that affect -

The Clerk is directed to forward ~~the Yearly~~ from this meeting the sum of \$4 Collected for the yearl meeting's use

We adjourn to meet at Yonge St at the usual time -

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**Canada Half years meeting of Women friends held at Younge Street 31<sup>st</sup> of 8<sup>th</sup> Mo. 1853**

The assistant Clerk not being present Anna R Brown is appointed for the day

The representatives being called are present except two and a reason given of the absence of one

The queries with their answers to the usual five from the different monthly meetings have been read, from which the following summary has been selected -

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they all attended and produced the extract from the Yearly Meeting, also Epistles from New York Philadelphia Baltimore Ohio and Indiana Yearly Meetings which have been satisfactorily read and are directed down to the Monthly Meetings

1st Ans Friends are mostly careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity appear to be maintained amongst us a becomes sisters, No differences known - and tale bearing & detraction are avoided & discouraged as far as we know.

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Some friends do endeavour to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession and some care is extended towards others under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders, we trust we trust [sic] in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

We adjourn to meet at West Lake at the usual time

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their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel, yet we believe increasing care in the above and following particulars queries after is desirable

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> We know of none to charge with any breach of this Querie.

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

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The representatives to the Yearly report they all attended except one, and produced the Extract from our Yearly Meeting, also Epistles from New York, Baltimore and Indiana and Philadelphia, which have all been read (~~except Philadelphia~~) to our edification and encouragement, except the one from Philadelphia is referred to next meeting,

We adjourn to meet at West Lake at the usual time

## Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 29<sup>th</sup> of 1<sup>st</sup> 1851

The time being expired for which the clerks were apt Pamela Brown was proposed for clerk and Elenor Bow[er]man assistant which being united with are appointed to that service for one year

Representatives ~~present~~ called are all present

The queries with their answers as brought up from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and the following summaries selected and directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives who are Annas A Hughes Mary H. Watson Catharine White Lanor Morden Elizabeth Cooper and Bathsheba Brown who are desired to attend therewith and report to our next meeting

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Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Friends are mostly careful to attend all our meeting for worship & discipline although a slackness appears with some in the attendance of week day meetings the hour not so well observed as is desired, too much drowsiness is apparent, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken -

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity appear to be maintained as becomes sisters, No differences known, tale-bearing and detraction are avoided and discouraged as far as we know -

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Most friends appear in a good degree careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparel (although deviations are apparent amongst us) endeavours are used to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession and care is extended in these respects towards others under tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query except one instance of attending a place of diversion and care taken

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The Circumstances of the poor have been duly inspected and some relief afforded them, the Most of our children are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of marrying out and having their marriage accomplished by a Priest and one instance of attending a marriage contrary to discipline Care taken

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

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> None known to be deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts, and no occasion for fear on these accounts

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

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

The Philadelphia Epistle has been read in this meeting for our edification & encouragement -

We adjourn to meet ~~next~~ at Yonge Street at the usual time

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#### **Canada Half years Meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 1<sup>st</sup> of 2<sup>nd</sup> Mo 1854**

The time having expired for which the Clerks were appointed Anna R Brown was proposed for Clerk and Elenor Bowerman assistant which being united with they are appointed to that Service for one year.

The Queries with their answers from the different monthly meetings have all been read in this, the following Summaries selected and directed to the ensuing yearly Meeting.

Letta Barker, Margaret Brown Catharine White, Sarah Hughs and Elinore Armitage are appointed to attend therewith as our representatives and report

Men friends inform they have received a proposition from West Lake Monthly Meeting to change the time of holding the Half years meeting, also that they Said after deliberation concluded to refer the subject to a Committee of men and women friends for their consideration this meeting unites therein and appoints Elisabeth Dennis, Lanor Morden; Margaret Brown Letta Barker Catharine White Annas A W Hughs and Elenor Bowerman to join men friends in considering the subject and report their judgment in the Case to our next meeting.

