

Queries answered & Representatives appointed

The Queries with Answers from each of our preparative Meetings to the usual three have been Considered, a summary of which is directed to our next Quarterly Meeting by **James Tucker Abrams Russell & Abham Tucker** whom we have appointed Representatives thereto, desiring them to report their attendance at our next meeting, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with an account from this meeting, & sign the same on our behalf. ———

The following information was Obtained to this meeting through the south minute.

Isaac H Davis has a Committee appointed

To the preparative & Monthly Meeting This may inform that **Isaac H. Davis** hath kept company and Married out of Society with one not a member. **Abner Potter**

6 m^o 11th 1834 – **Lilly Gifford**

Whereupon we appoint

James Tucker Othniel Tripp & Warren Gifford a Committee on behalf of this meeting to extend further labour with him & Report thereon to a future meeting. ———

Signed on behalf of this meeting
Isaac R Gifford Clerk –

7 m^o Represent attended Q.M.-

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 23^d of 7th m^o 1834 ——— accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings, the representatives therein named to this meeting one from the south **Osman Wood & George Smith J^r** from the n^o **Caleb Slade & Thomas K. Wilbur** who are all present.
The representatives appointed to attend the Quarterly meeting Report that they all attended according to appointment.

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New-England**, held on **Rhode-Island**,
Sixth Month, 1834.

The subject of the guarded, literary and religious instruction of the children and youth of the Society, having again been freely adverted to, claimed the solid consideration of the Meeting; and the importance of being possessed of a more intimate knowledge of the present state of Education among Friends, in the various sections of this Yearly Meeting, being generally felt, a Committee was appointed, to unite with a Committee of the Women's Meeting, in considering the subject, and to report thereon at a future sitting.

At a subsequent sitting, the Committee introduced the following minutes of advice to subordinate Meetings; which being deliberately considered, were adopted, the Women's Meeting uniting therein, and the Clerk was directed to forward a sufficient number of copies thereof to our several Quarterly Meetings, for the supply of each Monthly and Preparative Meeting, within their respective limits; and also the necessary forms for the returns proposed to be made to this Meeting.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting.

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JR.

Clerk.

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The interesting concerns of Education having renewedly claimed the weighty deliberation of the Yearly Meeting, it is the earnest desire of the body thus assembled, that Friends may endeavour, wherever it is practicable, to establish select Schools within their Preparative or Monthly Meetings, (to be taught by exemplary members of our Society,) in which the children of Friends may be exempt from the dangers arising from improper associations, and moral and religious principles, in conformity to our Christian profession, be duly inculcated; the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament be daily read; and such improved methods of instruction be adopted, as will best promote their advancement in useful learning. These Schools should be visited monthly, or oftener, by Committees of men and women Friends appointed by the Meeting, before whom the Children should be exercised in the several branches taught in the Schools. And in those places where it appears to be impracticable to establish Preparative or Monthly Meeting Schools, it is desired that Friends may endeavor to institute Family Schools, in which the Children of one or more Families may daily assemble for literary instruction, by some Teacher qualified to impart it. And Friends are every where desired to exercise a becoming liberality in providing Teachers and means of instruction in all their Schools.

To keep alive a concern of such vital importance to our social and religious welfare, and that the Yearly Meeting may be furnished with correct information relative thereto, Preparative Meetings are directed to transmit to their respective Monthly Meetings, a statement of the number of Children within their limits, agreeably to the subjoined Queries, and insert their answers in the several columns of the form accompanying; which returns are to be forwarded by the Monthly to the Quarterly Meetings; and a condensed statement of the facts thus collected, to be prepared by the Clerks of the Quarterly Meetings, or by a Committee appointed for that purpose, and forwarded with their next annual accounts to this Meeting.

Queries to be answered by the Preparative Meetings.

1st. What number of Children are there in your Meeting, of an age suitable for instruction, at

School, say from four to twenty-on years of age? Distinguishing between male and female, and also distinguishing between those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

2^d. What number of Children have been actually at School within the year?

