

West Lake Preparative Meeting, 1846-60

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West Lake was established in 1803 as a Preparative meeting under Adolphustown Monthly Meeting. Both men and women held their own meetings and recorded separate minutes. The men's minutes from this period have not survived. West Lake first built a meeting house on "Bowerman Hill" just west of Bloomfield. Due to growth, in 1817 a new and larger meeting house was built in eastern Bloomfield on the site of the current Bethany Christian Reformed Church. The old burial ground survives south of the road across from this meeting site. In 1821, West Lake was established as the Monthly Meeting and Adolphustown became a Preparative meeting. Subordinate meetings were Green Point, Ameliasburgh, Haldimand and Cold Creek. In 1828 the Quakers separated in two factions and this book was maintained by the Hicksite Quakers.

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This is a complete transcription and it is hoped that researchers will find it revealing about the life and times of these early Quaker settlers in Upper Canada. A microfilm done in 1974 is available at the Archives of Ontario. A more recent filming of the original minute book done by Ancestry.com is on line with a searchable nominal index. This full transcription and the Ancestry images will complement each other.

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1/9 Births & deaths ??? [smudged] Time
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Preparative meeting book
Quota of half years meeting
The half years meeting pays 4 per cent on all monies raised
West Lake monthly meeting 30
West Lake preparative -----50
Amelieburgh-----35
Cold creek and haldimand---15

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Those to make fires and find wood appointed in 11th mo
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The committee to build the board fence around meetings house were appointed in 7th
mo and to report in 11th mo

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West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 11th mo 12th 1846

the friends to attend the mo. meeting report they attended
the committee to rais the money for the yearly meetings use report it not completed they are
continued
One of the committee to rais the money for building Tecumseth, meeting house report
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Thomas Clark } wood and making fires and sweeping the meeting house the past year also to agree with some one to find wood make fires and sweep the meeting house the ensuing year and report

Cornelius Bowerman} are appointed to attend the mo

Thomas Warring } meeting as our representatives

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 10 of 12th mo 1846

the friends to attend the mo. meeting report they did not attend

the committee to rais the money for the yearly meetings use report it not completed they were continued

One of the committee to rais the money for building Tecumseth meeting house report it not raised they were continued

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The committee to rais the money for finding wood and making fires and sweeping the meetinghouse the past year report some progress not having agreed with any one to find wood make fires and sweep the meeting house the ensuing year they were continued

Moses White } are appointed to attend the mo. meeting

Thomas Warring} as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 14th of 1st mo 1847

the friends to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

the queries have all been read in this meeting and answered as follows

1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although their is a slackness with some friends esspecially on the middle of the week the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

2 Love and unity we believe is pretty generally maintained amongst us becomes brethren when differences arise care is taken to end them tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and we believe mostly avoided

3 Friends appear 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 convesation consistent with our christian profession although their are deviations apparent the scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

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5 We know of none so poor amongst us as to require assistance we believe friends children are all in some way to get school learning to fit them for busines and all others under our care

6 None to charge with keeping company with persons not of our society on account of marriage no parents to charge with conniving at their childrens keeping company with such nor any who have attended the marriages of those who have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest

7 Friends are clear of bearing arms or of complying with military requisition or paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof as far as appears

8 We know of no friends deficient in performing their promises or paying their just dets not any extending their busines beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religeous profession

9 Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The committee to rais the money for the yearly meetings use report it completed

The committee to rais the money for building Tecumseth meeting house report it not completed they were continued

The committee to rais the money for finding wood and making fires the past year also to [a]gree with some one to find wood make fires and sweep the meeting house the ensuing year report they have agreed with Thomas Waring

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to find the wood for 8 dollars and Levinia Bowerman to make fires and sweep the meeting house for 12 dollars and not completed raising the money they were continued

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against W^m McTaggart which was directed to the monthly meeting

Vincent Bowerman} are appointed to examine the meeting house move the stoves and

Thomas Clark } make such repairs as necessary and being forward the expe[n]ce to next meeting

No quarterly collection

Richard Southard} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Benjamin Dunom} as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting of Frends held 2d Mo 11 1847

The clerk being absent Vincent Bowerman was appointed for the day

no account from the representatives to attend the mo meeting they are desired to report to next meeting

no account from the committee to rais the money for the Tecumsee meeting house they are continued

one of the committee to rais the money for making fires reporte it not completed they are continued

one of the committee to examine the meeting house floor move the

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Stoves and make repairs report it not all done they are continued

Joseph Wareing and Nathaniel Branscomb are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 11 of 3rd mo 1847

one of the friends to attend the monthly meeting report he attended

One of the friends to attend the monthly meeting in first month report they attended

One of the committee to raise the money for Tecumseth meeting house report it not completed they were continued

The committee to raise the money for making fires report it not completed they were continued

The committee to repair the meeting house report it completed

Nicholas Lazier } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Vincent Bowerman } as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 8th of 4th mo 1847

One of the friends to attend the mo. meeting report he attended

the queries have all been read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows

1 All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some friends especially on the middle of the week the hour is nearly

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observed by those who do attend not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

2 Love and unity is pretty generally maintained amongst us as becomes brethren when differences arise care is taken to end them tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and we believe mostly avoided

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 do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession although there are deviations apparent the scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4 We know of no friends making use of spiritous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes nor any who have attended taverns or places of diversion

9 Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

One of the committee to raise the money for Tecumseth meeting house report it not completed they were continued

the committee to raise the money for making fires report it not completed they were continued

No quarterly collection

Amos Bowerman } are appointed to attend the mo. meeting

Benjamin Dunam } as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 13 of 5 mo. 1847

the friends to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

the committee to raise the money for tecumseth meeting house not being present they are desired to report next meeting

One of the committee to raise the money for making fires report it not completed they were continued

Moses White } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Haverland Hubbs } as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 6 mo. 10th 1847

One of the friends to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

the committee to raise the money for Tecumseth meeting house not being present they are desired to report next meeting

the committee to raise the money for making fires report it is raised they are directed to pay over and report

Vincent Bowerman } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Nathaniel Branscomb } as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 8th of 7th m. 1847

the friends to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

the queries have all been read in this meeting and 5 of them answered as follows

1 All our meetings for religious worship & discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some friends especially on the middle of the week the hour pretty nearly observed not

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4 We know of no friends making use of distilled sprituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any who have attended taverns taverns [sic] four young friends attended places of diversion

9 Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The committe to rais the money for Tecumseth meeting house report it not completed they were continued

the committee to pay over the money for making fires report it paid over

Quarterly collection 3 shillings and nine pence

Nicholas Lazier } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Richard Southard} as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake preparative Meeting held 8 mo 12th 1847

The friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Committee to raise the money for building Tecumseth meeting house report it not completed they are continued

Was received from the Book committee of the meeting for sufferings a circular directing the preparative meetings to ascertain whether any families were destitute of the Scriptures of the truth this meeting appoints Amos Bowrman and Thomas Waring to make the necessary enquiry and report

Archelus Southard} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Joseph Waring } as representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 9^{mo} 9th 1847

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired Thomas Waring was appointed to that service for one year

One of the friends appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The committee appointed to ascertain whether

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any families were destitute of the scriptures inform attention not ready to report they are continued

One of the Committee to raise the money for building Tecumseth Meetinghouse reports some further progress they are continued

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against James Right which is directed to the monthly meeting

Haveland Hubbs} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Moses White } as representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 10^{mo} 14th 1847

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly report they attended but not producing the business therefrom they are continued to forward it to next meeting

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are as follows

1 Query} All our Meetings for religious

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worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some Friends Especially in the middle of the week the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Love and unity are maintained as becomes brethren as far as appears when differences hath arisen care hath been taken to end them Talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3 We believe most Friends are careful to keep themselves thereown and other Friends Children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho deviations in these respects are aparentee 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 we believe the Scriptures of truth are read in Friends families and Care is extended in these respects towards others under ou[r] tuition

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4th Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors as far as appears and are clear of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion

9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

One of the Committee to ascertain whether any families were destitute of the Scriptures inform not ready to report they are Continued

One of the committee to raise the money for building Tacumseth Meetinghouse reports it not completed they are Continued to report to next meeting

Moses White and Joseph Waring are appointed to open subscriptions to raise Five pounds to defray the expence of finding wood and making fires sweeping and taking care of this house the past year and to agree with some person or persons to fill tha[t] same offices the ensuing year and report

No Quarterly Collections

Nicholas D Lazier } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with

Nathaniel Branscomb} the accounts and report

then Adjourned

Right

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 11^{mo} 11th 1847

The representatives to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Committee to enquire whether any families were destitute of the scriptures inform they have found one family that was destitute of a bible

The Committee to raise the money for building Tacumseth Meetinghouse inform it not completed

The representatives to attend the monthly meeting in 10th mo last have answered their appointment

Was received from the Monthly Meeting a minute directing the preparatives to raise their proportion of 8?? [smudged] Dollars for the Yearly meetings use also to the observance of the London Epistles and the Minutes of New York Yearly Meeting

Agreeable to the direction of the Monthly Meeting this Meeting appoints Benjamin Dunham and Thomas Waring to open subscriptions to raise our proportion of 800 Dollars for the Yearly Meetings use

The Committee to agree with some persons to find wood and make fires the ensuing year and to raise the money for the past inform they have agreed with Lavina Bowerman to make fires sweep

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and take care of the house for one year for the sum of 3-0-0 also with Thomas Waring to find wood for the same of 2.0-0 the money for the past year not raised

Job Elsworth } are appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting with

Vincent Bowerman} he accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 12^{mo} 9th 1847

The representatives to attend the Monthly Meeting reports they Attended

The Committee to ~~enquire of that any families were~~ raise the Money for building Tacumseth Meetinghouse inform it not completed they are continued to report at next Meeting

The Committee to raise the money for the Yearly Meetings use report it not completed the[y] are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to raise the Money for finding Wood and making fires the past year inform it not yet raised they are continued to report at next Meeting

Came to this Meeting by way of the overseers

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a request to be joined in membership with Friends signed Henry Lapp which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

George Leer} are appointed to attend the Monthly Meetin
Tho^s Clark } with the accounts and report
Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 1st mo 13th 1848

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly Meeting reports they attended

The Queries were all read in this Meeting and answered as follows

1st Query All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended though there is a slackness with some friends especially on the middle of the week the hour pretty nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour in them to remark and some care taken in this

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believe mostly avoided as far as appears

3rd Query Most Friends appear 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 consistent with our Christian profession although there are deviations apparent in these respects the Scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition

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

5th Query We know of no friends so poor as to require assistance Friends Children and all others under their Care are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

6th Query We know of no friends keeping company with or marrying persons not in membership with with [sic] us no friends to Charge with Conniving at their children keeping company with such nor any who have attended the marriages of those who have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest

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7 Query Friends are clear of bearing arms of Complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lue thereof as far as appears

8 Query We know of no friends who are defecient in in [sic] performing promises or paying just debts nor any who have extended their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession one instance to give occasion for fear on these accounts and some care taken

9 Query Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

The Committee to raise the money for building Tacumseth Meetin house inform it not raised they are continued to report at nex meeting

One of the Committee to raise the money for the Yearly Meetings use informs it not completed [sic] they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year inform it not raised they are continued to report at next meeting

No Quarterly collection

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Job Elsworth} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

John White } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 2 mo 10th 1848

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Committee to raise the money for building Tacumseth Meetinghouse report it not Completed they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to raise the money for the Yearly meetings use inform it not raised they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past Year report no further progress they are continued to report at next meeting

Richard Southard } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Joseph Waring } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lak Preparative Meeting held 3 mo 9th 1848

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly Meeting reports he attended

The Committee to raise the money for Building

Right

Tacumseth Meetinghouse reports it not Completed they are Continued to report at next Meeting

The Committee to raise the money for the Yearly Meetings use inform some further progress they are Continued to report at next Meeting

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past Year report it not yet raised Continued to report next meeting

Came to this meeting by way of the Overseers a request to be joined in membership with Friends Signed James M Swetman which is directed to the monthly Meeting

Was forwarded to this Meeting a proposal of marriage signed Henry Lapp and Hannah Hoag Which is directed to the monthly meeting

George Leer} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Levi Varney } with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 4 mo 13th 1848

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly Meeting report they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the Answers to five of them are as follows
The Committee to raise the money for Building Tacumseth Meetinghouse report it not completed they are Continued to report at next Meeting

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The Committee to raise the money for the Yearly Meeting use report it raised and forwarded

The Committee to raise the money for making [fires] the past year report it not yet raised they are to report at next meeting

Came to this Meeting by way of the Overseers an acknowledgement signed Smith P Leavens which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

No Quarterly Collection

R Southard} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

G Leer } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 5^{mo} 11th 1848

No account from the representatives appointed to attend the monthly Meeting in 4th mo they are Continue to report at next meeting

No account from the Committee to raise the Money for building Tacumseth Meetinghouse they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the last year report it not yet raised they are continued to report at next meeting.