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The Clerk is directed to forward the sum of two dollars and eighty seven cents raised for the use of the Yearly Meeting.

Adjourned to to meet at the usual time at Yonge Street

### **Canada Half Years meeting of women friends held at Yonge Street 30<sup>th</sup> of 8 mo /54**

The representatives being called are all present except one.

The assistant Clerk being absent Eliza A. Davis is appointed for the day

The Queries, with their answers to the usual five have all been read; and the following summary selected.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for Religious worship & discipline. The hour nearly observed & not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour has been observed, and care taken.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appear to be maintained by most friends as becomes sisters; we believe most friends do endeavour to avoid differences, tale bearing and detraction; where deficiencies have appeared, care has been taken to end them.

Ans 3 Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech, behaviour and apparel and endeavours used by example & precept to train them up in a Religious live & conversation

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as becomes our Christian profession, and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears

Ans. 9 Care is mostly taken seasonable to deal with offenders, we trust in the [spirit of] meekness, and agreeably to discipline.

Representatives to attend the Yearly Meeting report they all attended and produced the extract from our Yearly meeting and Epistles from Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore, Ohio. & Indiana, which are referred to our next Half Years meeting.

The joint committee appointed to consider the propriety of the proposed change of the Half Years Meeting with respect to the time of holding propose ~~report~~ after deliberation on the subject that in future the meeting be held on second day of ??? the last first day in fifth month at West Lake and ninth at Yonge Street The meeting of ministers & elders on the day previous.

This meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake according to the arrangement herein named-

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**Canada Halfyears meeting of women friends held at West Lake 28 of 5 mo 1855**

The time being expired the clerks were appointed for Eleanor Bowermans name was proposed for clerk and Elmira Armitage for assistant, which being united with they are appointed to that service for one year.

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called were present

The quearies have ll been read in this meeting with ther answers from the different monthly meetings; the following sumery selected, and directed to the ensuing yearly meeting where Mary armitage Pamela Brown Bethsheba Brown and Lanor Hazard are appointed to attend with the business from this and desired to report to our next meeting.

This meeting informs the yearly meeting that this Halfyears meeting will meet on second day after the last first day in fifth month at West Lake, and the same in ninth month at Young Street:

John and Mary W. Watson have produced to this meeting from Young Street monthly meeting a minit of unity with their prospect of purforming a religious visit, to fishing Creek half Years meeting, and the meetings and such parts of families thereof, as truth may open the way to visit; this meeting feeling feeling [sic] a unity therewith with desires for their preservation and safety, and leaves them at liberty to purform their prospect as truth may open the way

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the clerk being directed to sign the endorsement on their minit

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yount Street at the appoint time in ninth month  
Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and dissapline, yet too great a neglect of our mid week meetings is apparent, the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping in meetings, no other unbecomeing bee heaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters, no differences amongst us talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to dep themselves, their own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech beheaviour and apparel and do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our christian profession, and some care is extended towards other under our tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all entoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns and attending plaices of diversion as far as appears.

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the por have been inspected and relief afforded them, we know of children but are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business.

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Ans 6<sup>th</sup> None known to countenance a hireling ministry except four instance of attending marriages accomplished by a priest, and under care.

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear of bearing arms, of complying with military requisitions and of paying any fine or tax in lue thereof

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that is deficien in purforming their promises; or paying their just debts, nor of any that extend their busines beyond their ability to manage, or that give occatis for fear on those accounts

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken to deal with offenders, endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Ans 10 They are

**Canada half years meeting of women friends held at Young [S]treet 1 of 10 mo 1855**

The Clerk being absent Any R Brown is appointed for the day.

The representatives from the different monthly meeting being called were all preasent

Our esteemed Friend Precilla Cadwalleder attended this meeting with a certificate from Blue River monthly meeting endorse by the same quarterly meeting Indiana, whose company and gospel labour have been truely edifying and acceptable to us.