Distinguishing

between male and female, and also between those under fourteen, and those over that age.

3^d. What number of Schools have been kept under the care of Friends, in your Meeting, during the past year? Distinguishing between Preparative Meeting, Monthly Meeting and Family Schools.

4th. What has been the average duration of the Schools under the care of Friends, within the year?

5th. What number of Teachers have been employed in these Schools, within the year? Distinguishing between male and female Teachers.

6th. What number of Children are there in your Meeting who have attended District or mixed Schools? Distinguishing between male and female, and also between those under the age of fourteen, and those over that age.

7th. Is there care taken that the Books used in the Schools under the care of Friends, in the several departments taught in the Schools, are judiciously selected.

[0] Preparative Meetings are requested to prepare Answers to these Queries, in sufficient season for such Answers to be forwarded to the Quarterly Meetings that will be held in the fourth and fifth months, next year.]

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7^{mo}
J Tucker
Clerk -
Extracts
from
y. meeting
Re^d -
accounts
of Q.M.
Stock

The Clerk being absent **James Tucker** is appointed Clerk for this time. —
We received Extracts from the minutes of our last yearly Meeting with a report from the Committee of the boarding school, together with a communication and Education recommended down to Subordinate meetings, the reading of which is defered untill next month. —
By a Ccopy of a minute from our Last Q.M Meeting it appears that our proportion of stock is fifty five \$55 ⁵⁰/₁₀₀ Dollars for the present year, which this meeting is defined to forward their

Rc^d Treasurer. —

*D. William
Certificate*

Re^d

We received a Certificate of removal from
South Kingstown M^o Meeting state of R. Island
on behalf of Daniel Wilbur which is accepted

*Desire
Howland
Removed*

In concurrence with the women we signed a
removal certificate for **Desire Howland** direc
ted to Newbedford Monthly Meeting. —

*W. G. Slade
request
a
a few lines*

Our friend **William G. Slade** informd
this meeting that he has a prospect of going
on a visit to the state of **Ohio**, and probably
will make same stay, he requests a few lines
for that purpose. — We hereby certify on his
behalf that he is a member of our religious
society, and the Clerk is directed to furnish
him with a Coppy of this minute. —
This may Certify that the above named **W^m G. Slade**
did not proceed to **Ohio** as contemplated & no min
ute was given him 1836 = 11^{mo} - **Isaac R. Gifford** ~~

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8th m^o

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at
Dartmouth 27th of 8th m^o 1834 – accounts
being re^d from each of the preparative
meetings, the Representatives to this meeting
are from the South **Abner Potter** and
Seth Davis from the North **Benjⁿ Potter**
& **Caleb Slade** who are all present —

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*B. School
Extracts*

Rc^d

Extracts from our last yearly Meeting
as mentioned on our minutes of last month
together with a report from the boarding
School Committee under date of 5 m^o last has
now been read, by which it appears that

*Committee
to Select
Schollar*

this meeting has a priviledge of six
months Schooling this year, **Abner Potter**
Joseph Gifford & **Thomas K. Wilber** are
appointed to pay the necessary attention in
selecting & recommending a Schollar on
behalf of this meeting to receive this privi
ledge & Report when accomplished. —

*Committee
to
Give
certificates*

James Tucker Isaac Lawrence & Abram
Tucker are appointed a Committee to
whom Parents of Children going to Our Boar
ding ^{^School} at **Providence** are desired to make appli
cation for certificates for that purpose —
We have also read at this time advises from
Our last Yearly Meeting in regard to education

Committee
on
Education

which this meeting accepts, and **James Tucker Seth Davis & Isaac R Gifford** are appointed to take the subject under consideration, and Report to our next meeting, their Judgment respecting a monthly meeting school

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New-England**, held on **Rhose-Island**,
Sixth Month, 1834.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to this Meeting, copies therefore were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

During the consideration of the Report, a deep feeling of interest for the best welfare of the Institution was spread over the Meeting; and while the benefits that have already resulted from it, to the children and youth of the Society, were freely acknowledged, an earnest solicitude was expressed, that the Committee, in the discharge of the important and arduous trust confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, may be encouraged steadily to keep in view the great objects which led to the establishment of the School, as a means for promoting the acquisition of useful learning, in connexion with the moral and religious improvement of the Children, consistently with the principles and testimonies which we as a Society believe ourselves called upon to maintain.