Was received from the monthly meeting a minute directing the preparatives to appoint Committees to bring forward the names of all births and deaths to the recorder as they occur within their limits

Right

in compliance with which this meeting appoints Samuel Baker Jnr Thomas Waring and Amos Bowerman to that Service for one year and report monthly to this meeting

Was forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed Levi Varney and Eliza H Jones which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

Messes White } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Edward Swetman} with the accounts and report

then Adjourned

Queries of 4th Month 1848

All our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some friends especially in the middle of the week the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken
2nd Love and unity are pretty generally maintained amongst Friends as becomes brethren as far as appears except one instance and that under care when differences arise care ~~has been~~ is taken to end them talebearing and detraction we believe are discouraged and mostly avoided

3d Friends appear careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in

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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 there are deviations apparent in these respects the Scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in Friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4 We know of no friends making use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any who have frequented taverns or attended places of diversion

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

West Lake preparative meeting held 6th mo 8th 1848

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 4 mo Last report they attended

One of the Committee to raise the money for building Tacumseth meeting house report it not yet raised they are continued to report at next meeting

Right

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year report it not yet completed they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths to the recorder report that none have occurred ~~have occurred~~ to their knowledge since last month

Nicholas Lazeir } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Nathaniel Branscomb } with the accounts and report

then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 7th mo 13th 1848

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Queries have all read in this meeting and the answers to 5 of them are as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some friends especially on the middle of the week the hour is pretty nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

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4th Query Friends are clear of frequenting taverns and of attending places of diversion and none to charge with making use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal as far as appears

9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline & although deviations are apparent

The Committee to raise the making fires the past year report it raised

The Committee to raise the money for building Tacumseth Meetinghouse report it raised and forwarded

Right

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths of members report that none have occurred to their knowledge since last month

John White } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Job Elsworth} with the accounts and report

Adjourned as usual

West Lake preparative meeting held 8 mo 10th 1848

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly reports they attended

The committee to forward the names of births and deaths did not forward any this month

Corneleous Bowerman and Nathaniel Branscomb are appointed as a committee to have the charge of the Meetinghouse and Burying Ground for one year

Amos Bowerman } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Richard Southard} with the accounts and report

then adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 9 month 14th 1848

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired Thomas Waring is appointed to that service for one year

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended but not forwarding the business from

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they are Continued to report at next Meeting

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are as follows.

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9th Query Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders

Right

we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths ~~report~~ that 2 births have occurred which are to be forwarded to the Recorder

Joseph Waring } are appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting

John White } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 10^{mo} 12th 1848

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended but not forwarding the business from that meeting to this they are continued to report at our next meeting

1 of The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 8th month reports that they forwarded the business to the monthly meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that none have occurred to their knowledge since last month

Job Elsworth } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Thomas Waring } with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 11th mo 9 1848

The representatives appointed to attend the Monthly meeting report they attended but not forwarding the business from that meeting to

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this they are continued to report at next meeting

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Monthly meeting in 9th month forwarded the business from that meeting

Was received from the monthly meeting a minute directing the preparatives to raise their proportions of one thousand dollars for the yearly meetings use also to the observance of the London and new York Yearly Meeting Epistles and the minutes of New York Yearly Meeting agreeable to which this meeting appoints Amos Bowerman and George Leer to open Subscriptions to raise our proportions of the same pay to this meetings Clerk and report

Vincent Bowerman and Richard Southard are appointed to agree with some person to find wood and make fires the ensuing year and take care of the house fires also to take care of the house for the ensuing year and open subscriptions to raise the same of five Pounds to defray the expence of the same for the past year and report

Moses White } are appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting

John White } with the accounts and report

Adjourned to meet the first fifth day in nxt month

Right

West Lake preparative meeting held 12th mo 7th 1848

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some friends espescially on the middle of the week the hour is pretty nearly observed not quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

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in these respects towards others under our tuition

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

9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we believe in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The representatives appointed the monthly meeting in Tenth month forwarded the business to this meeting

A minute received from the monthly informs that the request for altering the holding the monthly meeting in 6th and 12th months to the 2nd 5th day in each month and the preparative meeting the week preveous was united with by the Quarterly meeting

The Committee to raise our proportion of 1000 dollars for the Yearly Meetings use report some progress they are continued to repor[t] at next meeting

The Committee to agree with some person to find wood and make fires report that they have agreed with Francis Waring to find wood for the sum of Two Pounds and with Launa Clark to make fires sweep and take Care of the house for one year for the sum of Three Pounds The money for the past year not raised

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths repor[t] that none have Come to their knowledge since last called on

No Quarterly Collection

Nicholas D Lazier} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Daniel Young } with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

Right

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 1 mo 11th 184[9]

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly Meeting report they attended

The Committee to raise our proportion of 1000 dollars for the Yearly meetings use report no further progress they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year inform some progress they are Continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of Births and deaths inform that they are forwarded as far as they know of

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a Complaint against James Lattey for marrying one not in membership with Friends and neglecting the attendance of meetings which is directed to the monthly meeting

Also by way of the overseers a request to be joined in membership with Friends signed John Latta which is directed to the monthly meeting

Haveland Hubbs } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Amos Bowerman} with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 2mo 8th 1849

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and answered as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended although there remains a slackness with some friends espescially on the middle of the week the hour is pretty nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Query Love and unity is we believe pretty generally maintained amongst friends as becomes brethren when differences arise care is taken to end them talebearing and detraction are we believe discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Query Friends appear Careful to keep themselves their own and other Friends Children under Care in plainness of speech behaveour and apparrel and do endeavour by example and

precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession although there are deviations apparent the Scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in Friends families and care is extended in these respects

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

5th Query We know of none so poor amongst us as to require assistanc Friends Children and others under our care are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

6th Query None to Charge with keeping company with persons not of our society on account of marriage except two instances no parents to charge with conniving with their childrens keeping company with such one instance of a young friend attending a marriage of one going out from us

7th Query Friends are clear of bearing arms of Complying with military requisitions and of paying any fine or tax in lue there of

8th Query We know of no friends deficient in performing promises unless some deficient in paying their just debes seasonably we know of none who have extended their business beyond their ability to manage

9th Query Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

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Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against Joseph Phelps which is directed to the monthly meeting for neglecting the attendance of meetings and going out of plainness of dress and address

Also by way of the overseers a complaint against Gilbert Latty for marrying one not in membership with Friends going out of plainness of dress and address and neglecting the attendance of meetings for many years which is directed to the monthly meeting

Likewise one against Arcebald Lattey for absenting himself from meetings going out of plainness of speech and apparrel and marrying out of our society and order which is directed to the monthly meeting

The Committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use reports some further progress they are continued to report at next meeting

One of the Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year reports some further progress they ar Continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they have heard of none since last month

No Quarterly Collection

John White } are appointed to attend the monthly meeng

Tho^s Waring} with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 3 mo 8th 1849

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended
One of the Committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use informs it not yet
Completed

One of the Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fire the past year
reports it not yet raised

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they have heard of
no such occurrences since last month

Charles G Bowerman} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Haveland Hubbs } with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 4^{mo} 12th 1849

The representatives appointed the monthly meeting report they attended

The Committee to raise the money for the Yearly Meetings use report it raised and
forwarded

The Committee to raise the money for making fires and finding wood the last year inform
that it is not yet Completed they are Continued to report next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they have heard of
none since last month

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Came to this meeting by way of the Overseers an acknowledgement signed John Latta
which is directed to the monthly meeting

Nicholas Lazier } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Charles G Bowerman} with the accounts and report

Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 5 mo 10th. 1849

The representatives appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting report they attended

One of the committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year
informs it not yet raised they are Continued to report next meeting

The year having expired for which the former committee were appointed for forwarding
the names of births and deaths to the recorder Thomas Waring Samuel Baker and John White
are appointed to that service for one year to report Monthly to this Meeting

Moses White} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Job Elsworth} with the accounts and report

This meeting adjourns to meet the first fifth day next month

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 6th mo 7th 1849

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

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The Queries were all read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there remains a slackness with some friends especially on the Middle of the week the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

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9th Query Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

The Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year report that it is not yet all raised they are continued to report next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they have heard of none this month

N Lazier } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

N Branscomb} with the accounts and report

No Quarterly Collection

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 7 mo 12th 1849

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year report some further progress they are continued to report next meeting.

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they have not heard of any

Charles Gedion Bowerman} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

John White } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

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West Lake preparative Meeting held 8 mo 9th 1849

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended and there was forwarded a quantity of London and New York year meeting's epistles and a number of Books for this Meetings Library

One of the Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year informs it not yet raised they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they have heard of none for the month past

Vincent Bowerman } are appointed to attend the month meeting

Edward Swetman } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 9 mo 13th 1849

The time for which the Clerk was appointed being expired Thomas Wring was appointed for one year

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are as follows

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1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there is quite a slackness with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Query Nothing appears but that love and unity are maintained amongst friends as becomes brethren when differences arise care has been taken to end them talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided X

3^d Query We believe friends are mostly 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 consistent with our Christian profession al[t]ho deviations in these respects are apparent the scriptures of truth we trust are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Query Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes as far as appears none known to frequent taverns or attend places of diversion X

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9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measureably agreeable to discipline

The Committee to raise the money for making fires and finding wood the past year inform it Complete

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths say they have heard of none for the month past

Joseph Waring } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Richard Southard } with the accounts and report

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 11 of 10th mo 1849

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report that they are forwarded as far as they have been ascertained

George Leer } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting
Moses White} with the accounts and report Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 11^{mo} 8th 1849

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended and forwarded a minute directing the preparatives to raise their proportion of 1000 dollars for the Yearly meetings use and pay it to that meetings Clerk and also to the observance of the minutes and extracts of the yearly meeting agreeable to which one of the extracts was read and Thomas Waring Smith Leavens and Charles G Bowerman [are] appointed to open subscriptions ??? [smudge] same pay it to this meeting Clerk and report

The committee to forward the names of births and deaths report the name of one birth not forwarded

Job Elsworth Archelaus Southard are appointed to raise the sum of five Pounds to defray the expence of making fires sweeping and taking Care of the house and finding wood for the past year also to agree with some person or persons to fill the same offices for the ensuing

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year and report

Joseph Waring and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then adjourned to meet the first 5th day in next month

West Lake preparative Meeting held 12 mo 6th 1849

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to five of them are as follows
1 Query All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness more especially on the middle of the week the hour not so well observed as mo??? ??? [smudge] we know of none who give way to sleeping ??? [smudge} meetings nor any unbecoming behave[our] to remark

1nd Query Love? [smudge] and unity are maintained amongst [us] as as [sic] becomes brethern as far as appears [We] know of no differences amongst us talebearing [and] detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

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4th Query Friends are clear of making use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal as far as appears we know of none who have frequented taverns or attended places of diversion

9th Query Care has been taken in a good degree seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report the name of on birth not yet forwarded

One of the Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year and to agree with some friends to do the same offices the ensuing year reports attention no ready to report they are continued.

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The Committee to raise our proportion of 1000 dollars for the Yearly Meetings use reports it in part raised they ar[e] continued

Was forwarded to this meeting a proposal of Marriage signed Judah H Bowrman and Abigail Elsworth which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

And another signed Vincent Bowerman and Deborah Haight which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

Moses White } are appointed to attend the Monty Meetg

Haveland Hubbs} with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 1 mo 10th 1850

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The committee to forward the names of births and deaths report their all forwarded

The committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year and to agree with some person to fill the same offices the ensuing year report that they have agreed with Lavina Clark to make fires sweep and take care of the House for one year for the

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sum of three Pounds and with Achelaus Southard to find wood for the sum of two pounds for the same time the money for the last year not yet all raised they are continued to report next meeting

The Committee to raise our proportion of one thousand dollars for the use of the yearly meeting report it not all yet raised they are continued to report next meeting

John White } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Job Elsworth} with the account and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 2 mo 14 1850

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers are as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there are some friends not so diligent in attending meetings as is desired the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Query Love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes brethren as far as appears when differences arise due care

Right

is taken to end them talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Query Friends are mostly Careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their Care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel altho deviations are apparent in these respects and we believe they endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consisting with our christion profession the scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends famalies and care is extended in this respects toward others under our tuition

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5th Query We know of none as poor amongst us as to require assistance we believe their Children and all others under our care are in some way to get school learning to fit them for business

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6th Query Two instances of keeping company with and marrying persons not of our society and having their marriage accomplished by a priest we know of no parents to charge with Conniving at their Children keeping company with such nor any that have attended the marriages of those that have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest

7th Query Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as appears

8th Query Some deficient in performing their promises by not paying their just debts seasonably we know of none that have extended their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9th Query Care is taken with offenders in the spirit of meekness but not so seasonably as is desired

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths say they have heard of none for the month previous

One of the Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year reports it not yet

Right

all raised they are continued to report next meeting

The Committee to raise our proportion of the money for the Yearly Meetings use inform it raised

Tho^s Waring} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Moes White } with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 3^{mo} 14th 1850