The quearies with their answers to the usuel five from the different monthly meetings have been read in this and a sumery thereof taken as follows

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The friends appointed to attend the yearly meeting as representatives from this report they all atteded and have farwed the extract from our yearly meeting which has been read to our satisfaction, and directed down to subordinate meetings, also epistles from New York and Philadelpha, those from Baltimore Ohio, and Indiana are refered to our next meeting

This meeting concludes to meet at West Lake in fifth month next

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship and dissapline, too great a neglect in others is apparent, the hour nearly observed, no all clear of sleeping, no other unbecomeing beheaviour to remark, some care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becoms sisters, no differences known, tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to kep themselves there own, and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech beheaviour and apparel and endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our profession, and some care extended towards others under tuition

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Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken seasonably to deal with offender, we trus in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to dif discipline.

## Canada halfyears meeting of women friends held at West Lake 26 of 5 mo 1856

the time being expired the Cler,s were appointed for Eleanor Bowerman,s name was proposed for Clerk and Any R Brown for assistant which this meeting unites with, and they are appointed to that service for one year

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called were all preasant except one

The quearies with their answers fromane the different Monthly meetings have been read in this meeting and a sumory thereof taken which is directed to our ensueing yearly meeting by our representatives who are Pamela Brown Mary H. Watson Elizabeth Dennis and Catharine White they being appointed to that service and desired to report to our next meeting

the Clerk is ~~appoint~~ directed to forward the sum of two dollars raised for the use of the yearly meeting

the three epistles refered to this meeting by our last have been read to our satisfaction and encouragement

This meetig adjourns to meet at Young Street in tenth month next

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Answers for 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1856

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline yet there appears a great neglect in some others the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in meetings; some care taken in the above deficiencies, no other unbecomeing behaviour in them

2 Love and unity appears to be maintained by most friends as becoms sisters, where differences have arisen care has been taken to end them we believe friends do avoid and discourage tale bearing and detraction as far as appears

3 Most friends appear careful to keep themselves, and endeavour to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and some endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession, and some care extended towards others under tuition.

4 Friends do avoid the use of all entoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns, and attending plaices of diversion as far as appears

5 The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded them, we know of no children but are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

6 Four instances of accomplishing marriag by the assistance of a hireling minister, and one instance of attending such marriag, and under care

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7 Clear in the severl branches of this queary

8 Friends do endeavour to purform their promises, and pay their just debts, none know to extent their buisness beyond their ability to manag, or give occation for fear on those accounts

9 Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to dissapline

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### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends at Yonge Street 24<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo. 1856**

The Clerk being absent Anna R Brown is appointed for the day and Clarissa Watson assistant

The representatives being called are all present except One.

The Queries, with their answers to the usual five from the different Monthly Meetings have been read in this and the following summary selected

1<sup>st</sup> Ans All our meetings for worship & discipline have been attended by most, altho their appears a slackness in some, particularly in the middle of the Week the hour mostly observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> Love and Unity appear to be maintained as becomes Sisters, no differences known amongst us. Tale bearing and detraction mostly avoided and discouraged.

3<sup>rd</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour & apparel and endeavours are used by example & precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession, and care taken towards others under our tuition.

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4<sup>th</sup> Ans Friends do avoid the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns, or attending places of diversion far as appears

9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken to deal Seasonably with offenders endeavouring to do it in the Spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The representatives to our yearly meeting report they all attended and produced the extract of said Meeting also epistles from New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Indiana, and Ohio, which have been read to our Satisfaction & encouragement

This Meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time in fifth Mo

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 1<sup>st</sup> of 6<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1857**

The representatives having conferred together propose Pamela Bowns name for clerk and Sarah B Spencer for assistant clerk which being united with are appointed to that service for one year

Representatives being called are present except two for whose absence satisfactory reasons were assigned

The queries with their answers as forwarded from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and the following summary selected and directed to the ensuing yearly Meeting by our representatives Elizabeth Dennis Margaret Brown Lanor Hazzard Lydia Stinson and Phebe Stickney, who are desired to attend Said meeting with the business from this and report to next meeting

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline, except one meeting neglected the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping in meeting [no] other unbecoming behaviours & some care taken in the above deficiencies.