The recommendation of the Committee relative to plainness and simplicity of attire, was cordially united with; the Committees of Monthly Meetings were encouraged to extend an increasing care in this respect; and Parents and others having the charge of Children, were impressively exhorted to lend their assistance in promoting this desirable object.

From the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting,
ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JR. Clerk.

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TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured to discharge the services confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, during the past year, in attending to the various concerns of the Institution; which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction.

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and sixty-eight; seventeen of whom have been pupils in the department of the School for instruction in Languages, &c. The School is continued under the immediate superintendence of **ENOCH** and **LYDIA BREED**, in which capacity they are assisted by **STEPHEN** and **HANNAH GOULD**. **JOHN GRISCOM** is still usefully employed to superintend the

literary department of the Institution. **MOSES A. CARTLAND. PLINY EARL** and **JONATHAN SLOCUM** are employed as Teachers in the Boy's School; and **DEBORAH RAMSDELL, MARY H. GRISCOM, CAROLINE CARTLAND, MARTHA BARKER** and **ANNA T. LOCKWOOD** in the Girls'. **JAMUEL J. GUMMERE** is continued in charge of the department for Languages, &c.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled; and the Committee propose that the terms of admission be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child, six months, free of expense, be continued to Monthly Meetings. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance.

The Committee believe it proper again to recommend to Friends, in sending their Children to the School, to observe, as much as may be, the periods of time proposed two years since, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, or in the first week of second, fifth, eighth and eleventh months.

The importance of maintaining plainness of dress in the inmates of this Institution, has often claimed the serious attention of the Committee; and we think it right at this time to revive with Friends the necessity of having their children habited in plain attire, and that no articles of apparel, unsuitable through want of plainness, be brought by them to the School. And that the Committees of Monthly Meetings may be enabled to render the necessary advice and assistance, Friends are requested to be careful to make application to them for certificates, in sufficient season to afford them this opportunity.

In reviewing the state of the School for the past year, we feel bound gratefully to acknowledge, that the family and scholars have been preserved in health; and that the Institution continues to afford encouraging evidence of its usefulness to the youth of our Society.

Signed on behalf of the School Committee, at a Meeting held 2d of 5th month, 1834,
WILLIAM JENKINS, Clerk.

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*J Wing
&
H.Gifford* We are informed that **John Wing** proposed publishing his intention of Marriage with **Hetta H. Gifford** at this time, accordingly they appeared before the meeting & declared their intention of taking each Other in Marriage, their

Marriage communication was noticed, and they desired to wait until our next M^o Meeting for their answer, & **Joseph Gifford & Freeman Lawrence** are appointed to take the necessary care in regard to **Johns** clearness in this respect & report thereon to our next meeting. _____

The Committee in the care of **Isaac H. Davis** made the following report. To the monthly meeting.

We have attended to the subject of our appointment in the Case of **Isaac H. Davis**, and although he treated us with respect, and seem'd to have a regard for Society, yet did not appear at present to be in a disposition of mind to condemn his Transgression. **Warren Gifford** }
from your friends - **Othniel Tripp** }
James Tucker }

*Isaac H. –
Davis
disownd*

which was accepted and after a time of silent consideration we came to the conclusion (with the concurrence of the women meeting) to disown him the s^d **Isaac** and no longer consider him a member of our religious society, and **Abram Tucker** is nam'd to inform him hereof and report when accomplished

*Lydia
Sandford
Removed*

We unite with the women in signing a Rem=oval Certificate on behalf of **Lydia Sandford** Directed to **Leeds** Monthly Meeting of Friends, state of **Maine** - Sign,d **Isaac R Gifford**
_____ Clerk