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended
One of the committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports that he has
heard of none for the month past

One of the Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year report it raised
Smith Leavens } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting
Charles G Bowerman} with the accounts and report
Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 4^{mo} 11th 1850

One of the representatives appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting reports they
attended but not having forwarded the business from said meeting they are Continued to
forward it to

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to our next meeting

One of the committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports that he knows of
none but what are forwarded

Cornlious Bowerman} are appointed to attend the
Job Elsworth } monthly meeting with the accounts and rep
Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 6 mo 9th 1850

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended
The business from the monthly meeting in third month is now produced
Was received from the monthly meeting a minute requesting the preparatives to raise
their proportion of 30-0-0 for the purpose of building a meeting house at Campden

William Mullett and Thomas Waring are appointed to open Subscriptions to raise our
proportion of said sum pay to the Clerk of this meeting and report

One of the committee to forward the names of Births and deaths reports them forwarded
as far as he knows of

Thomas Waring and Job Elsworth are appointed to forward the names of births

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and deaths to the recorder for one year and to report monthly to this meeting

Was forwarded to this meeting by way of the Overseers a complaint against Benjanum A
Hubbs for keeping company with and marrying a person not in membership with us and having
his marriage accomplished by a priest which is directed to the monthly meeting

Also by way of the Overseers against Anthony T White for keeping Company with and
marrying one not a member of the society of friends and having his marriage accomplished by a
priest which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

Richard Southard} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting
George Leer } with the accounts and report
Adjourned to meet the first fifth day in next month

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 6 mo 6th 1850

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended
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2nd Query Love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes brethren except one instance care is generally to end differences seasonably but now in the present case talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Query We believe most Friends do endeavour by example and precept to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

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places of diversion

9th Query Care has been taken in most cases to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to discipline

The Committee to open subscriptions to raise our proportion of Thirty Pounds for building Campden meetinghouse reports its not yet raised they are continued

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

Francis Waring } are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

Haviland Hubbs} with the accounts and report

Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 7 mo 11th 1850

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Committee to raise the money for building Campden meetinghouse reports some further progress they are continued to report at next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of Births and deaths say they know of none but what are forwarded

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Henry Harris} are appointed to attend the monthly meeting
Tho^s Waring} with the accounts and report
Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 8 mo 8th 1850

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting ~~with the accounts a~~ report they attended

The Committee to raise the money for building Campden meetinghouse report it not yet raised they are continued

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

William Mullett and John White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 9 mo 12th 1850

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five are in substance as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended although

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there is a slackness with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Query Love and unity are in a good degree maintained as becomes brethern as far as appears when differences arise care is taken to end them talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

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a show that was in the neighbourhood

9th Query Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to discipline

The Committee to raise the money for building Campden meetinghouse report it not completed they are Continued

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded Richard Southard and Haveland Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Adjourned to meet the first fifth day in next month

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 10^{mo} 3^d 1850

The Clerks time being expired Thomas Waring is appointed for one year

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Committee to raise the money for building Camden meetinghouse reports it not yet raised they are Continued

The Committee to forward the names of births say they are forwarded

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Was forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed Stephen Hubbs and Lidia Bowerman which is directed to the monthly meeting

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a compla[i]nt against James R Wright for neglecting the attendances of meetings and associating himself with th[e] lodge of Good fellows and conforming to their practices

George Lear and Bengeman dunham are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 11^{mo} 14th 1850

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

By a minute recieved from the monthly meeting the preparatives are directed to raise their proportions of 1000 dollars for the use of the yearly meeting also to the observance of the extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting and the London Yearly Meeting Epistle

George Lear and W^m Mullett are appointed to open subscriptions to raise our proportion

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of 1000 dollars for the use of the yearly meetg report to the Clerk of this meeting and report

The Committee to raise the money for building Camden meetinghouse report it not yet Completed they are Continued

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded Vincent Bowerman and Tho^s Waring are appointed to make the alterations in all the Books of discipline belonging to this meeting as directed by the Yearly Meeting and report

Haveland Hubbs and Moses White are appointed to open subscriptions to raise the sum of five Pounds as to defray the expence of finding wood making fires sweeping and taking care

of the house for the year past and to agree with somer persons to do the Same for the ensuing one and report

Tho^s Waring and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 12 mo 5th 1850

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

Right

The Queries Have all read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows

1st All our Meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended altho there is a slackness with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies

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9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

The Committee to raise the Money for the yearly meetings use informs it not completed they are continued to report next meeting

The Committee to raise the money for building Camden meetinghouse reports it not yet raised they are Continued

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

The Committee to make the alterations in the books of discipline inform it not yet done they are continued to report in second month next

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year and to agree with persons for the ensuing year report that they have agreed with Archelaus Southard to find wood for the sum of two Pounds and with Lavina Clark to make fires Sweep and take care of the house for one year for the sum of three pounds

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the money for last year not raised

Was forwarded to the meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against Moses White Junior for keeping company with and marrying one not a member of our society and having his marriage accomplished by a priest also for going out of plainness of speech and apparel

Also by way of the Overseers a complaint against Anthony T White for marrying one not a member and having his marriage accomplished by a Priest also for going out of plainness of speech and apparel

And also by way of th[e] overseers a similar one against Benjamin A Hubbs which are directed to the monthly meeting

Smith Leavens and Archelaus Southard are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

West Lake Preparative meeting held 1 mo 9th 1851

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Committee to raise the mony for the yearly meetings use informs som progress they are Continued

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The Committee to raise the mony for building Camden meetinghouse report are not yet raised they are Continued

The Committee to forward the names of Births and deaths report them forwarded

One of the Committee to raise the mony for making fires the past year reports it not yet raised th[e]y are Continued

Richard Southard John Elsworth and George Lear are appointed to get the pipes of the meetinghouse stoves repaired and bring an account of the expense thereof to next meeting

John White W^m Mullett are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative Meeting held 2^{mo} 13th 1851

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and answered as follows

1 Query All our meetings for religeous worship and discipline are attended altho there is a

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there is a [sic] slackness with some Friends more espescially on the middle of the week the hour is nearly observed not quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark som care taken

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6 Query We know of none to Charge with Company persons not of our society on account
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from us or marriage accomplished by a priest

7th Query Friends are Clear of bearing arms of Complying with military requisitions and of
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8th Query We believe friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their
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becomes our religious profession

9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and
measurably agreeable to discipline

The committee to raise the money for the yearly meeting use informs it not completed
they are continued

The money for building Camden meetinghouse

Right

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year inform it not yet raised
they are continued

The Committee to move the meeting house stoves have done so and forwarded a bill of
expenche to the amount of 2£-4s-8 ½ d which was settled by subscription

The committee to make the alterations in the books of discipline inform it not yet done on
account of a sufficient number of copies not having been sent from the yearly meeting they are
continued to report in eighth month next

No Quarterly Collection

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 3^{mo} 13th 1851

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

One of the Committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings reports it raised and
forwarded

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded

The Committee to raise the money for making fires the past Year informs it not yet
completed they are Continued

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George Lear and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 4 mo 10th 1851

Neither of the representatives being present that were appointed last month they are continued to report next meeting

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

The Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires the past year report it raised and paid over

Joseph Waring and Aaron White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 5th m 13th 1851

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

No account from the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in third month they are continued to report at next meeting

Right

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

Tho^s Waring and Moses White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 6 mo 5th 1851

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in third month last reports they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and five of them answered as follows

1st Query all our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although there is a slackness with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

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4th Query Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes 6 instances of young friends attending places of diversion and some care taken

9th Query Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to discipline but not so seasonably in all cases as is desired

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report they forwarded as far as they have ascertained them

Job Elsworth and Thomas Waring are appointed to forward the names of all births and deaths of of [sic] members within the limits of the preparative meeting to the recorder and

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and report monthly to this meeting

Archelaus Southard and Vincent Bowerman are appointed to get the fences repaired around the Meetinghouse yard and forward a bill of the expence thereof to next meeting

John White and Job Elsworth are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 7^{mo} 10th 1851

No account from the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting they are continued to report to next meeting

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports that that he believes they are all forwarded

One of the Committee to get fences around the meeting house yard reports it not yet done they are Continued

Haviland Hubbs and George Lear are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 8^{mo} 14th 1851

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 6th month report they attended

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

The Committee to get the Fences repaired and the Meeting house yard repaired report it not yet done they are Continued

Came to this Meetig by way of the oversears a Complaint against John Harris which is directed to the monthly meeting

Was forwarded a proposal of marriage Signed George N Holway and Maria A Elleson which is directed to the monthly meeting

Nathaniel Branscomb and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 9 mo 11th 1851

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

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The Queries were all read in this meeting and 5 of them answered as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are although slackness with some friends particularly on the middle of the week the hour nearly observed at the time of gathering yet it is so painful to see friends tarry as long out of doors not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviours to remark some care taken

2nd Query Love and unity are in a good degree maintained amongst friends as becomes brethren we know of no differences amongst us talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Query Some friends are 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 though there many deviations apparent we trust the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and a care is extended towards others there tuition Some Care taken in the above deficiencies

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4 Query We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal we believe they are clear of frequenting taverns some instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken

9 Query Care is taken mostly seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness agreeably to discipline

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded as far as he knows of

The Committee to get the fences repaired about the meeting house report it not yet done they are continued

Was forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed William Hubbs and Mar[g]aret Jane Bowerman which is directed to the monthly meeting

By a minute received from the monthly meeting the preparative are directed to raise their proportions of 1000 dollars ~~pay to the Clerk of this meeting and report~~ for the use of the yearly meeting also to the observance of the London Yearly meeting epistle and the extract of New York yearly meeting also to forward an account of the schools where the children of friends are receiving their education the number of an age Suitable to attend school and whether all

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are in a way to get a sufficient shar of education

Thomas Waring and Archelaus Southard are appointed to raise our proportion of 1000 dollars pay to the Clerk of this meeting and report

Smith Leavens W^m Mullett and Vincent Bowerman are appointed to collect the information with respect to schools requested by the yearly meeting

No Quarterly Collection

Nicholas Lazeir and George N Holway are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 10 mo 2^d 1851

No account from the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting they are continued

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report the name of our birth not forwarded they are continued

One of the Committee to git the fences repaired around the meetinghouse yard reports it not yet done they are Continued

One of the Committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use reports it not yet raised they are Continued

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The Committee to Collect information with respect to schools requested by th[e] yearly meeting report it not yet completed they are continued

Benjamin Dunam and Job Elsworth are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 11^{mo} 13th 1851

The representativs appointed to attend the monthly meeting not having forwarded the business to the monthly meeting they are continued to report to next meeting

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in ninth month reports they attended

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

The Committee to get the Fences repaired around the meetinghouse yard report it not yet completed they are continued

The Committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use report it not yet completed they are Continued

The Committee to collect information with respect to schools requested by the yearly meeting report it

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not yet Completed they are Continued

The Committee to make the alterations in the Books of discipline report it done as far as they know of they are Continued

Job Elsworth and Archelaus Southard are appointed to agree with some persons to find wood make fires sweep and take Care of the meeting house for one year also to raise the sum of five pounds to defray the expence of the Same for the past year and report

Moses White and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 12^{mo} 4th 1851

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 9th mo reports the business now forwarded

The Queries were all read in this meeting and 5 of them answered as follows

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Answer to 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there is quite a slackness in some friends the hour nearly observed not quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Love and unity are maintained as becomes brethern as far as appears we know of no differences amongs us talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Most friends appear Careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel we trust they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession altho there are many deficiencies apparent we believe the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and Care is extend in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th We know of no friends who make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes one instance excepted we know of none

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who frequent taverns four instances of attending a place of diversion Care taken

Care is taken in most cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded

One of the committee to get the fences repard around the meeting house yard reports it not yet done they are continued

The committee to collect information with respect to schools requested by the yearly meeting report it not yet completed they are continued to report in 2nd month next

the Committee to make the alterations in the books of discipline report it completed

No account from the committee appointed to agree with persons to find wood and make fires Sweep and take care of the house for the year to come and raise the Sum of five pounds to defray the expence of the same for the past year they are continued to report next meeting

Judah H Bowerman and Richard Southard are appointed to attend the M Meeting with the accounts and report
Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 1m 8th 1852

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports the name of one death not forwarded

The Committee to get the fences repaired around the meetinghouse reports it done

One of the Committee to agree with persons to find wood and make fires sweep and take Care of the house for the Coming year and to Collect the Sum of five Pounds defray the expence of the same for the past year reports the appointment not answered they are Continued

The Committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use informs it not raised they are Continued

John Gunnew and Benjamin Dunam are appointed to attend the monthly meeting as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 2 mo 12th 1852

The Queries were all read in this meeting and answered as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there is a great slackness with some friends the hour is pretty nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken

2nd Query Love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes brethren as far as appears we know of no differences amongst us talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3rd Query Most friends appear Careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel we trust they do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversations consistent with our christian profession yet there is a great slackness with some

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friends as respects this incumbent duty we trust the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and Care extended in these respects towards others under their tuition

4th Query We believe friends avoid the use of distilled Spirituous liquors excepting for medicinal purposes two instances excepted we know of none who frequent taverns a few instances of attending places of diversion and some care taken

5th Query we know of none so poor amongst us as to require assistance or of any children who are non in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

6th Query We know of none keeping company with persons not of our society on account of marriage no parents known to connive at their Childrens keeping company with such or any attending marriages of those who go out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest except one instance of attending a marriage accomplished by a priest

7th Query We believe friends are clear of bearing

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of complying with military requisitions and of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof

8th Query We know of none who are deficient in performing their promises nd paying their just debts one instance excepted or of any who extend their business beyond their ability to manage to manage [sic] as becomes our religeous profession

9th Query Care is mostly taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

One of the committee to forward the names of births and death reports the name of one birth and one death not forwarded

One of the Committee to agree with persons to make fires and have charge of the meetinghouse also to raise five pounds to defray the expence of the same for the past year reports the appointment not answered they are continued

The Committee to raise the mony for the yearly meetings use reports it not yet raised they are continued.