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- Ans 2<sup>n</sup> Love & unity are maintained as becomes sisters, no differences known, and friends do avoid & discourage tale bearing & detraction as far as appears
- Ans 3<sup>d</sup> We believe there is a care existing in the minds of most friends to keep themselves and their children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession & care is extended towards others under tuition
- Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends, do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears -
- Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded them - we know of no children but that are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business
- Ans 6<sup>th</sup> None known to countenance a hireling ministry by attending marriages or otherwise
- 7<sup>th</sup> We know of no breach in this query
- Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none that are deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts or extending their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our profession
- Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline
- Ans 10 They are -  
We adjourn to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time.

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held 25<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1857**

Representatives being called were all present -

Our friend Elizabeth Newport attended this meeting with a minute from Green St. Monthly Meeting Philadelphia held 4<sup>th</sup> Mo 16<sup>th</sup> 1857 endorsed by Green St. Quarterly Meeting held 5<sup>th</sup>. M<sup>o</sup>. 5<sup>th</sup>

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The queries with their answers to the usual five as forwarded from the Monthly Meeting have been read and the following summary selected ~~which are as follows~~

- Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in meeting no other unbecoming behaviour to remark - Some care taken
- Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love & unity are maintained as becomes sisters no differences known amongst us - tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as we know
- Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Friends are generally careful to keep themselves and endeavour to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, though deviations are apparent, we believe endeavours are used by example & precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession & some care is extended towards others under tuition
- Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear in the several parts of this query as far as we know

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly meeting report they all attended and produced the extract which has been read in this meeting also the epistles from other yearly meetings which are directed down to our subordinate meetings

This meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake in fifth M<sup>o</sup> next

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### **Canada Half years meeting of Women friends held at West Lake 31<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> Mo 1858**

Anna A W Hughes on behalf of the representatives inform they were united in proposing Pamela Brown name for clerk and Eleanor Bowerman for assistant clerk with which this meeting unites and appoints to that service for one year

Representatives being called were all present except one for whose absence a reason was given

The queries with their answers as forwarded from the different monthly meetings have been read a summary selected and directed to the ensuing yearly meeting by our representatives, Lydia Stintson, Margaret Brown, Anna R Brown, Mary Armitage and Eleanor Bowerman & Anna Armitage who are desired to attend said meeting with the business from this and report.

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> all our meetings for religious worship and discipline have been attended though not so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters No differences known amongst us - Tale bearing and detraction avoided & discouraged as far as we know

Ans 3<sup>d</sup> Friends are mostly careful to keep themselves and endeavour to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel also by example & precept to train them up in a life and conversation constant with our profession - and care is extended towards others under tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as appears

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded, and all our children are in a way to obtain school learning to fit them for business

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Ans 6<sup>th</sup> None known to countenance hireling ministry except two instances of marriages being accomplished by a priest & several instances of attending such marriages care taken

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear in the several parts of this query as far as we know

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We believe friends are endeavouring to perform their promises and pay their dust debts, none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has mostly been taken to deal seasonably with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yonge Street at the usual time

### **Canada Half Years meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street 27<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> M<sup>o</sup> 1858**

The assistant clerk not being present Sarah B Spencer was appointed for the day.

Representatives being called are present except one

Our friends Nicholas & Margaret Brown forwarded to this meeting a minute from Pickering monthly meet expressive of their prospect of paying a religious visit to Philadelphia, Baltimore and New York yearly Meetings and some of the meetings constituting them and to appoint some meetings amongst others as way may open after a solid deliberation there in much timely ??? expressed with them and left them at liberty to ??? their prospect as truth may direct they being? Ministers in Unity with us the clerk is directed to sign an endorsement on said minute

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The queries with their answers to the usual five as forwarded from the different Monthly Meetings have been read and a summary selected as follows

The representatives appointed to attend the yearly meeting report they all attended except one, who assigned a reason for her absence, and produced the yearly Meeting extract which has been read for our encouragement Also Epistles from the several yearly meetings with which we correspond which are directed down to Our subordinate meetings.