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At a Monthly Meeting of Friends held at

Dartmouth 24th of 9 m^o 1834= accounts being

Rec^d from each of the preparative meetings the

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Representatives named to this meeting are

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from the South **Benjamin Gidley & Howard**

Potter. north **Benj^a Tucker & Isaac R Gifford**.

who are all present. _____

_____ The time for which the Clerks of this Meeg

were appointed having expired, **Isaac R Gifford**
Clerks is appointed Clerk & **Thomas K. Wilber [Wilbur]** an
appointed assistant Clerk for the year ensuing or untill
another appointment. _____

The Queries have been read and the 1-2=& 10th
answered & considered. which are directed.
together with an account from this to the Quly
Meeting by **Benjamin Potter Joseph Gifford**

Representa & **Thomas K. Wilber [Wilbur]**, whom we have appointd
tives} Representatives there, & the Clerk is desired to
to furnish them with an account from this
Q. M- Meeting. desireing them to report thier attenden[ce]
next month. _____

The committe to whom was refered the advices
from Our last Yearly Meeting on Education no[w]
make the following Reporte.—

To the Monthly Meeting
of **Dartmouth.**

Report of
Comtte
on
Education

Dear friends. We have attended
to the Subject of Our appointment in regard to
a monthly meeting School, and however desire abo^t
the object may be to have such a School, we do
not apprehend from the Scattered Situation in
which friends are placed of this meeting, that it
would be practicable at present to attempt to
establish such a School, leaving the Subject
to the discussion of Preparative meetings. —

Seth Davis

Sign^d

Isaac R Gifford

James Tucker

Which was read & accepted, & accordingly the
 advises are directed to our Several preparative Mee
 =tings for them to carry the same into effect as far
 as may be practicable. ——— ——— ——— ———

The committe appointed last month to inquire into
John Wings clearness to procede in Marriage with
Hetta H. Gifford report that they have attended there
 =to & find nothing to hinder, & consent of Surviving
 Parents now being produced (in writing) to this Meeting
 they are therefore left at liberty to accomplish thier
 Marriage at Some Suitable time before our
 next M^d Meeting, they advising with **Abner Potter**
 & **Warren Gifford**. who are desired to see said
 Marriage orderly conducted & Report next month.

John Wing
 &
H. Gifford
 have
 Answer

This meeting unites with the womens meeting in den
 =ying the right of membership to **Elizabeth Slocum**
 formerly **Cornell**. — —

Abram Tucker Reports, that **Isaac H. Davis** has been
 informd of his denial. —————

E. Slocum

disownd This meeting Rc^d the following information respecting
John Barker,

I. H. Davis
 informd

To the North preparative Meeting of
 friends. Dear Friends, this may inform that **John Bar^{ker}**
 has for a long time entirely neglected the attendance of
 our meetings. & also that he has is in the habit of par
 =taking of ardent Spirits contrary to dicipline, on

which account he has been laboured with. but he
manifested no disposition to refrain from his deviation

John Barker
under
Dealing

Dartmouth 9^{m^o} 16th 1834- Sign^d **Benjamin Tucker** }
Thomas K. Wilber [Wilbur] }

whereupon we appoint,

Abram Tucker, Seth Davis & Abram Russell a

committe to extend further labour with him in order

to convince him of his transgressions and

Report thereon to a future meeting. _____

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We Rec^d a communication from **Rhode Island**

minute
from
R. Island,
for
Isaac
Lawrence

Quarterly meeting of 8^{m^o} last, acknowledging the
company of Our Friend **Isaac Lawrence**, & that he
had acceptably visited nearly all the meetings
within thier limits.— Signed on behalf of
the meeting