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One of the Committee to Collect information with respect to schools reports the appointment answered

no Quarterly collection

Adam Hubbs and Vincent Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 3^{mo} 11 1852

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports the name of one birth and one death not yet forwarded

One of the committee to agree with persons to find wood and make fires sweep and take care of the house for the present year and to raise the sum of five Pounds to defray the expence of the same for the past year reports the appointment not answered they are continued

One of the committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use reports it raised Was forwarded to this meeting by way

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of the Overseers a Complaint against John Leavens which is directed to the monthly meeting

Also by way of the overseers one against Truman White which is directed to the monthly meeting

Also by way of the Overseers one against Smith Bowerman which is directed to the monthly meeting

And by way of the Overseers one against William Rorke which is directed to the monthly meeting

Jobe Elsworth and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 4 mo 8th 1852

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

One of the committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded

One of the committee to agree with persons the past year and to raise the sum of five pounds to defray the expence of the Same to find wood and make fires reports that they have agreed with Lavina Clark to make

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feres sweep and take care of the house for one year for the sum of three pounds and with A Southard to find wood for the Sum of Two pounds for one year the mony for the past year is raised and paid over

Richard Southard and George Lear are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 5 mo 13th 1852

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded

Vincent Bowerman and Haviland Hubbs are appointed to open subscriptions to raise the sume of £5 . 5^s to purchase 14 Volumes of there Friends Library and report to next meeting

Moses White and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 6 mo 3^d 1852

The Clerk being absent Joseph Waring was appointed

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for the day

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the usual five answered as follows

1st Query all our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended althog???[off page] there is a slackness with some friends more especially on the middle of the week the hour is pretty generally observed not quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

2nd Query Love and unity are maintained amongst friends as becomes brethern as far as appears where differences hath arisen Care has been taken ot end them. Talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Query We believe most friends are endeavouring to keep themselves their own and other friends Children under their Care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and by

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example and precept to train them up in a religious life and Conversation consistent with our Christian profession We trust the scriptures of truth are read in friends famalies and Care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Query Friends do avoid the use of distilld spiri[t]uous liquors except for medicinal purposes as far as appears one instance excepted and Care taken we know of none that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline but not as seasonably in all cases as would have been best

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports the name of our death forwarded

One of the Committee to raise the sum of five pound five Shillings to purchase 14 folumes [sic] of friends library report progress they are continued

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Richard Southard and Job Elsworth are appointed to attend the M Meetig with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 7^{mo} 8th 1852

No account from the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting they are Continued

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports the name of one death not yet forwarded

The Committee to raise the mony to purchase 14 Volumes of friends library report Some further progress they are continued to report next meeting

Tho^s Waring and George Lear are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 8^m 12th 1852

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

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The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 6th month report they attended

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

One of the Committee to raise the money to purchase 14 Volumes of friends library reports it not yet all raised they are Continued to report next meeting

Job Elsworth and John White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 9^{mo} 9th 1852

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report that one of them attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five are in substance as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended Alltho there is quite a slackness with some friends especially on the middle of the week the hour nearly observed not

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quite Clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some Care taken

2nd Query Love and unity we believe are pretty generally maintained amongst Friends as becomes brethren when differences hath arisen Care has been taken to end them tale bearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3^d Query We believe friends mostly 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 religious life and conversation Consistent with our Christian profession the scriptures of truth we trust are read in friends families and Care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Query As far as appears friends are Clear of using spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes and of attending taverns or places of diversion except a few young friends that went to a show of wild beasts

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9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline but not so seasonably in all Cases as would have been best

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths report them forwarded

One of the Committee to raise the money to purchase 14 Volumes of friends library reports it not yet all raised they are Continued

There was a minute received from the monthly meeting directing the preparatives to raise their proportions of 1000 dollars for the use of the yearly meeting also to the observance of the London epistles and the extracts from the minutes of the yearly meeting agreeable to which this meeting appoints Vincent Bowerman and Job Elsworth to open subscriptions to raise our proportion of the same pay to the Clerk of this meeting and report

George Lear and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

No Quarterly Collection

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 10 mo 10th 1852

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded

One of the Committee to raise the money to purchase 14 Volumes of friends library reports some farther progress they are continued

One of the Committee to open subscriptions to raise our proportion of 1000 dollars for the use of the yearly meeting reports some progress they are continued

Richard Southard and William Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 11th 11th 1852

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

One of the committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded

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The Committee to raise 5[£]-5-0 to purchase 14 Volumes of Friends library report it not yet Completed they are continued to report

One of the Committee to Collect the money for the use of the yearly meeting reports it not yet all raised they are continued to report

George Lear and Smith Leavens are appointed to rise the sum of five Pounds to pay the expence of finding wood and making fires for the past year also to agree with persons to find wood and make fires sweep and take Care of the house for the year to come and report

John White and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts from this and report.

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 12 mo 2nd 1852

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the Answers to the usual five are as follows

1st Query all our Meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there is a

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deficiency with some friends in this respect the hour nearly observed by most friends not all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

2nd Query Love and unity we believe are maintained as becomes brethern when differences hath arisen care hath been taken to end them talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

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4th Query Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituuous liquors except for medicinal purposes as far as appears none known to frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

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9th Query Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to discipline but perhaps not as seasonably in all cases as would have been best

Job Elsworth and Thomas Waring are appointed to forward the names of all births and [sic] deaths of members to the recorder as they occur within the limits of this preparative meeting and report Quarterly this meeting for one Year

One of the Committee to raise the money to purchase the Volumes of Friends library reports it not yet Completed they are Continued

One of the Committee to raise the money for the use of the Yearly meeting reports it not yet all raised they are Continued

The Committee to raise the money for making fires & finding wood the past year and to agree with person to find wood sweep and take Care of the house for the comeing year report that they have agreed with Archelaus Southard to find wood for the sum of two pounds and with David Clark to make fires sweep and take Care of the house for the year to come

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for the sum of three Pounds the mony for the past year not raised

George Lear is appointed to make some repairs necessary about the meeting house and bring a bill of the expence to next meeting

Benjamin Dunam and Amos Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts from this and report

Quarterly Collection Three Shillings and Nine pence

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 1 mo 13th 1853

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

One of the Committee to raise the money to purchase 14 Volumes of Friends library reports it not yet completed They are continued to report

One of the Committee to raise the money for the use of the Yearly Meeting reports it not yet all raised they are continued to report

The Committee to raise the money for finding wood and making fires reports it not yet Completed they are continued to report

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George Lear reports some repairs make about the meetinghouse and some more necessary which he is continued to make and report.

Haveland Hubbs and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 2 mo 10 1853

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and answered as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho there is are some who are quite deficient in this respect the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

2nd Query Love and unity are in a good degree maintained as becomes brethren when differences

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4th Query Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes as far as appears we know of none who attend taverns or places of diversion

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to get school learning to fit them for buiseness as far as we know

6th Query We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage nor any that have attended the marriages of those who have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest

7th Query Clear in the severral parts of this query as far as appears

8th Query We believe Friends are generally Careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts we k[n]ow of none that have launched into business beyond their ability to manage as becoms our religeous profession

9th Query Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeably to discipline

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One of the Committee to purchase 14 Volumes of friends library reports it not all raised they are Continued to report next meeting

One of the Committee to raise the mony for the use of the yearly meeting informs that it is not yet Comple[te]d they are continued to

One of the Committee to raise the mony for finding wood and making fires the past year reports it not raised they are Contd

George Lear reports the repairs nescessary to be made about the meetinghouse not yet done he is continued to make them and report

No Quarterly Collection

Job Elsworth and Stephen Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 3mo 10th 1853

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Committee to raise the money to purchase 14 Volumes of Friends library reports the appointment answered

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One of the Committee to raise the money for the use of the Yearly meeting reports that it is not yet Completed they are Continued

One of the Committee to raise the money for making fires the past year reports the completed appointment answered

George Lear reports the repairs done about the meetinghouse done and that the expence thereof was 7/6 which was raised by subscription

The Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports the name of 1 Births not forwarded

Haveland Hubbs and Charles G Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 4^{mo} 14th 1853

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended
One of the Committee to raise the money for the use of the Yearly Meeting reports the
appointment answered

Samuel T Dorland and Richard Southard are appointed to attend the monthly meeting
with th[e] business from this and report
then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 5 mo 12th 1853

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended
There appears to be 31 Children members within the limits of west Lak[e] Preparative
meeting between the ages of 5 and 16 years 26 of which have attended mixed schools 2 have
attended Friends Boarding school 2 have attended a family school and one ha attended no
school within the past twelve months

Nathaniel Branscomb and Haveland Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly meeting
with the accounts and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 6^{mo} 2^d 1853

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports he attended
The Queries were all read in this meeting and the usual five answered as follows
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3^d Query Friends are mostly Careful to keep themselves their own and other friends
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4th Query Friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal
purposes as far as appears we know of none that attend taverns or places of diversion

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9th Query Care has been taken in most Cases seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and measurably agreeable to discipline

One of the Committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports the name of one death not forwarded

Quarterly Collection 4/3

Daniel Elsworth and John White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 7 mo 14th 1853

The Clerks time having expired Thomas Waring is appointed for one year

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

Henry Harris and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Was forwarded to this meeting a proposal of Marriage Signed Levi V Bowerman and Mary M Haight which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 8 mo 11th 1953

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended and there to as received a number of London Epistles

Richard Southard and George Lear are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report.

then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 9 mo 8th 1853

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports that one of them attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the usual five answers as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended also some friends are not so diligent as would be desired the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes brethern care has been taken to end differences

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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 do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our Christian profession altho deviations in these respects are apparent We believe the scriptures of truth are are read in friends families and care continued in these respects towards others under our tuition

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9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness measurably agreeably to discipline

There was forwarded to this meeting by way of the Overseers a complaint against Charles Leavens which is directed to the monthly meeting

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One of the committee to forward the names of births and deaths reports them forwarded Quarterly collection 7/6

Benjamin Dunam and Nathaniel Branscomb are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 10 mo 18th 1853

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

George Lear and Moses White are appointed to agree with persons to find wood and make fires sweep and take care of the house for one year

also to raise the sum of five Pounds to defray the expense of the same for the year past and report

John White and Cornelious Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 11 mo 10th 1853

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended but not forwarding the business from the monthly they are continued to produce it to next meeting

The committee to agree with persons to make fire wood for the coming year and raise the money for the past year inform not ready to report they are continued

Charles G Bowerman and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 12 mo 1st 1853

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report that one of them attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five are as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho some friends are not so dilligent in the attendance of them, as is desired the hour is nearly observed

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christian profession the scriptures of truth we trust are read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Friends do avoid the use of dested spirituos liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal as far as appears we know of none that have attended in taverns or places of diversion

9th Care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline but not so seasonably in all cases as is desired

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The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 10th month produced a minute from the monthly meeting directing the preparatives to raise their proportion of 1250 dollars for the use of the Yearly meeting and to make the alterations in the book of disc[pline] as directed by the Yearly Meeting also to collect the information with respect to schools as directed by the Yearly Meeting

Charles G Bowerman and Thomas Waring are appointed to raise our proportion of 1250 dollars for the use of the Yearly Meeting and report

Job Elsworth and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to make the alterations in the book of discipline as directed by the Yearly Meeting also to collect the information with respect to schools as desired

Job Elsworth and Amos Hubbs are appointed to forward the names of all births and deaths to the recorder as they occur within the limits of this preparative meeting and report

Quarterly Collection 4/4 ½

Richard Southard and George Lear are appointed to attend the m meeting with the accounts and report Then Adjourned

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The Committee to agree with persons to find wood and make fires report that they have agreed with A Southard to find wood for the sum of 2 Pounds and with Lavin Clark to make fires sweep and take care of the house for one year for the sum of 3 Pounds the money for the past year not raised

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 1 mo 12th 1854

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Committee to raise our proportion of 1250 dollars for the use of the Yearly Meeting report it not all raised they are continued