We adjourn to meet at the appointed time at West Lake

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of women friends held 30<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1859**

The queries with their answers from the different monthly meetings, have been read in this The following Summaries Selected & directed to our ensuing Yearly Meeting; also the sum of two dollars & 10 cents for the use of the Yearly Meeting by our representatives, Elizabeth Stinson, Elizabeth Brown, Mary Armitage Sarah Eliz. Brown and Letta Barker who are desired to attend said meeting with the business from this & report.

1<sup>st</sup> Ans All our meetings have been attended by most friends though there appears a slackness in some the attendance of mid-week meetings; The hour nearly observed; not all clear of sleeping; no other unbecoming behaviour to remark, some care taken in the above deficiencies

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans Love & unity appear to be maintained as becomes sisters, When differences have arisen Care has been taken to end them, Tale bearing & detraction mostly avoided and discouraged.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Friends are mostly Careful, to keep themselves, and endeavours to keep their own & other friends children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel; Also by example & precept, to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession, and care extended towards under our tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating Liquors as a beverage or frequenting taverns, one instance of attending a place of diversion and some care taken

5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded; all friends children & others under our care are instructed in school-learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Two instances of Marriage being accomplished by a Priest and four instance of attending such marriages & care taken.

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

8<sup>th</sup> We know of none deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts; none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage.

9<sup>th</sup> Care has mostly been taken to deal seasonably with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Adjourned to meet at Yonge St at the usual time

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### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women friends held at Yonge Street 26<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> mo 1859**

The representatives being Called are all present except two

The assistant Clerk being absent Pamela Brown is appointed for the day

The Queries, with the answers to the usual five from the different Monthly Meetings have been read in this meeting from which the following Summary is Selected.

The representatives to the yearly Meet report three of their number attended and produced the extract. Also Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond which have been read to our Satisfaction and encouragement.

Ans 1 Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings both for Worship and discipline; The hour nearly observed not all clear of sleeping, and some care taken: No other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2<sup>th</sup> Love and unity appear to be maintained as becomes Sisters; no differences known Tale-bearing & detraction mostly avoided & discouraged as far as appears

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Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of Speech behaviour and apparel We believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation with our Christian profession and care is extended towards others under tuition

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9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken Seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the Spirit of Meekness and agreeably to discipline

This Meeting adjourns to Meet at West Lake at the usual time

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### **Canada Half Year meeting ow women friends held at West Lake 5<sup>th</sup> month 28<sup>th</sup> 1860**

The time being expired the Clerk was appointed for, the names of Eleanor Bowerman for Clerk, and Sarah B Spencer for assistant Clerk; were proposed; and being united with they are appointed to that service for one year

The representatives being called were all preasent except two and satisfactory reasons given for their absence.

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers as brought forward from the different monthly meetings and a summary thereof taken as follows which is directed to our ensuing Yearly Meeting Elizabeth Brown Lanah Hazard Elizabeth B Cooper Anna A. W. Hughes, Margaret Brown Lydia Philips and Elmira Armatage are appointed to attend therewith as our representatives and requested to report to our next meeting

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended by most friends though there appears a slackness in some in that of attending midweek meetings the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark; And care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters no differences known, tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

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Ans. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Some friends are careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and some endeavours are used by example and precept, to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our profession, and some care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans. 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as appears

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded, we know of no children but are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

6<sup>th</sup> Several instances of having marriages accomplished by the assistance of a hiring minister and several instances of attending such marriages which are under care

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions, and of paying any any [sic] fine or tax in lieu thereof

Ans 8<sup>th</sup> We know of none deficient in performing their promises or paying their just debts, nor of any extending their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

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

This meeting adjourn to meet at the usual time at Young Street

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### **Canada Half yearly meeting of women Friends held at Young Street 1<sup>st</sup> of 10<sup>th</sup> month 1860**

The assistant Clerk being absent Anna R Brown is appointed for the day

The representatives being called were present except one

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers to those that require answering at this time as brought forward by the monthly meetings and a summary thereof taken in substance as follows.

