

## **Collingwood Preparative Women Meeting 1895 - 1898**

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Grey County, along the shore of Georgian Bay, was opened in the 1840's for settlement and a number of Quakers from West Lake, Pickering and Yonge St moved there. Slowly, Quaker communities grew large enough to justify building meeting houses. The Collingwood meeting house was built in 1861 followed by Sydenham and St. Vincent, both in 1866. Grey Monthly Meeting was formed in 1871 over the Collingwood and Sydenham Preparative Meetings (1866) and the indulged St Vincent meeting. The meeting was Orthodox. These meetings were all laid down by 1900. See the detailed article about these meetings in the [Canadian Quaker History Journal, No. 49, pp. 3-10](#), 1991. See also "A Grey County Odyssey" in the [CQHJ, No. 55, p. 17](#), 1994.

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### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> month 10<sup>th</sup> 1895**

The representatives to the last Monthly Meeting attended.

This Meeting appoints Emma Rorke and Jessie Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative meeting Of Women Friends held 11<sup>th</sup> Month 14<sup>th</sup> 1895**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This Meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Louisa Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

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This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

1<sup>st</sup> Answer. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, the hour nearly observed, No unbecoming behavior to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans, Friends are preserved in love one towards another, No differences that we know of, Tale bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Friends endeavor to train up their children, and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us, Though more care is desirable, as regards the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins, Friends are generally good examples in these respects themselves They endeavor to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading

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4<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively as far as we know

5<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks, except for purposes strictly medicinal and are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion as far as we know.

9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline.

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> Month 12<sup>th</sup> 1895**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended

This Meeting appoints Jessie Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

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**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> mo 9<sup>th</sup> 1896**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

The Queries were all read in this meeting, with answers to the usual six which are as follows and are directed to the Monthly Meeting

The Advices were read also

This meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Agnes Clark to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting as our representatives and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

1<sup>st</sup> Ans, Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, The hour nearly observed, No unbecoming behavior to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Friends are preserved in love one towards another, No differences that we know of, Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided.

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3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Friends endeavor to train up their children, and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us, Though more care is desirable as regards the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins, Friends are generally good examples in these respects themselves They endeavor to guard their children and all others under their care, against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading.

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively, as far as we know

5<sup>th</sup> An Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal, and are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion as far as we know.

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Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> Month 13<sup>th</sup> 1896**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting reports the both attended

This Meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Sarah V Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

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**Collingwood Preparative Meeting of women friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> mo 12<sup>th</sup> 1895**

The clerk being absent Ann Rorke is appointed for the day

This Meeting Apoints Ann Rorke and Louisa Rorke our representative to the Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting concludes to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Ann Rorke Clerk for the day

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held ~~the~~ 4<sup>th</sup> Month 9<sup>th</sup> 1896**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

The time having expired for which the clerk was appointed. Anne Rorke and Sarah V Rorke were appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve in that capacity for the ensuing year and report to our next meeting

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This Meeting appoints Ann Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> Month 14<sup>th</sup> 1896**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting report they attended

The committee appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve this Meeting as clerk proposed Martha Rorke which being approved of by the meeting she was appointed to that service for one year

The queries were all read in this meeting with their answers which are as follows, they are directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting

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The Advices were read also.

This meeting appoints Agnes Clark and Sarah V Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

1<sup>st</sup> Ans. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed no unbecoming behavior to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Friends are preserved in love one towards another, no differences that we know of. Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us. But as regards in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment, which it enjoins deficiencies are apparent. Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves and to guard their children and all others under [their] care, against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading

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4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively

5<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal And are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion

6<sup>th</sup> Ans. The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance are duly inspected. We know of no case requiring relief, their children and all others under our care are properly educated for the ordinary duties of life

7<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax instead thereof

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8<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are just in their dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements. And are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery

9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline

Martha Rorke clerk

### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 6 Month 17<sup>th</sup> 1896**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

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**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 7 Month [9<sup>th</sup>] 1896**