By **Isaac R Gifford**

Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held —

at **Dartmouth** 22^d of 10^{m^o} 1834 – account being

10 *m^o* Rec^d from each of the preparative meetings

1834 the Representatives named to this meeting are

~~ from the South **Abram Russell & Daniel How^{land}**

from the north **Thomas K. Wilber [Wilbur] & Caleb Slade**

who are all present. ———

The representatives appointed to attend our last Quarterly Meeting report that they all attended. —

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to*

Q. M

Report

The Committe who was to have the Care of **John Wing & Hetta H. Gifford's** Marriage Report that

Report

they attended thereto & Saw nothing but that

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Said Marriage was orderly Conducted. ———

on

J. W.

The time for which the overseers of this Meeting having expired. **James Tucker Abram Russell, Isaac Lawrence, Warren Gifford, &**

Committe

to

Isaac R Gifford, are appointed a Committe

Select

to bring forward such names of friends to

Overseers

Our next meeting as they may think suitable to fill that Station. ———

This meeting Unites with the womens Meeting in denying the wright of membership to **Elizabeth Macomber**

E.Macom

ber –

Disownd

late **Gifford.** ———

This meeting being informd that **Elihue Anthony J^r** has now gone to reside at **North caroli =na,** this meeting thought well to return the minute from **Milton** Monthly meeting ~~which~~ ^{^that} was Rc^d here (in 12 m^o last) on his behalf ~~that~~ ^{^which} did not make him a member of this meeting according to

Elihue our dicipline, & the Clerk is desired to indorse
Anthony this minute thereon, & Sign the Same on behalf
minute of this meeting.

Returnd

Signd on behalf of the meeting

Isaac R Gifford Ck

At a monthly Meeting of friends held at **Dart^m** [**Dartmouth**]
26th of 11^{mo} 1834. accounts being Rc^d from each of the
preparative meetings, the representatives therein
nam^d to this meeting are from the South **Eben^{er}**

Allen & Abner Potter- from the north **Othniel Tripp**

11 m² & **W^m Potter**. who are all present.———

1834

The Queries have been read in this meeting and
the Usual three answerd from Each preparative
meeting, a Summary of which was agreed on
& directed to our next Quarterly Meeting by
Seth Davis, Caleb Slade & Joseph Gifford
whom we have appointed our representatives
desireing them to report their attendance at
our next meeting, & the Clerk is also desired
to furnish them with the necessary extracts
from our minutes. —————

Account
to Q. M.

The Committe appointed at our last meeting to
bring forward names of friends for Overseers of
this meeting now report. that they have attended
to that Service, & propose the Same friends for
Overseers that Served the last Year, who were
Abner Potter, Lilly Gifford, Joseph Gifford.

Overseers
appointed

Seth Davis. Benjamin Tucker & Thomas K. Wilber [**Wilbur**]
which was satisf^uactory to this meeting & they are

accordingly appointed to that Service for
the Year ensuing or until another appointment

One of the Committee who had the Care of Selecting a Scholar to take Our privilege at the
Scholar at Providence School Boarding ^{^School} reports. that one has been found and
that the Scholar is now at the School. —

The time for which the Overseers of the poor were appointed having expired. **Abram Russell
Ebenezer Allen, Abram Tucker, Benjamin
Tucker and Benjamin Potter** are appointed
to that Service for the Year ensuing or
until another appointment. —

This Meeting Unites with our women friends
in receiving **Rhoda Howland** (wife of **Allen**)
into membership. —

Rhoda Howland
Rc^d Signd on behalf of the Meeg
Isaac R Gifford Ck

At a Monthly Meeting of friends held
at **Dartmouth** 24th of 12^{mo} 1834- accounts
being Rc^d from each of the preparative Meetings
the Representatives nam^d to this meeting are

from the South **Benjamin Gidley. Lilly Gifford**
from the North **Benjamin Potter & Jn^o Handy**
who are all present. _____

We have Rc^d 90 Coppies of the **London** General
Printed Epistle. from the Yearly meeting of friends

90. *Coppies* held there in 5^{m^o} last— One of which has been

London Read at this time. the Contents thereof was

Epistle Satisfactory to this meeting

Rc^d _____

One of the representatives appointed last month
to attend the Quarterly Meeting reports that
they all attended——