The friends appointed by our last meeting to attend the ensuing yearly meeting as our representatives report they all attended, and have forwarded the Extract from the minutes of Genesee yearly Meeting, and Epistles from neighboring yearly meetings with which we

corispond which have been read to our satisfaction, and encouragement, which are directed - down to our subordinate meetings,

Ans. 1<sup>st</sup>. All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, though not so fully by all as would be for the promotion of the cause of truth, the hour nearly observed by most friends, not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecomeing behaviour has been observed in meetings, some care taken.

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters, no differences known, tale-bearing and detraction avoided as far as appears.

3<sup>rd</sup> Most friends appear careful to keep themselves their own, and other friends children under care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel, and some endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our christian profession, and some care extended towards others under tuition.

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Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage, frequenting taverns, and attending plaices of diversion as far as we know.

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders, endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

This meeting adjourns to meet at usuel at West Lake

## **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West lake 27<sup>th</sup> of 5 month 1861**

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed. The name of Elmira Armitage was proposed for Clerk and Sarah B Spenser for assistant with which this meeting unites and they are appointed to that service for one year

The representatives, from the different monthly meetings being called all presant

The queries have ll been read in this meeting with the answers as they came from the different monthly meetings from which the following summary is selected and directed to the ensueing yearly meeting Lydia Stinson Eleanor Bowerman Anna R Brown Elizabeth Dennis and Hariet Austin are appointed to attend said meeting with the business from this and report to next meeting

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yong Street at the usual time

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Answers as follows

1<sup>st</sup> ans All our meetings for religious worship and dicipline have been attended by most Friends yet there appears a neglect with some in their attendance of our midweek meetings the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecomming behavior to remark and some care taken -

2<sup>nd</sup> ans Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes sisters no differences known amoungst us talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3 Some friends are carefull to keep themselves and endeavor to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour & apparal and endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation

consistant with our christian profession and some care is extended in these respects towards others under tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Clear as far as appears in regard to the use of spirituous liquors and frequenting taverns but 2 instances of attending a place of diversion and care taken.

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded we know of no children but are in a way to get schoollearning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Three instances of having mariages accomplished by contrary to order of dicipline and two instances of attending such mariages and care taken

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear in the several branches of this query as far as appears

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Ans 8<sup>th</sup> ~~Friends are clear in the several branches of this~~ We believe Friends are carefull to perform their promises and pay their just debts none known to extend their buisness beyond their ability to manage or give ocation for fear on these accounts

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to dicipline

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

## **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yong Street the 30<sup>th</sup> of 9 mo 1861**

The representatives from the different Monthly Meetings - were called and present except two, for the absents of those satisfactory reasons were assigned

The queries have all been read in this meeting with answers to the usual five as brought forward from the Monthly Meetings and the following Summary selected.

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reports they all attended and produced an extract: from said meeting also several Epistles from other Yearly meetings the Extract being read to our satisfaction and encouragement. They are directed to be distributed in our subordanate meetings,

This meeting Adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time

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Answers as follows

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for religious worship and dicipline have been attended yet there appears a slackness in Some in regard to this important duty the hour nearly observed by most Frien[ds] not all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior to remark some care taken in the above deficiencies

2 Ans Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3 Ans There is a care with Friends to keep themselves and their own children in plainness of speech behavior and apperal allthough deviations are apperant we believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession and some care is extended towards others under tuition

4th Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating Liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears



9<sup>th</sup> Ans Some care has been taken to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the Spirit of meekness and agreeable to dicipline

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#### **Canada Half years meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 26 of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1862**

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed Eleanor Bowerman's name was proposed for Clerk and Elmira Armitage assistant which was united with, and they appointed to that service for one year.