One of the representatives to the Monthly meeting attended

This meeting appoints Agnes Clark and Anne Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 8<sup>th</sup> Month 13<sup>th</sup> 1896**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This meeting appoints Lizzie R Rorke and Anne Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report to our next meeting

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This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 9<sup>th</sup> Month 10<sup>th</sup> 1896**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting with answers to the usual six which are as follows and are directed to the Monthly Meeting

The Advices were also read

This Meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

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1<sup>st</sup> Ans. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed, no unbecoming behavior to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Friends are preserved in love one towards another No differences that are know of.  
Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care,  
in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us. But in the plainness and  
[simplicity] of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins, deficiencies are apparent.  
Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves, and to guard their children  
and all others under [their] care, against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families  
collectively..

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5<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks, except for purposes strictly medicinal,  
And are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and  
agreeably to our Discipline.

### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> Month 8<sup>th</sup> 1896**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment,

This meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Sarah V Rorke as our representatives to attend the  
ensuing Monthly Meeting and report.

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This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next Monh if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held [11<sup>th</sup>]Mo 12<sup>th</sup> 1896**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended

This Meeting appoints Agnes Clark and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting  
and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

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### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 12<sup>th</sup> Mo 10 1896**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting with answers to the usual six which are as follows  
They are directed to the Monthly Meeting

The Advices were read also

This meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Agnes Clark to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting as our representatives and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

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**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 2<sup>nd</sup> Month - 1897**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting with answers to the six usually answered at this time. they are as follows and are directed to the Monthly Meeting

The Advices were read also.

This meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Jessie Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted.

1<sup>st</sup> Ans. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, The hour nearly observed. No unbecoming behavior to remark.

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2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Friends are preserved in love one towards another, No differences that we know of. Tale-bearing and detraction, discouraged and avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us. But in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment which it enjoins deficiencies are apparent. Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves and to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading

4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively

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5<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal, And are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion



9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> month 11<sup>th</sup> 1897**

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

The time having expired for which the Clerk was appointed Anne Rorke and Sarah V Rorke were appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to act in that capacity for for the ensuing year and report to our next meeting

This meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

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This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> Month 8<sup>th</sup> 1897**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting report they attended

The committee appointed to bring forward the name of a Friend to serve this meeting as clerk proposed the name of Martha Rorke which being approved by the meeting she is appointed to that service for the ensuing year.

This meeting appoints Jessie Rorke and Anne Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting as our representatives and report

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This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 5 Month 13 1897**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting did not attend.

The Queries were all read in this meeting with their answers which are as follows and are directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting the

The Advices were also read.

This meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

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1<sup>st</sup> Ans Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed, no unbecoming behavior to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> An Friends are preserved in love one towards another, no differences that we know of. Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care. In the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us. But in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment, which it enjoins deficiencies are apparent Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves. And to guard their children and all others under their care, against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading.

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4<sup>th</sup> An We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively

5<sup>th</sup> Ans Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal, And are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion

6<sup>th</sup> Ans. The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance are duly inspected We know of no case requiring relief, Their children and all others under our care are properly educated for the ordinary duties of life

7<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax instead thereof.

8<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are just in [their] dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements, And are careful to conduct their business. as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery

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

Martha Rorke clerk

### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 6<sup>th</sup> Month 10<sup>th</sup> 1897**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment.

This meeting appoints Agnes Clark and Sarah V Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report.

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

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This meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Martha Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and Report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

1<sup>st</sup> Ans, Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed. no unbecoming behavior to remark.

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Friends are preserved in love one towards another, no differences that we know of, Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided.

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Friends endeavor to train up their children, and those of other Friends under their care, In the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us, But in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment, which it enjoins deficiencies are apparent. Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves, And to guard their children and all others under their care, against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading.

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4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively

5<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks, except for purposes strictly medicinal, and are clear of frequenting taverns, or of attending places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> Ans. Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline.