Report of

Represent^t

Q. M.

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This Meeting has Recieved the following
information respecting **Shearman Slade.**

To the preparative Meeting

Dear friends

We hereby inform that **Shearman Slade.**

doth verry much neglect the attendance of

Our meetings both for worship & dicipline,

Shearman and is in the habit of partaking of Spiritous

Slades liquors otherwise than for medicine as appears

Case- by his Own confession, Which he hath been

laboured with for by the Overseers. But without

the desired effect; We now Submit the Case to

the meeting

Abner Potter

Sign^d

Seth Davis

12 m^o 17th 1834.

Lilly Gifford

Joseph. Gifford

Where upon we appoint **James Tucker**, and
Abram Russell. a Committe on behalf of this
meeting to extend further labour with him
in order to convince him of his error, and
report thereon to a future meeting

Committe

in Case

The treasurer of the north preparative

S. Slade

Meeting informs that he has directed and
forwarded that meetings proportion of Stock
for the present year to the Treasurer of this

Meeting. _____

north

Signd on behalf of the meeting

P. Meetings

Isaac R Gifford

Stock

Clerk

paid

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At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth**
28th of 1st m^o 1835, accounts being recieved from
each of the Preparative meetings. the representatives
therein named to this meeting are from the South
Abner Potter & Ricketson Slocum from the north
Caleb Slade & William Tucker who are all pres^t

1835

1 m^o

One of the Committee in the Case of **John**

John Barker **Barker** appointed in 9 m^o last inform that
Deceased they made him a Visit & were not ready then
to report, Since which time he has Deceased;
therefore the subject is accordingly dismissed.

The Committee in regard to establishing a Library
Library have made the following Report.—
Committee To **Dartmouth** Monthly Meeting
Report^d Dear friends.

The Committee on the subject of a
Library of Friends Books appointed in 12 m^o 1833
now report; that they have attended to that Service.
and they have obtained Subscriptions from the Mem
=bers of the monthly Meeting to the amount of
_____ Fifty Eight Dollars, with a prospect of further
\$58.00 Subscriptions hereafter. that they have also been able
to find **Sewels** history, **George foxes** Journal, &
a few Other Volums of small value belonging
to the monthly meeting, and have had a present
from One of the Trustees of **Obediah Browns**
Benevolent fund to [^]the Value of about Ten Dollars
worth of new Books.,

they would propose the appointm^{nt}
of a Committee, to collect the present & to recieve
further Subscriptions, who Shall be autherised to
Recieve such books as may be offered, bearing
the description of the Standard works of Our
Society in payment (Judging of their Value) &
to lay out the ballance in Such books, if they
may be found, if not what may be left on

hand, they are desired to pay over to the Treasurer of the Library who is hereafter named, or to his successor; and report hereon to this meeting when accomplished.— they would also advise the appointment of a treasurer for the Library, & propose **Abram Russell** to that Service. who is desired to keep an account of all receipts & expenditures of this establishment after it shall be put into operation, having a book provided for this Object.,

They ^{propose} for the Books to be kept in two Cases. which may be prepared for that purpose, One to be placed in the house where the Monthly Meeting is held for the accomodation of friends composing the South Preparative meeting. the Other to be placed in Friends Meeting house at **Newtown**, for the accomedation of friends of the North Preparative Meeting, & that the Clerks of the Preparative Meetings for the time being to have the care of the Books as Librarians. that they make out and enter in a book to be kept with the Treasurer for that purpose, a Catalogue of all the books now on hand, & those which the Committe alluded to may procure, on all those that may be from time to time ad= ded to the Library. Also for each Librarian to enter in a Seperate book prepared for that purpose, the names of all persons to whom Books are delivered, and the time when; & Check Such entries when the Books are returned, and also that the Committee heretofore alluded too, be desired to Make the first Division of the Books to the Librarians, & then for them (the Librarians) to exchange the Books anually, or as often as it may be to the advantage of freinds