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called, were all present.

The quearies have all been read in this meeting with their answers as brought forward by the Monthly meetings, and a summary thereof taken which is directed to our ensueing Yearly Meeting. Also six dollars and ten-cents which has bin raised for the yearly meetings use, Anna A W Hughs Catharine White Phebe Stickney Hannah Hillburn Susan Carpenter Sarah Hughs and Elizabeth Dennis are appointed to attend the yearly meeting as our representatives and report to our next meeting.

Was forwarded from the Mens meeting to this a proposition to change the time of holding West Lake Monthly Meeting to the third fifth day in each month with which we unite

Thes Meeting adjourns to meet at the usual time at Yong Street

Answers as follows

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Ans. 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and dicipline have been attended, yet there appears a slackness in some in regard to that important duty, the hour nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping in meetings, no other unbecoming behavior to remark Some care taken in the above deficiencies

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity are maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known amongst us, tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

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Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxication liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as appears

Ans 5<sup>th</sup> The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded we know of no Children but are in a way to get schoollearning to fit them for business

Ans 6<sup>th</sup> Clear in the different parts of this query except one instance of accomplishing a marriage contrary to dicipline and 3 of attending such mariages and care taken

Ans 7<sup>th</sup> Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lue thereof

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Ans 8<sup>th</sup> Friends do endeavor to perform their promises and pay their just debts - we know of none to extend their business beyond their ability to manage or give occasion for fear on these accounts

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders ~~on the~~ with endeavours to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

10 Ans. They are

### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yong Street the 29<sup>th</sup> of 9 mo 1862**

The Clerk being absent Sarah B Spencer is appointed for the day

The representatives from the different Monthly Meetings being called were all present except two. Our friend Freeman Clark attended this meeting with a minute from Norwich Monthly Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1862 whose labours of love among us have been truly acceptable.

The queries have all been read in this meeting with answers to the usual five as brought forward from the Monthly Meetings and the following Summary Selected;

The friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting report they all attended and forwarded extracts from said meeting also several Epistles from other Yearly Meetings which have been read

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To our Satisfaction and encouragement, they are directed to be distributed in our subordinate meetings.

This meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time

)Answers as follows(

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> Most friends are carefull to attend all our meetings for worship & discipline, although some remissness is apparent in the middle of the week, the hour pretty well observed, not all clear of sleeping in meeting, no other unbecoming behavior to remark, and some care taken

Ans 2<sup>nd</sup> Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known among us tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Most Friends appear carefull to keep themselves and their own children in plainness of Speech behavior and apparel though deviations are apparent endeavours are used to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our Profession and care is extended towards others under tuition

Ans 4<sup>th</sup> Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears

Ans 9<sup>th</sup> Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders with endeavors to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

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**Canada Half Years meeting of Women Friends held at West lake the 1<sup>st</sup> of 6 mo 1863**

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed the name of Elmira Armitage was proposed for Clerk and Sarah B Spencer for assistant, which being united with are appointed to that service for one year

The representatives from the separate Monthly meetings being called all present except one

The queries ~~have~~ with their answers are brought forward by the different monthly meetings have been read in this and the following summary selected and directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting where Elizabeth Brown Phebe Stickney Permela Brown Lanor Hazard and Lydia P Dennis are appointed to attend with the business from this and report to next meeting -

We adjourn to meet at the usual time at Yongstreet

1<sup>st</sup> Ans Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline the hour nearly observed by most friends not quite clear of Sleeping no other unbecoming behavior to remark and some care taken

2 Ans We believe love and unity is maintained as becomes Sisters except one meeting expresses a want of love and unity in the preparative meeting and