One of the Committee to make the alterations in the book of discipline and collect the information with respect to schools as desired by the Yearly Meeting report it not attended to they are continued

The Committee to agree with persons to find wood and make fires sweep and take care of the house for the coming year and to raise five pounds to defray the expenses of the same for the past year reports the

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money all paid and Lavina Clark 5/s overpaid which is to apply on the 3£ for her services the coming year

There was forwarded to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against T Sanforth White which is directed to the Monthly Meeting

Archelaus Southard and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report
Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 2 mo 9th 1854

No account from the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in 1st month they are continued

The Queries were all read in this meeting and answered as follows

1st Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended not so constant by all as is desired the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior to remark and some care taken

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2nd Query Love and unity are maintained amongst Friends as becomes brethren as far as appears when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them talebearing and detraction are discouraged and avoided

3rd Query Friends appear mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in a good degree of 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 we believe the scriptures of truth are read in friends families and care is extended towards others under our tuition

4th Query We believe Friends avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes clear of frequenting taverns and attending places of diversion

5th Query The circumstances of the poor have been enquired into and none were found that seemed to require assistance their children and all others under

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our care appear to be in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

6th Query None known to keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage nor any that attend the marriages of those have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest

7th Query Clear in the several parts of this Query as far as appears

8th Query Friends appear careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts none known to extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

9th Query Care is taken seasonably to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

One of the committee to collect information with respect to schools and to make the alterations in the books of discipline reports the appointment not yet answered they are continued

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The committee to raise the money for the use of the Yearly Meeting report it raised No Quarterly collection

Charles G Bowerman and Geo Lear are appointed to attend the Monthly Meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 3 mo 9th 1854

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting in first month report they attended

One of the committee to collect information with respect to schools and to make the alterations in the Books of discipline reports the information forwarded to the monthly meeting and the alterations made in all the books of discipline that they know of

The committee to forward the names of births and deaths report names forwarded

There was forwarded to this meeting by way of the Overseers a request to be joined in membership with friends signed Henry Hubbs which is directed to the monthly meeting

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Archelaus Southard and George Lear are appointed to examine the meeting house stoves and make such repairs as thought necessary and forward the bill of the expenses thereof to next meeting

Thomas Waring and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the Mo Meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 4 mo 13th 1854

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

No account from the committee to inspect and repair the meeting house stoves they are continued

Joseph Waring and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 5 mo 11th 1854

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

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One of the committee appointed to inspect repair the monthly meeting house stoves reports the appointment answered

Charles G Bowerman and Job Elsworth are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 6 mo 1st 1854

One of the representatives appointed the monthly meeting reports they attended

The Queries were all read in this meeting and the usual five answered as follows

1st Query All of our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended altho some friends are not so diligent therein as is desired the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Query Love and unity appear to be pretty generally maintained amongst friends as becomes brethren when differences arise care is taken to end them talebearing and detraction we

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we believe are discouraged and mostly avoided

3rd Query We believe most friends do endeavour by to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession the scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care extended towards others under our tuition

4th Query We know of none that make use of desti[[led] spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes non any that attend taverns or places of diversion

9th Query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness but not so seasonably in all cases as desired

John White and Haviland Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly Meeting with the business from this and report

No Quarterly collection

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 7th mo 13th 1854

The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired Charles G Bowerman is appointed for one year.

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

Judah H Bowerman and George Lear are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned to meet as usual

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 10th of 8th month 1854

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended.

Came to this meeting a complaint against Thomas Baker for having so far disregarded our religious principles as to be in the habit of administering Oaths which was signed by the representatives and directed to the monthly meeting

Vincent Bowerman and Levi Varney were appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 14th of 9th mo. 1854

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended.

The Queries were all read in

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this meeting and the answers to the usual five of them together with the advices.

Received by way of the representatives from the monthly meeting a directive to raise our proportion of fifteen hundred dollars for the yearly meetings use was also directed to the observance of the London Epistles & extracts and to furnish a full report of the number of children of suitable age to attend school and the character of the schools they attend

Levi Varney & William Hubbs were appointed to open subscriptions and collect our proportion of the yearly meeting stock pay the same to the clerk and report to next meeting

Job Ellsworth & Charles G Bowerman are appointed to furnish the report as required by the monthly meeting in respect to schools and report

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against Jonathan Brown for keeping company with and marrying a person not a member and having which is directed to the monthly meeting.

Vincent Bowerman and Nathaniel Branscomb were appointed to make the necessary repairs about the meeting house and yards and produce a bill of the expense and report

John White and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this & report

Then adjourned to meet as heretofore

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 12th of 10th mo 1854

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

One of the committee appointed to raise the money for the yearly meetings use report not all raised they are continued

The committee appointed to furnish the required required report respecting schools not being ready to report are entitled to do so in 2nd mo next

The committee to make repairs about the meeting house report attention and are continued to complete same

Job Ellsworth and Amos Hubbs are appointed to agree with persons to furnish wood make fires sweep & take care of the meeting house

also to raise four pounds fifteen shillings and pay the same to those employed the last year

Stephen Hubbs and Charles G Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative Meeting held 9th of 11th mo 1854

One of the Representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended.

No report from the committee appointed to make repairs about the meeting house not ready to make a full report they

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are continued.

The committee to agree with persons to furnish wood sweep & take care of the meeting house for one year and to raise the money for the past years expenses on the above account report the money not all raised but that they have agreed with Archelaus Southard to furnish wood for the sum of 2 pounds 7 shil. & 6 pence and with Lavinia Clark to sweep and take care of the meeting house for the sum three pounds They are continued.

Charles G Bowerman and Job Ellsworth are appointed to place the stoves near the middle of the rooms so as to make the heat as uniform in all parts of the house as practicable.

Moses White and Richard Southard are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 7th of 12th mo 1854

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended.

The queries were read in this meeting and the answers to the usual five: The advices were also read.

The committee to raise the money for the yearly meetings use reporting not yet completed are continued

The committee to make repairs about the meeting house

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requesting a longer time are continued to report fourth month

The committee to agree with persons to furnish wood and take care of the meeting house for the ensuing year and raise the money for last years expenses reporting the appointment not answered are continued.

The committee to alter the position of the stoves report a change had been made with which the meeting appears satisfied

The committee to forward the names of births and deaths to the recorder not reporting it to be done are continued to attend to it.

Amos Hubbs and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

The answers to the usual five of the ~~Then adjourned~~ queries all read in this meeting are as follows

1st query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended, although some friends are not so diligent in attending them as is desired The hour is pretty generally observed, not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour in them to remark

2nd query Love and unity are maintained among us becomes brethren as far as appears. We know of no differences among us Tale bearing and detraction are discouraged and pretty generally avoided

3 query We believe most friends are careful to keep

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themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavour be example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession. The scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects toward others under out tuition

4th query We know of none that make use of spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that have attended taverns or places of diversion

9th query Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline but not as seasonably in all cases as would have been best

Adjourned as usual

West Lake Preparative meeting held 11th of 1st mo 1855

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended.

One of the committee to raise the money for the yearly meeting reporting no complete are continued.

The committee to agree with persons to furnish wood sweep and take care of the meeting for the present year and to raise and pay the money due those employed last year report the appointment answered

James Sweatman and Stephen Hubbs

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are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 8th of 2nd mo 1855

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The queries were all read in this meeting and the advices together with the answers to the queries which are as follows

Ans 1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended by most friends yet there are some that are very deficient therein The hour pretty generally observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark some care taken

Ans 2nd Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes brethren when differences hath arisen care has been taken to end them Talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided

Ans 3rd We believe friends are mostly careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of dress 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

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profession although deviations in these respects are apparent. The scriptures of truth are we trust frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

Ans 4th We know of none that make use of spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that frequent taverns or that have attended places of diversion

Ans 5th We know of none amongst us so poor as to require assistance their children and all others under our care and in some way to get school learning to fit them for business as far as appears

Ans 6th We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage nor any parents that connive at their children keeping company with such or any that have attended the marriages of those that have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest.

Ans 7th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

Ans 8th We believe friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts. We know of none that have extended their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession

Ans 9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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One of the committee to raise our proportion of the yearly meeting stock and pay the same to the clerk report the appointment answered

We know of none holding post of profit and honor under government nor any distrains for the last year.

Quarterly Collection six and 3 pence

Charles G Bowerman and Stephen White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting as our representatives and report

The adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 8th of 3rd mo 1855

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report the appointment answered

The representatives committee to forward the names of births and deaths not ready to report are continued.

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against Frederic Howe for marrying one not a member which is directed to the monthly meeting

The committee to furnish the required report respecting schools not ready to report are continued

Joseph Waring and Wm Valentine are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 12th of 4th mo 1855

The Representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended.

The committee to furnish the report required by the yearly meeting respecting schools report the appointment answered.

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a request to be joined membership with friends signed James W. Noxon which is directed to the monthly meeting

Levi Varney and Job Ellsworth are appointed to attend the monthly meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 10th of 5th mo 1855

One of the representatives appointed to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The committee appointed to make repairs about the meeting house report them not completed they are continued

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against Samuel Harris which is directed to the mo meeting.

Another against Dorland Leavens which is directed to the mo meeting.

And another against Daniel Young which is also directed to the mo meeting

John White and Archelaus Southard are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report.

Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 7th of 6th mo 1855

The clerk being absent Levi Varney was appointed clerk for the day

The representatives to last mo meeting report they attended

The queries were all read with answers to five of them as follows

1st Ans All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended Although some friends are very negligent in this important duty the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies

2nd Ans Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided.

3rd Ans 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 do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession yet deviations in these respects are apparent the scriptures we believe are pretty generally read amongst us and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Ans We know of none that make use of spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that frequent taverns one instance of two young persons attending a place of diversion and care taken

9th Ans Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Haviland Hubbs and Amos Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Quarterly collection twelve shil. & six pence

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 7 mo 12th 1855

The clerk being absent Thomas Waring is appointed for the day

The representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report the attended

William Valentine and Thomas Waring are appointed to open subscriptions to raise the sum of 2 / 6 / 10^d to defray the expenses of making repairs in and about the meeting house

Samuel T Dorland and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting

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with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 9th of 8th mo 1855

One of the Representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired the meeting appears united in confirming another year

One of the committee appointed to raise the necessary sum for defraying the expense of repairs about the meeting house report some progress and are continued.

Received from the monthly meeting directives to raise our proportion of fifteen hundred dollars for the yearly meetings use and pay this to the clerk also to the observance of the London Epistle and extracts of the yearly meeting and to furnish an account of the children of suitable age to attend schools agreeable to the extracts all which is left for next meetings action

Moses White and Wm. Valentine are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 13th of 9th mo 1855

The Representatives appointed to attend the monthly

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meeting report they attended.

The queries were all read in this meeting with the answers to five of them as follows The advices were also read

1st Ans All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although not so diligently by all as is desired the hour pretty nearly desired not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

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nor any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

Ans 9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The committee appointed reference to repairs about the meeting house report the money raised and paid over

Levi Bowerman & Judah H Bowerman are appointed to collect from friends in proportion of the yearly meeting stock and pay to the monthly meetings clerk and report in first mo next.

Wm. Valentine Job Ellsworth are appointed to furnish an account of the children of suitable age to attend schools agreeable to the extracts to report in first mo next

Quarterly collection fifteen shillings.

Richard Southard and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Adjourned to the 1st fifth day in next month

West Lake Preparative meeting held 4th of 10th mo 1855

One of the representatives appointed to attend the mo meeting report they attended

Nathaniel Branscomb & Vincent Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our

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representatives and report then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 8th of 11 mo 1855

One of the Representatives appointed to attend the mo. meeting report they attended

Judah H. Bowerman and Thomas Waring are appointed to agree with persons to furnish wood make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house for one year

also to open subscriptions to raise the money as required for the past years services as above and pay it to the employed

Came to this meeting proposals of marriage signed James M. Sweatman and Elizabeth S. Bowerman which is directed to the mo. meeting

Charles G, Bowerman and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting held 13th of 12 mo 1855

One of the representatives appointed to attend the mo. meeting report they attended

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The committee appointed to agree with persons to furnish wood make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house also to raise the money for the past years services on the same account report that they have agreed with Johnson Brewer to make fires sweep and take of the meeting house for one year for the sum of three pounds and with Thomas Waring to furnish

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wood for the sum of two pounds seven and sixpence for one year and that the money is mostly raised and paid over they are continued to complete the same

Job Ellsworth and Judah H. Bowerman are appointed for one year to make any repairs about the meeting house and property connected with it that may appear to them necessary and produce a bill of the expense

Quarterly collection eleven and three pence

The Queries and advices were read with the answers to the usual five of the of the queries as follows

1st answer All our meetings for worship and discipline are attended although friends are not so diligent in attending them as is

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James Noxon and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 12th of 1st mo 1856

One of the Representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting report they attended

The committee continued from last month to complete the raising of money for the care of the meeting house furnishing wood &c report their appointment answered.