It is further proposed, that the Books be delivered to friends, & others who usually attend our meetings, at the close of the preparative meetings in every Other Month, &

to be governed by the preparative Meeting held at **Apo-**
-neganset [Apponegansett], at which time they are to be delivered to friends
of the South, and on the Day following to the friends of
the North Preparative meeting; and that no person have
out at one time more than One Book, unless they
are of the Smaller class, say under 200 Pages, in which

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Case two may be taken, and that all the
Books be returned at the time Stated, which is
on Library Days.—

Dartmouth 22^d of Sign^d on behalf of the
1 m^o 1835 ——— Committee **Isaac, R. Gifford**

Library Which was Rc^d Read and accepted & accordingly

Committee ^ **Abram Russell** is appointed Treasurer & ^ the proposed Committee is now appointed to

appointed Collect the Subscriptions. recieve others, Lay

Out the money as proposed. and to arrange

Said Library & Report hereon when accom

=plished, & to that Service are appointed **Seth**

Davis, Abram Russell, Benjamin Tucker.

Joseph Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Ricketson

Slocum and Isaac. R. Gifford

Signd on behalf of the

Meeting By **Isaac R Gifford**

Clerk

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at

Dartmouth 25th of 2^d mo 1835- Accounts being
2^d Month R^{cd} from each of the preparative meetings the
1835 representatives named to this meeting are from
the South **Abram Russell & Reuben Allen**
from the north **Thomas K. Wilbur & Caleb Slade**
who are all present. _____

The Subject of appointing a Committee to have the
Care of our Burial grounds & attending funerals,
being revived, it was concluded to make a new
appointment, & accordingly **Seth Davis, Abram**
Committee **Russell, Isaac Lawrence, Isaac R Gifford, James**
to **Tucker, Humphrey Anthony, Warren Gifford,**
Attend **& Lilly Gifford** were named to this Service, who are
Funerals desired to attend to this Subject as much as they can
&c - when occasion requires, & make report to this
meeting at the expiration of One Year. —

Signd on behalf of the Mg. **I. R. Gifford**
Clerk.

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At a monthly Meeting of Friends hed at **Dartmouth**
25th of 3^{mo} 1835= account being R^{cd} from each of the
preparative meeting the Representatives named to
this meeting are from the South ~~Abram Russell~~
1835 **Osman Wood & Joseph Gifford**. from the North
3^m **Benjamin Tucker & Benj^m Potter** who are all
Present. _____

The Queries have been Read & Answers considered
from each of the preparative meetings, a summary

of which has been Prepared & directed to Our
next Quarterly meeting, by **Benjamin Tucker**
Joseph Gifford, & Osman Wood whom we have
appointed Representatives thereto. desireing them
Queries To make report of their attendence to our next
Answerd meeting. the Clerk is also desired to furnish them
with the necessary extracts from Our minutes,
To & sign the same on Our behalf. _____

Quarterly Our Proportion of Stock has been paid to the
Meeting- Quarterly meetings Treasurer So our Treasures says

Stock pd The Queries with Respect to education agreeable to the
Q. Meeting advice of Our Last Yearly meeting have been Read
& Answers from Each of the preparative meetings
Rc^d So far as they have been able to Comply. and
a condenced Statement hereof is directed to Our
next Quarterly meeting. _____

Queries on **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk.
Education _____

Sent
Q. Meeting

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At a Monthly Meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 22^d of 4^{mo} m^o [*sic*] 1835- accounts being
4 m^o Recieved from each of the preparative Meetings
1835 the representatives nam^d to this meeting are, from
the South **Ebenezer Allen & Daniel Gifford-**

from the North, **Othniel Tripp & Isaac R.**

Gifford who are all present. _____

*Report of
Representatives* One of the Representatives appointed last Month
to attend the Q. Meeting reports. that they all
attended. _____

Q. M.-

*John Tucker
informd of* The friend who was named (8m^o 1831) to
inform **John Tucker** of his denial now Reports
that he has done So. _____