Martha Rorke clerk

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**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 10<sup>th</sup> Mon 14 1897**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This Meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Lizzie R Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report to our next meeting

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

**Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 12 Mon [illegible] 1897**

The Queries were all read in this meeting with answers to the usual six which are as follows they are directed to the Monthly Meeting The advices were also read

This meeting appoints Jessie Rorke and Anne Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting as our representatives and report

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This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted.

1<sup>st</sup> Ans. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline  
The hour nearly observed No unbecoming behavior to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans. Friends are preserved in love one towards another No differences that we know of,  
Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> An. Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their Care,  
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Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves, and to guard their children  
and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading

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4<sup>th</sup> An We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families  
collectively

5<sup>th</sup> An Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal  
and are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion

9<sup>th</sup> An Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders, we trust in the spirit of meekness and  
agreeably to our Discipline

Martha Rorke clerk

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### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 1<sup>st</sup> [month] 13<sup>th</sup> 1898**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly  
Meeting and report to our next meeting

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time in next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 1[8]<sup>th</sup> 1898**

This meeting appoints Anne Rorke & Kate Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing  
Monthly Meeting and report

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## **Collingwood preparative meeting of Women friends held 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10 1898**

The Clerk being absent Sarah V Rorke is appointed for the day

The queries were all answered [read] in this meeting with answers to the usual six which are as follows They are directed to the Monthly Meeting The advices were also read

One of the representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This Meeting appoints Emma Rorke and Ann Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This Meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next Month if permitted

Ans 1 Most Friends are careful to attend all our Meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed no unbecoming behavior to remark

2 Ans Friends are preserved in love one towards another no differences that we know of Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided.

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3 Ans Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us. But in the plainness and simplicity of dress language and deportment which it enjoins deficiencies are apparent. Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves and to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading

4 We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively

5 Ans Friends avoid the use of all intoxication drinks except for purposes strictly Medicinal And are clear of frequenting taverns or of attending places of diversion

9 Ans Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline

Sarah V Rorke Clerk for the day

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## **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 3<sup>rd</sup> Month 10<sup>th</sup> 1898**

This Meeting appoints Anne Rorke and Kate Rorke as our representatives to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

## **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 4<sup>th</sup> Month 14<sup>th</sup> 1898**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended to the appointment

This Meeting appoints Sarah V Rorke and Martha Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

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This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

Martha Rorke clerk

### **Collingwood Preparative Meeting Of Women Friends held 5<sup>th</sup> Month 12<sup>th</sup>. 1898**

The representatives to the Monthly Meeting attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting with their answers which are as follows, they are directed to be forwarded to the Monthly Meeting

The Advices were also read

This meeting appoints Jessie Rorke and Anne Rorke to attend the ensuing Monthly Meeting and report

This meeting adjourned to meet at the usual time next month if permitted

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1<sup>st</sup> An. Most Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline. The hour nearly observed no unbecoming behavior to remark

2<sup>nd</sup> Ans Friends are preserved in love one towards another, no differences that we know of. Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged and avoided

3<sup>rd</sup> Ans. Friends endeavor to train up their children and those of other Friends under their care, in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us, But in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language, and deportment which it enjoins. deficiencies are apparent Friends endeavor to be good examples in these respects themselves, and to guard their children and all others under our care against corrupt conversation and pernicious reading.

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4<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are diligent in reading the Holy Scriptures in their families collectively.

5<sup>th</sup> Ans. Friends avoid the use of all intoxicating drinks except for purposes strictly medicinal, and are clear of frequenting taverns - or of attending places of diversion

6<sup>th</sup> An. The circumstances of the poor and of those who appear likely to require assistance are duly inspected. We know of no case requiring relief, Their children and all others under our care are, properly educated for the ordinary duties of life.

7<sup>th</sup> Ans Friends are clear of complying with military requisitions, or of paying any fine or tax instead thereof

8<sup>th</sup> Ans. We believe Friends are just in their dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements and are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession. When any give occasion for fear on these accounts they are seasonably labored with for their preservation and recovery.

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9<sup>th</sup> An. Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our Discipline

Martha Rorke clerk