The committee appointed for that purpose report that our proportion of the yearly meeting stock is now raised being six dollars and four cents

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Received from the monthly meeting notice (as taken from its minutes by Wm. Garrett Clerk) that on all moneys raised for the yearly meetings use Canada pays four per cent. West Lake Quarter 32 per cent West Lake monthly meeting 63 per cent and its preparative 47 per cent

No account from the committee appointed to furnish an account of children as directed they were continued

Judah H. Bowerman and Wm. Hubbs are appointed to attend the monthly

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meeting with the business from this and report

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Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 14th of 2nd mo 1856

The Representatives appointed to attend the mo. meeting report they attended

The queries were read in this meeting with answers as follows the advices were also read

Ans 1st query All our meetings for worship and discipline were attended although some are not so diligent in the attendance of them as is desired the hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

Ans 2nd Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren when differences hath arisen care has been taken to end them. Tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided as far as appears

Ans 3. 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

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do endeavour by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession although there are some derivations apparent

The scriptures of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition.

Ans 4 We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that attend places of diversion or taverns

Ans 5 We know none so poor among us as to require assistance their children and all others under our care appear to be in a way to get school learning to fit them for business as far as appears

Ans 6 One instance of keeping company with and marrying a person not of our society No parents to charge with conniving at their children keeping company with such nor any that have attended the marriages of those who have gone out from us

Ans 7 Friends appear to be clear of

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bearing arms of complying with military requisitions or of paying any fine or tax in lieu thereof

Ans 8 We believe friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts We know of none that have extended their business beyond their ability to manage their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes ~~ability~~ our religious profession when any have given grounds for fear on those accounts they have been labored with for their preservation and recovery

Ans 9 Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

Came to this meeting by way of the Overseers a request to be joined in membership with friends signed Joseph Baker which is directed to the monthly meeting

The committee to furnish an account of children of suitable age to attend schools and the character of the schools they attend report – 16 attend mixed schools four friends schools and two attend no school at present

No posts of profit and honor held under government nor any restraints during the past year

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Quarterly collection 7 & 6

Wm. Valentine and Charles G Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting as our representatives and report
Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 13th of 3rd mo '56

The representatives appointed to attend the mo. meeting report but one attended & the other prevented by sickness

Received from the mo. meeting directions to raise our proportion of 36 dollars being to assist in repairs about Haldimand meeting house and to defray the expense for deed for Camden meeting house grounds

Charles G. Bowerman & James Noxon are appointed to collect said proportion and pay to this meetings Clerk also the sum of five dollars and pay to Johnson Brewer for making fires.

Joseph Waring and Cornelius Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 10th of 4th mo 1856

The representatives appointed to attend the mo. meeting report they attended.
Came to this meeting by way

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of the overseers an acknowledgement for past offences and a request to be again received in membership signed Zeciriah Haight which is directed to the monthly meeting

The committee appointed to raise our proportion of money called for by the monthly meeting and a further sum for Johnson Brewer reporting some progress are continued.

Wm. Valentine and Job Ellsworth are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from here and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 8th of 5th mo 56

The representatives appointed to attend the mo meeting report they attended

One of the committee appointed to raise our proportion of money required by the Mo. meeting for Haldimand Preparative and five dollars for fires report – the money raised and that for fires paid over. The remainder is directed to be forwarded

John White and Judah H. Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 6 mo 5th 1856

The clerk being absent Wm. Valentine is appointed for the day

The representatives report they attended.

The queries were read in this meeting with the answers to the usual five which are as follows

Ans 1st Friends are generally careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although there is a deficiency in this respect with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Love and unity are measurably maintained amongst us as becomes brethren We know of no differences at present amongst us talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided as far as appears

3rd Friends are generally careful to keep themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour and apparel and do endeavor by example and precept to train them up in a religious life and conversation consistent with our christian profession The scriptures

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of truth we believe are frequently read in friends families and due care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th We know of no friends making use distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal nor of any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline though not always so seasonable as could be desired

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a complaint against David Southard which is directed to mo. meeting.

The money for Haldimand meeting house has been forwarded as directed
[Frederick Haldimand Governor of Canada 1778 – 1786?]

Quarterly collection 6^s and 3 pence

The committee on the subject of births and deaths not having made any report are directed to report next quarter.

Samuel I Dorland and Joseph Baker are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Adjourned as usual

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West Lake preparative meeting held 10th of 7th mo '56

The representatives report they attended

Came to this meeting by way of the Overseers a request signed Robert H Saylor which is directed to the mo meeting

Henry Hubbs and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from this and report
then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 14th of 8th mo 56

Representatives report they attended

Received direction from the mo. meeting to raise our proportion of 1500 dollars for the yearly meetings use

Also the information that the quote for West Lake quarter is now two per cent.

Received by way of the Overseers a request for the reception into membership of the two minor children of Mary Jane Noxon which is directed to the mo. meeting

Came to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Arthur S Ellsworth and Abigail Terrill which is directed to the mo meeting.

Judah H Bowerman and Haviland Hubbs are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 11th of 9th mo 1856

The time for which the clerk was appointed having expired Charles G Bowerman is appointed for one year

The representatives report they attended

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The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to five of them as follows
Ans to 1st Query Most friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although a slackness in some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark.

2nd query Love and unity are maintained amongst us as becomes brethren no differences that we know of talebearing and detraction discouraged and avoided as far as appears

3rd query Most friends are careful to ??? [smudge] themselves their own and other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour

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and apparel although there is a great deficiency in this respect 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 extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th query Friends we believe avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal and are clear of frequenting taverns and places of diversions.

9th query Care has not been taken to deal with offenders as seasonably as could be desired

The advices were also read

Quarterly collection six and three pence

Thomas Waring and John White are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

Right

West Lake Preparative meeting held 2nd of 10th mo '56

One of the Representatives report they attended the mo. meeting.

The committee on the subjects of births and deaths report two births one death not forwarded they are continued to report as usual.

Levi Bowerman and Judah H. Bowerman are appointed to agree with persons to furnish wood make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house and yard for one year also to raise the money required for the like services the past year and pay it to those employed.

They are also appointed to raise our proportion of the yearly meetings stock and pay it to this meetings clerk

Vincent Bowerman and Richard Southard are appointed to attend the monthly meeting as our Representatives and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 13th of 11th mo 56

The representatives attended the mo. meeting

Levi Bowerman and Judah H. Bowerman report attention to their appointment and that they have

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agreed with Francis Waring to furnish wood for the sum of 9 ½ dollars they are continued [left margin gloss] making fires

George Lear and Johnson Brewer were appointed to attend the mo. meeting as our representatives and report

Vincent Bowerman was added to the committee on repairs Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 11th of 12th mo 1856

The representatives report they attended

The queries have been read in this meeting with the answers to the usual five as follows the advices were also read

Ans to first Query All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended though not as diligently by all as is desired the hour is nearly preserved not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies.

2nd ans Love and unity appear to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren when differences hath arisen care has been taken to end them Talebearing and detraction are discouraged and mostly avoided

3rd Ans We believe most

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friends are careful to keep 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 We believe the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our care

[4]th Ans We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for purposes strictly medicinal nor any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

Ans to the 9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline.

Quarterly collection 2^s and 6^d

Cornelius Bowerman and Job Ellsworth are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from this and report

Levi Bowerman and Judah H Bowerman report they have agreed with Cornelius Bowerman Jun. to make fires sweep and take

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care of meeting house and yard for the sum of 13 £ the remainder of the year The committee are continued to complete the raising of the money for the past years services.

Wm. Valentine and Cornelius Bowerman are appointed to agree with Cornelius Bowerman Jun. for the rent of the house and lot he occupies and report

The committee on repairs report some attention and produced a bill for lumber and work to the amount of £ 4 : 10^s 8^d They are continued to complete what repairs are needed at present

Wm Valentine and George Levi are appointed to raise the sum of £ 4. 10^s. 8^d and pay to the committee on repairs also one dollar and pay to Amos Bowerman for making fires.

The Committee on births and deaths report all forwarded except one they are continued to report as usual

Came to this meeting proposals of marriage signed Philip W Brewer and Phebe Jane Ellsworth which were directed to the Mo. meeting

Adjourned as usual

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West Lake Preparative Meeting held 1 mo 8th 1857

The Clerk being absent Thomas Waring is appointed for the day

One of the representatives appointed to attend the monthly meeting reports they attended

No account from the committee to raise the money for repairs on the meeting house and making fires they are continued No account from the committee to raise the money to defray expenses for furnishing wood and making fires the past year they are continued

One of the committee to settle with Cornelius Bowerman for the rent of the house and Lot he occupies says it has not been attended to they are continued

There was forwarded to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed Archelaus L Hubbs and Lydia L Bowerman which is directed to the monthly meeting

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Richard Southard and Moses White are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 12th of 2nd mo 1857

One of the Representatives report they attended

Came to the meeting a request to be joined in membership signed Reuben Burlingham which is directed to the mo meeting

also a request from Robert H Saylor and Catherine his wife for reception into membership of their two minor children Samuel and David Southard which is directed to the monthly meeting

The committee to raise money for repairs and making fires report attention they are continued

Levi Bowerman and Judah H. Bowerman report their appointment answered and our proportion of the Yearly meeting money raised and forwarded

The Comm. on Cornelius Bowerman Jun's case not ready to make a full report are continued

The queries have been read and

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answered in this meeting as follows the advices were also read

1st query Ans All our meetings for worship and discipline have been attended although some are not so diligent therein as is desired especially in the middle of the week. The hour is nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark & some care taken

2nd Ans Love and unity appears to be maintained us as becomes brethren except one instance which is under care Tale bearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided as far as appears

3rd Ans 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 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 The scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families we believe and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4th Ans We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous except for medicinal purposes nor any that attend taverns or

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places of diversion one instance excepted and some care taken

5th Ans. We know of none so poor among us as to require assistance their children are all there under our care appear to be in a way to get school learning.

6th Ans We know of none who keep company with persons not of our society on account of marriage nor any parents that connive at their children keeping company with such or any that have attended the meetings of those who have gone out from us or marriage accomplished by a priest.

7th Ans clear in the most parts of the query as far as appears

8th Ans We believe friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts We know of none that have extended their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession. When any have given grounds for fear in those accounts they have been labored with for their preservation and recovery

9th Ans Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline though not so seasonable in all cases as might have been best

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There have been no distrains for the past year nor any that have accepted any posts of profit and honor under government

Quarterly collection ten shill.

Joseph Baker and Robert H Saylor are appointed to attend the mo. meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 3/12 '57

One of the Representatives appointed to attend the Mo. meeting report they attended

The committee the committee to raise money for repairs report the appointment answered

The committee in Cornelius Bowerman Jun's case report attention they are continued

Thomas Waring and Stephen White are appointed to attend the mo. meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting held 9/4th mo '57

The clerk being out of health it was thought best to replace him Judah H Bowerman is appointed for the day.

Amos Hubbs and Wm Valentine are appointed to bring forward names to serve as clerk.

The representatives report they attended

The committee in Cornelius Bowerman Jun's case report the appointment answered

Johnson Brewer and Joseph Baker are appointed to attend the mo. meeting as our representatives and report to our meeting

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 5th mo 14th 1857

The committy appointed to bring forward names to serve as Clerk proposed Levi V Bowerman which was united with and he appointed for that service for one year

One of the representatives report they attended Nicholas Lazier and Robert Sailor [Saylor] are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with

Right

the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 6th mo 4th 1857

One of the representatives to attend the monthly meeting report he did not attend, no account from the other he is continued to report at the next meeting.

The Queries were all read in this meeting with the advices and the answers to five of them were in substance as follows

1st ans All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended but not so diligently by all our members as is desired the hour appears to be nearly observed, not all clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken in the above deficiencies

2 ans Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren were differences have arisen care has been taken to end them, Talebearing and detraction is discouraged and avoided

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as far as appears

3 ans We believe friends are mostly 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 consistent with our christian profession, although there are deviations amongst us in these respects We trust the Scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under our care

4th We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes There are two young friends in the habit of attending taverns and places of diversion and some care taken in their cases

9th We believe care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

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Levi Varney and James Noxon are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Quarterly collection eight and nine pence Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting held 6th mo 9th 57

One of the representatives to attend the monthly meeting in fifth month not yet reporting he is continued

Heavalin Hubbs and Levi V Bowerman are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

[No indication of a meeting in the 7th Month]

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 8th mo 13th 57

One of the representatives to attend the monthly meeting report they attended and produce the following minute

Was received from the Monthly meeting a minute directing the preparative to the observance of the Yearly meeting's

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Extract in regard to Schools also raise their Quotas of \$ 1750 for the Yearly meetings use and pay it to the meetings clerk by 2nd mo next

One of the representatives to attend the meeting in fifth mo not yet reporting he is continued

Cornelius Bowerman and Vincent Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo. meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned.