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care taken Tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3 Ans Most friends appear careful to keep themselves and their own Children in plainness of speech behavior and apparel and endeavors are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our christian profession and some care is extended towards others under tuition

4 Ans Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears

5 Ans The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and some relief afforded Their Children and all others under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

Ans 6 Clear except four instances of attending marriages accomplished by a hireling minister which are under care

7 Ans We believe they are

8 We believe friends are endeavouring to perform their promises and pay their just debts none to charge with extending their business beyond their ability to manage or give occasion for fear on these accounts

Ans 9 Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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#### **Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at Yong Street the 28 of 9<sup>th</sup> month 1863**

The assistant Clerk being absent Lydia P Dennis is appointed for the day

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called are present except one and a satisfactory reason given for her absence

The queries were all read in this meeting with answers to those required at this time as brought forward by the monthly meetings and the following summary selected,

One of the Friends appointed to attend the Yearly Meeting reports they all attended except one for the absence of which a reason was assigned; and have forwarded from the extract from that meeting also several epistles from other yearly meetings which have been read to our satisfaction and encouragement

The Yearly Meeting directs the sum of 30 \$ to be raised by the subordinate meetings for the yearly meetings use with which we unite and directs that an extract of this minutes be forwarded by the Clerk to each Monthly Meeting,

This Meeting adjourns to meet at West Lake at the usual time in 5th month next

Answers as follows

Ans 1<sup>st</sup> All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended, though not so fully by all as is desired the hour nearly observed by most Friends no all clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behavior to remark some care taken in the above deficiencies

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Ans 2 Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters now [sic] differences known tale bearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

Ans 3<sup>rd</sup> Some friends are careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline they keep themselves and do endeavour to keep their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel - and endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistent with our profession, and some care is extended towards others under tuition -

4<sup>Ans</sup> We know of no deficiencies in the several parts of this Query

9<sup>Ans</sup> Care is mostly taken to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

### Canada Half Years Meeting of Women Friends held at West Lake the 30<sup>th</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> month 1864

The time being expired for which the Clerks were appointed the name of Elmira Armitage was proposed for Clerk and Sarah B Spencer for assistant which being separately considered are united with and they appointed to that service for one year.

The representatives from the different monthly meetings being called and are present except two.

The queries with their answers as brought forward by the Monthly Meetings were read in this and the following summary selected, which are and directed to the ensuing Yearly Meeting by our representatives, who are

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Eleanor Bowerman, Elizabeth Cooper, Sarah Brown Clarissa Watson, Elizabeth Dennis, Sarah B Spencer They being appointed to attend said Meeting with the business from this and report to next meeting.

This meeting has raised \$6, and 33 <sup>cts</sup> for the yearly meetings use which is directed with the minuets to the Yearly Meeting Clerk

This meeting adjourns to meet at Yong Street at the usual time

First Answer, Most friends are carefull to attend all our meetings for worship and dicipline, The hour nearly observed some instances of sleeping in meetings no other unbecoming behavior to remark and some care taken in the above deficiency

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes Sisters no differences known amongst us talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Most friends appear carefull to keep themselves and their Children in plainness of speech behavior and apparel We believe endeavours are used by example and precept to train them up in a life and conversation consistant with our profession and some care is extended towards others under tuition

4<sup>th</sup> Ans Friends do avoid the use of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion as far as appears

5<sup>th</sup> Ans The circumstances of the poor have been inspected and relief afforded we know of no Children but are in a way to get schoollearning to fit them for buisness

6<sup>th</sup> Ans Four instances of having their marriage accomplished Contrary to the order of dicipline and several of attending such marriages and care taken

7<sup>th</sup> Ans Friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or paying any fine or tak in lue there of

8<sup>th</sup> Ans Friends do endeavour to preform their promises and pay their just debts none known to extend their buisness beyond their ability to manage or give occasion for fear on those accounts

9<sup>th</sup> Ans Care has been taken Seasonably to deal with offenders endeavouring to do it in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to dicipline

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