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 9 mo 10, 57

one of the representatives to attend the monthly meeting in 5th month rpts he attended

The queries were all read in this meeting together with the advices and the answers to the usual five are as follows

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2 Love and unity appears to be maintained as becomes breatheren when differences hath arisen care has been taken to end them Talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided

3 Friends appear to be mostly careful to keep themselves their own & other friends children under their care in plainness of speech behaviour 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 we trust are frequently read in friends families and care is extended in these respects towards others under care

4 We believe Friends do avoid the use of destiled spiritous liquors except for

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medicinal purposes we know of none that frequent taverns or that have attended places of diversion

9 Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline

Quarterly collection 11/3

One of the committee on births and deaths report they know of none not forwarded

Levi Bowerman and Archelaus Southard are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 10th mo 1st 1857

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

Came to this meeting by way of the Overseers a request to be joined in membership with Friends signed John Kingston and also for his two minor children William and Joseph John which was directed to the mo meeting

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Moses White & Charles G Bowerman are appointed ~~as our representatives~~ to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 11th mo 12th 1857

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

Came to this meeting by way of the overseers a request to be joined in membership with Friends signed Platt Hyatt which was directed to the mo meeting

Job Elsworth and W^m Valentine are appointed to agree with some persons to furnish wood make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house and yard for the ensuing year as the time for those for the past year have expired.

Thomas Waring & Charles G Bowerman are appointed to collect the sum of \$22 ½ for finding wood making fires and sweeping and taking care of the meeting house the past year also

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to collect the money for the yearly meetings use

Daniel Derbyshire & Archelaus Hubbs are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from here and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 12th mo 10th 1857

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The queries have been read in this with the answers as follows also the advices

1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended although some are not so diligent especialy in the middle of the week as is desired, the hour pretty nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

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Ans 3rd We believe most 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 religious life and conversation consistant with our christian profession we trust the scriptures of truth are frequently read in friends families and care is taken in these respects toward others under our tuition

Ans 4 We believe friends do avoid the use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal purposes We know of none that frequent taverns or have attended a place of diversion.

Ans 9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline but perhaps not quite as seasonably as mite have been best

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The committee to engage someone to find wood, make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house report they have agreed with Thomas Waring to find wood for the sum of \$12 and with Johnson Brewer to make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house and yard for the sum of \$16 for one year.

The committee to raise the money for getting wood making fires and for the yearly meetings use report some progress but not completed they are continued

Quarterly collection five shillings

Levi Varney and Levi Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 1st m 14th 1858

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

Right

The committee to raise the money for getting wood making fires sweeping and taking care of the meeting house and for the Yearly meetings use not quite ready to report they are continued

William Hubbs and Nicolas Lazier are appointed to attend the monthly meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 11th 1858

No account from the representatives to attend the mo meeting they are continued

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers as follows also the advices.

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4th We know of none that make use of distilled spiritous liquors except for medicinal purposes nor any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

Right

5th We know of none amongst us so poor as to require assistance their children and all others under our care are in a some way to get school learning to fit them for business

6th One instance of keeping company with & marrying a person not of our society and some care taken, no parents known to connive at their childrens keeping company with such nor any that have attended the marriage of them that have gone out from us or marriages accomplished by a priest

7th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

8th We believe Friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts we know of none that have extended their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession and those that have given occasion for fear on these accounts have been laboured with for their preservation and recovery

9th care has been taken most seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the

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Spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

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The committee to raise the money for making fires sweeping and taking care of the meeting house and for the yearly meetings use report the money raised and forwarded. A minute was received requiring us from the mo meeting directing us to raise our proportion of \$90 to assist in paying for Cold Creek meeting house

Levi Bowerman and Georg[e] G Lear are appointed to collect \$28,43 it being our proportion

Vincent Bowerman and Moses White are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Quarterly collection \$1

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 11th 1858

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The representatives to attend the mo meeting in first mo not yet reporting

Right

they are continued

The committee to raise the money for Cold Creek Meeting House report some progress they are continued

This meeting taking into consideration the necessity of repairing the meeting house appoints Amos Hubbs Archelaus Southard Johnson Brewer & William Valentine to take on consideration of what repairs are necessary and the cost thereof and report

Joseph Baker and Thomas Waring are appointed to attend the mo meeting and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative of Friends held 4th mo 8th 1858

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting in 1st mo reports he did not attend no account from the other he is continued to report

The committee to raise the money for Cold Creek meeting house not yet ready to report they are continued

The committee appointed to examine the meeting

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House to see what repairs are necessary and the cost thereof produced the following report which was accepted by the meeting with the addition of a veranda on the west end, To cover the house with new pine shingles and new clap board on the two ends also, the front of the house to be new sided also to put an open veranda all along the front ten feet wide the floor to project far enough to form a platform for getting into waggons

The front of the house over the veranda to be clap boarded new, under the veranda to be claded with inch boards and to mend the floor where necessary also to make new doors for the front of the house

The expense will be as follows

2500 ft clapboards		25 0 0
20 Do Shingles	\$3	60 0 0
2 inch plank		15 0 0
Timber		15 0 0
Inch boards		10 0 0
Nails spikes &c		20 0 0

Contingencies 20 0 0

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Carpenter work \$85 00
Total \$250 00

Signed on behalf of the committee W. Valentine

Amos Hubbs Vincent Bowerman and Cornelius Bowerman

are appointed to open subscriptions and proceed in getting the materials together and oversee the repairing of the meeting house according to the plan prepared and report

Came to the meeting by way of the Overseers a complaint against Daniel Derbyshire whis was as follows which is directed to the mo meeting

To the Mo meeting

Dear friends We have to complain of Daniel Derbyshire Jun for keeping company with and marrying a person not ef in membership with us also for conducting himself in such away as to bring reproach upon society, Signed by overseers ~

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Richard Southard and James W Noxen are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned ~

West Lake Preparative meeting held 5th mo 13th 58

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting in 1st mo report they attended

The committee to raise the money for Cold Creek meeting house report not yet completed they are continued.

The committee to oversee the repairing of the meeting report they wish to report in 8th mo next

As the time for which the clerk was apointed has expired Judah H Bowerman and Cornelius Bowerman are appointed to bring forward a name at the next meeting to serve Andrew Lamby was annexed to the

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committee for repairing the meeting house

Job Ellsworth and Archelaus Hubbs are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 6th mo 3rd 58

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to bring forward a name to serve as clerk proposed Levi V Bowermans name which was united with and he appointed to that service for one year

The queries have all been read in this meeting with the answers as follows also the advices

Ans to the 1 All our meetings for religious worship and dicipline are attended although not as diligently by all as is desired expecially on the midle of the of the week the hour nearly observed, not quite clear of sleeping, no other unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken

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families and care is extended toward others under our tuition

4th We know of none that make use of distilled spirituous liquors except for medicinal
purposes nor any that frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9th Care has been taken to deal with offenders in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to
discipline ~

Right

The committee to raise the money for Cold Creek meeting house report it all raised and
forwarded.

No quarterly collection.

Joseph Baker and Finaeis?[Thomas?] Warring are appointed to attend the mo meeting
with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 7th mo 8th 58

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to forward the births and deaths report them forwarded except one birth

Amos Hubbs and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the
business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 8th mo 12th 58

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to oversee the repairing

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of the meeting house report it not yet completed they are continued

W^m Valentine and Samuel Cornell are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the
business from this and report then adjourned ~

West Lake Preparative meeting of friends held 9th mo 9th 58

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The queries and advices have all been read in this meeting with the answers as follows
1st All our meetings for religious worship and discipline are attended but not so diligently by all
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unbecoming behaviour to remark and some care taken.

2nd Love and unity appears to be maintained amongst us as becomes brethren When
differences have arisen care has been taken to end them Talebearing and detraction is
discouraged and mostly avoided ~

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3rd We believe friends do endeavour to be careful to keep themselves their and other friends
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The committee to make the repairs on the meeting house produce the following report which was accepted and they are continued to finish the job

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We your committee appointed to superintend the Repairs of the meeting house report the Repairs are made with the exceptions of some small repairs to the Eve-trough and a little plastering. The cost of the materials and work done is \$311.00

Amount received and paid out

\$137.6

Leaving a balance due of

\$ 173.94

There is also left of materials one thousand shingles and three or four hundred feet of boards and planks ~

Signed by order of committee by Cornelius Bowerman Alexander Derbyshire and George G Lear are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report

No quarterly collection.

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 10th mo 14 1858

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to finish the repairs on the meeting house and raise the money report some progress they are continued

Samuel Cornell and Wm.

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Valentine are appointed to agree with some person to find wood, make fires sweep & take care of the meeting house an yard for one year, also to raise the sum of \$28-00 and pay to those for the last years service

Thomas Warring and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 11th mo 11th 1858

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended and produced some extracts from the yearly meeting ~

The committee to finish the repairs on the meeting house report the repairs completed and some progress in raising the money. they are continued.

The committee to agree with some one to find wood and make fires &c report they have agreed with Andrew Lamby to make fires, sweep and take care of the meeting house and yard for one year

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for sixteen dollars Also with Thomas Warring to find wood for ten dollars, the money not yet raised they are continued

Levi V Bowerman and Judah H Bowerman were appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report ~

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 12th mo 9th 1858

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report that one of them attended and produced the following minute

The preparatives are directed to raise their respective quotoes of \$ 1600 for the yearly meetings use and pay to the clerk of this meeting in second mo next

The queries with the advices have all been read in this meeting with the answers to follows the usual five were as follows

1st Friends are generally careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although there are some exceptions to this important duty The hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Love and unity are pretty generally

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maintained as becomes brethren when differences have arisen care has been taken to end them tale bearing and detraction we believe are discouraged and mostly avoided as far as appears

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The committee to complete the repairs on the meeting report the money not yet all raised

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raised they are continued.

The committee to collect the money for the last years services in finding wood and making fires report the money all subscribed and paid over.

Came to this meeting a complaint against Stephen White for marrying one not a member of our society Signed by the overseers which was directed to the mo meeting ~

Job Elsworth & Alexander Derbyshire are appointed to collect \$9.47^{cts} it being one proportion of the yearly meetings Quotoa and pay it this meetings clerk in 2nd mo

Quarterly collection 8 71/2 ^{cts}

Robert Sailor [Saylor] & Thomas Warring are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 1st mo 13th 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to make the repairs on the meeting house report the money not yet raised they are continued

Judah H Bowerman and Joseph Baker

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are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report
Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 10th 1859

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended and produced a number of the London Epistals

The queries and advices with the answers as follows have all been read in this meeting
1st query Most Friends we believe are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although a great slackness prevails with some not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us as becomes brethren when differences arise care has been taken to end them. talebearing and detraction avoided and discouraged as far as appears

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4th We know of none who make use of distilled spiritous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal nor any who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion ~

5th We know of none who appear likely to require assistance at present all children under our care are in a way to get school learning to fit them for business

6th We know of none who kee[p] company with persons not of our society on account of marriage nor of any parrients who connive at their children keping company with such nor any who attend the marriages of those who go out from us or

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marriages accomplished by a priest

7th We believe friends are clear of bearing arms of complying with military regulations of paying and fine or tax in lieu thereof

8th Friends are generally careful to perform their promises and pay their just debts but some not so seasonable as is desired We know of none who extend their business beyond their ability to manage as becomes our religious profession nor any who give occasion for fear on these occasions

9th We believe care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to our discipline but not so seasonable as would have been desired

No Post of profit or honour held under Government nor any restraints during the last year.

The committee to make repairs on the meeting report the money not yet all raised they are continued

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The committee to collect the money for the yearly meetings use report the money all raised and paid over ~

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The committee on births and deaths report them all forwarded, the meeting released Amos Hubbs from the committee and appointed Stephen White in his stead.

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Stephen White appointed on the committee of births and deaths

The meeting reports 33 children of a suitable age to attend school. 1 attending Friends Boarding School & 32 attending District school apart or the most of the year.

No quarterly collection

James Noxon & Vincent Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 10th 59

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to make repairs on the meeting house report some progress in raising the money but not yet completed they are continued

Came to this meeting by way of

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the Overseers a complaint against Caleb Murphy which was directed to the mo meeting

Hallowell 3rd mo 3rd 1859

We have to complain of Caleb Murphy for having his marriage accomplished contrary to the order among friends Also for not living with his wife ~

The committee appointed in 11th mo 1856 on repairs of the meeting house produced the following bill of expense

Due to George G Lear for furnishing lumber and making seats for the house \$3,00.

Due Johnson Brewer for furnishing lock and staple hasp for gate hook & hinges on door under shed. \$1,00 = 4,00

Stephen White & Levi V Bowerman are appointed to collect it and pay it to the committee

Johnson Brewer & Archelas Hubbs are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then adjourned

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West Lake preparative of Friends held 4th mo 14th 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

One of the committee to make repairs on the meeting house report no further progress in raising the money, they are continued

The committee to raise the money for the benches other little repairs report it all not raised they are continued.

Johnson Brewer & Charles G Bowerman are appointed to bring forward a name to serve as clerk for the ensuing year

Stephen White & Vincent Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 5th mo 12th 59

The representatives to attend mo meeting report they attended.

The committee to bring forward a name to serve as clerk for the ensuing year proposed Levi V Bowermans name

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which was deferred until the next meeting.

The committee to make repairs on the meeting house report no farther progress in raising the money. they are continued

The committee to raise the money for the benches and other repairs report it not all raised they are continued

John White and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 6th mo 2nd 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to bring forward a name to serve as clerk not ready to report they are continued

The queries and advises have all been read in this meeting with the answers to the usual 5 as follows

1 answer Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline

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altho there is quite a slackness in this respect with some friends the hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behavior to remark

2^d Love and unity are generally maintained amongst us as becomes brethren one instance excepted which is under care Talebearing and detraction is discouraged and mostly avoided as far as appears

3 Friends are generally careful to keep themselves their own and other friends 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 we trust are frequently read in friends families and care extended in these respects towards others under our tuition

4 We know of none who make use of dested spiritous liquors excepting for purposes Strictly medicinal nor any who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9th Care is taken to deal with offenders we

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trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline but not so seasonably in all cases as would be desireably

The committee to make repairs on the meeting house report it not quite all paid yet they are continued.

The committee to raise the money for the benches and other repairs report the money all raised

Alexander Derbyshire and Joseph Baker are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

no quarterly collection The adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 7th mo 14th 1859

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The committee to bring forward a name to serve as clerk proposed Levi V Bowermans name which was united with and he appointed to that service for a year

The committee to make repairs

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on the meeting house report it not yet all paid they are continued.

John White and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 8th mo 11th 1859

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to make repairs on the meeting house report it not yet all paid for, they are continued

Joseph Baker and Moses White are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives & report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 9th mo 8th 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report he attended but not producing the business they are continued

The queries and advices have all been read in this meeting with the

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answers to the usual five as follows

1st Most friends appear careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although there appears to be a slackness on the part of some friends in this important duty. The hour nearly observed not quite clear of sleeping no other unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Love and unity appear to be pretty generally maintained amongst us as becomes brethren excepted which is under care. when differences have arisen endeavours have been used to end them Talebearing and detraction are discouraged and avoided as far as appears ~

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4th We know of no friends w[h]o make use of distilled spiritous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal nor and who frequent taverns or other places of diversion

9th care has been taken seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline ~

The committee to collect the money for repairs on the meeting house report some progress though not completed they are continued ~

Came to this meeting a proposal of marriage signed

John Terrill and Jane H Southard which was directed to the mo meeting ~

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No quarterly collection

One of the committee on births and deaths report he knows of none since the last report.

Judah H Bowerman & Nicolas Lazier are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 10th mo 13 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

One of the representatives of last mo produced the extract from the minutes of the yearly meeting. also a minute directing us to raise our proportion of \$17,00 for the yearly meetings use and the observance of the extract respecting schools.

W^m Valentine and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to get the necessary information according to the extracts respecting the number of children attend school and report in 2nd mo next

The committee to see to the repairs

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done on the meeting house produced a report that it is completed which was received by the meeting

Came to this meeting a complaint against Adam Hubbs for marrying a person not a member of our society which is directed to the mo meeting

Job Elsworth and Johnson Brewer are appointed to agree with some person to find wood make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house and yard for one year

Charles G Bowerman and Francis Warring are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 11th mo 10th 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended and returned a minute directing us to raise our proportion of \$20. for the Quarterly meetings use and pay to that meetings clerk.

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Amount of money for the different meetings

William Hubbs Judah H Bowerman and Levi V Bowerman are appointed to collect the different sums of \$10.6 for the yearly meeting \$6.00 for the quarterly meeting \$10 for wood and \$16.00 for making fires and additional services. making in all \$42.06 and pay to the clerk of this meeting.

The Committee to agree with some persons to find wood and make fires &c not ready to report, they are continued

William Hubbs and Levi V Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report. Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 12th mo 8th 1859

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The queries and advices have all been read in this meeting with the answers to six of them as directed.

1st Friends are careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline although a great slackness prevails in this important

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duty especially in the middle of the week the hour nearly observed no unbecoming behaviour to remark

2nd Friends are pretty generally preserved in love one towards another although on some cases it is not maintained as it should be amongst us, when differences arise care is extended to end them Friends are generally careful to avoid and discourage talebearing and detraction.

3rd Friends we believe generally endeavour to train up their children and those of other friends under their care in the principles of the Christian religion as professed by us and in the plainness and simplicity of dress language & deportment which it enjoins And appear to be good examples in these respects themselves and we trust they endeavour to guard their children and all others under their care against corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books.

4th some friends we believe make a practice of reading the Holy Scriptures

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in their families collectively but we fear it is not so general as could be wished

5th We know of no families who make use of distilled spiritous liquors excepting for purposes strictly medicinal nor any who frequent taverns or attend places of diversion

9th Care is taken to deal with offenders seasonably we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to our discipline ~

The committee to raise the sum of \$42.06 for the meetings use report some progress and paid Andrew Lamby \$16.00 for which he produced his receipt.

The committee to agree with some person to find wood and make fires report they have agreed with Sarah Elis McFaul to make fires sweep and take care of the meeting house and yard for \$15.00 and Archelaus Southard to find wood for \$10.00 for one year.

Our proportion of the \$20,00 for the mo meeting is not yet raised

The committee on births and deaths report them all forwarded.

No quarterly collection

James Noxon and Stephen B Hubbs are

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appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then adjourned ~

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 1st mo 12th 1860

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to raise the money for the meetings use report it not all raised they are continued

John Kingston and George Lear are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 2nd mo 9th 1860

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended and produced a number of copies of the London Epistles from the yearly meeting

The Queries and their answers have all been read in this meeting with their answers as follows The advices

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have also been read.

1st We believe Friends are generally careful to attend all our meetings for religious worship and discipline, although not so diligently by all as is desired. One instance of unbecoming behaviour which is under care

2nd We believe Friends are preserved in love and unity one towards another one instance excepted which is under care When differences have arisen care has been taken to end them Talebearing and detraction is discouraged but not so fully avoided as would be best.

3rd We believe most friends do endeavour to train up their children and those of other friends under their care in the principles of the christian religion as professed by us and in the plainness and simplicity of dress, language and deportment which it enjoins. We believe they do endeavour to be good examples in these respects themselves and do guard their children and all others under their care against the corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books

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4th We believe the greater part of friends do read the scriptures in their families in a collective capacity ~

5th Friends do avoid the use of distilled spiritous liquors except for ~~principles~~ medicinal purposes strictly medicinal and clear of frequenting taverns or attending places of diversion as far as appears except in one instance which is under care

6th We know of none so poor amongst us as to require assistance, their children and all others under our care appear to be receiving education to fit them for the ordinary duties of life ~

7th Friends appear to be clear of complying with military requisitions or paying any fines or tax instead thereof

8th We believe friends aim to be just in their dealings and punctual in fulfilling their engagements and we trust they are careful to conduct their business as becomes our religious profession and none known to give and fear on these accounts ~

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9th Care has been taken to seasonably to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeably to discipline.

One of the committee to collect the money for the yearly meetings use is raised and forwarded it being \$10.6 the money for the Qr meeting and for ? ? wood not yet raised they are continued

Came to this meeting a complaint against Dorland Leavens which was directed to the mo meeting

Came to this meeting a complaint against David Young which was directed to the mo meeting ~

The number of children of a suitable age to attend School are 28 those attending District Schools are 21 attend 2 attending the boarding School. 4 attending a school under the care of a friend and 1 attending no school and 2 first-day Schools

Robert Saylor and Judah H Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report.

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We know of none holding a post of profit or honer undr Government or any military restraints for the past year ~

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 3rd mo 8th 1860

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended and fulfilled their appointment.

The committee to raise the money for the different meetings report no further progress they are continued.

Came to this by way of the overseers a request to be joined in membership with friends signed Amos G Bowerman and also a request two others signed by Bennet Bowerman and Daniel M Bowerman which is directed to the mo meeting.

Anthony Haight and Robert Sailor are appointed to open subscriptions to raise the sum of \$6,25 to defray the expences of meetings held at Picton by ministering Friends and pay it to this meetings clerk.

Stephen B Hubbs and Daniel Derbyshire are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives

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with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 4th mo 12th 1860

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The committee to raise the money to defray the expences of meeting held at Picton report it not all raised they are continued.

The committee to raise the money for the use of the different meetings report it not all raised they are continued

Anthony Haight & Job Elsworth are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 5th mo 10th 1860

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended but not producing the business there from, they are continued

One of the committee to raise the money to defray the expences of meeting held at

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Picton report it part raised (\$2-50) and paid over they are continued.

The committee to raise the money for the use of the different meetings report it not yet all raised they are continued.

Came to this meeting a request by way of the Overseers to be joined in membership with Friends signed Lewis C Lazier which was directed to the mo meeting

Vincent Bowerman and Nicholas Lazier are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then adjourned.

West Lake preparative meeting of Friends held 6th mo 7th 1860

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The representatives of last mo having been continued have produced a minute to this meeting directing us to raise our proportion of \$50. for the support of poor. Judah H Bowerman & Alexander Derbyshire are appointed to collect our proportion of \$50 for the support

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of the poor and pay to the clerk of the meeting

One of the committee to raise the money to defray the expenses of meetings held at Picton report no further progress they are continued

The committee to raise the money for the use of the different meetings report some progress but not completed they are continued

As the Clerks time will expire next mo Anthony Haight and Amos Hubbs are appointed to bring forward a name to serve as clerk for the ensuing year

Johnson Brewer & Alexander Derbyshire are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives and report

No Quarterly collection

Then adjourned

West Lake preparative meeting of friends held 7th mo 12th 1860

The representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended

The committee to bring forward a name to serve as clerk for the succeeding year proposed Levi Bowermans name which was agreed with

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and he appointed to that service.

The committee to raise our proportion of \$50 for the support of the poor report they have collected all but \$2.61 for which they are continued

The committee to raise the money to defray the expences of meetings held at Picton report some progress they are continued.

The committee raise the money for the use of the different meetings report it all raised but \$2. for which they are continued

Daniel Derbyshire, Thomas Warring and William Valentine are appointed to see to the building of a board fence to enclose the meeting house grounds according to the termination of the mo meeting and report in 11th month next.

Cornelius Bowerman and Joseph Baker are appointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

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West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 8th mo 9th 1860

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting reports they attended and produced a minute directing us to raise our proportion of \$58.75 to defray the expence of the poor.

William Valentine & Anthony Haight are appointed to collect our proportion of the above sum as directed.

The committee to raise our proportion of \$50. for the support of the poor report it all raised and paid over.

One of the committee to raise the money for the use of the different meetings report nothing farther paid they are continued

One of the committee to raise the money to defray the expenses of meetings held at Picton report no farther progress they are continued.

Vincent Bowerman & Charles G B Bowerman are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report Then Adjourned ~

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West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 9th mo 13th 1860

The representatives to appointed to attend the mo meeting report they attended.

The Clerk being absent Thomas Waring was appointed for the day

[Note Waring spelling by Thomas himself.]

The queries were all read in this meeting with the advices and the usual six Queries answered as follows.

1st Friends are generally careful to attend all our meetings for worship and discipline although there is a slackness with some especially in the middle of the week the hour pretty nearly observed, no unbecoming behaviour to remark except some drowsiness

2nd There is a want of that love one towards another in a few instances which our discipline requires. When differences have arisen care has been ~~extended~~ taken to end them Tale bearing and detraction is discouraged but not so fully avoided

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as is desired.

3rd We believe most Friends do 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 and in the plainness of and simplicity of dress language and deportment which it enjoins and are endeavouring to be good examples in these respects themselves and to guard their children and all others under their care against the corrupt conversation and the reading of pernicious books

4th We believe Friends do generally read the scriptures in a collective capacity

5th Clear in the several parts of this query as far as appears

9th care has been taken to deal with offenders we trust in the spirit of meekness and agreeable to discipline

The committee to raise our proportion of \$58.75 defraying the expences of the poor report some progress in raising it they are continued

The committee raise the money for the

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use of the different meetings report by way of Job Elsworth that the money is raised

One of the committee to raise the money for to defray the expences of the meetings held in Picton report no further progress they are continued.

Job Elsworth and John White are appointed to attend the mo meeting with the business from this and report.

Then Adjourned

West Lake Preparative meeting of Friends held 10th mo 4th 1860

One of the representatives to attend the mo meeting report they attended ~

One of the committee to raise our proportion of \$58.75 defraying the expenses of the poor report the money all raised and forwarded.

One of the committee to raise the money to defray the expenses of meetings held in Picton report about \$2 yet behind they are continued.

Job Elsworth & Robert Saylor are appointed to agree with some person to find wood sweep and take care

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of the meeting house & yard for one year also to collect the money to defray the expences of the past year and to report in 12th mo ~

Henry Sweetman & Alexander Derbyshire are apointed to attend the mo meeting as our representatives with the business from this and report

Then Adjourned

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