Denial

*12:00 p^d
Treasurer* The Committee who has the Care of the Donation
left by **Mary Hart** Report that they have
Collected & paid to this meetings Treasurer twelve
Dollars. being One Years Interest thereon. _____

M. Hart

*Comittee
to
Settle with* We appoint **Joseph Gifford Abram Russell**
& **Isaac R Gifford** a Committee to Settle with
Our Treasurer. & propose a Sum necessary to be
Raised the present year. & Report next month.-

Treasurer

*Rebecca
A Winslow* This meeting Unites with the women in
Recieving **Rebecca A. Winslow** (wife of **Ezra**)
into membership. _____

Rc^d—

We have Signd in conjunction with the wom

=ens meeting a Removal Certificate for **Mary**

*Mary S.
Maccomber*

S. Maccomber [**Macomber**] directed to **Collins** Monthly Meting
of friends State of **New york** _____

Certificate

(She was **Zebedee A. Maccombers** [**Maccombers**] wife)

Signd on behalf of the

Meeting By **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk-

At a monthly meeting of friends held
 at **Dartmouth** 27th of 5 m^o 1835= accounts being
 Rc^d from each preparative meeting the repre
 =sentatives therein nam^d to this meeting are
 5 m^o from the South **Lilly Gifford & Benj^a Gidley**
 1835 from the north **William Potter & William Tucker**
 who are all present. _____

The Committee appointed Last month to Settle
 with Our Treasurer propose a Sum necessary
 to be raised the present year. made the following
 Report.

Treasurer

Settled

with

200-00

proposed

To the monthly meeting,
 We the Committe appoin
 =ted to Settle with Our Treasurer have attended
 thereto & find in his hands Six Dollars and
 also find due from the South preparative
 meeting Seven Dollars & Sixty three Cents. &
 propose to raise two hundred Dollars for
 the ensuing year, as we find the expence
 for keeping our poor to be two hundred &
 Twelve Dollars & thirty three Cents per year.

On behalf of the Committe **Josep Gifford.**

5 m^o 20th 1835.

which was read & accepted and
 Our preparative meetings are desired to
 Collect & forward to Our Treasurer their
 Respective proportions hereof. **Osman**
Wood is appointed Treasurer for the

year ensuing or untill another
appointment. _____

Treasurer
appointed

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Benjamin
Ricketson
Dividends
Rc^d _____
\$40.00

Abram Russell on behalf of the Committe
having the Care of the bequest from **Benjⁿ**
Ricketson (Deceased) reports that there has
been Rc^d & paid to Our Treasurer. 17ⁿ Doll
from the Institution for Savings. & 23ⁿ Doll
from the Rents of Marsh. making 40ⁿ Doll—

Seth
Davis
Requsts
Certifficate

This meeting is informd that **Seth Davis** has a
prospect of Removing with his family to reside
within the limits of **Providence** Monthly Meeting
& requests a Certificate for that purpose,
James Tucker & Isaac R Gifford are named to
unite with a Committee from the womens
Meeting. in prepareing & producing One to
Our next meeting, if nothing Should appear
to hinder. _____

Sign^d on behalf of the meeting

Isaac R Gifford Clerk—

6 m^o
1835-

At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 24th of 6^{mo} 1835. accounts being
Rc^d from each of the preparative meeting
the Representatives therein named to this

meeting are from the South, **Ebenezer Allen & Humphrey Anthony** from the north **Caleb Slade & Thomas K. Wilber [Wilbur]** who are all present. _____

Our esteemed friends **Robert Comfort & Mead Atwater** from **Rochestor [Rochester]** Monthly

Robert C^t meeting state of **New york & James Jones**
Mead Atw^r from **China** monthly meeting State of **Maine**
& attended this meeting with certificates from
J. Jones- their friends at home signd by the Clerks
attended of their Respective monthly meetings, whose
Company & gospel labours have been ——

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acceptable to us; also **Libni[?] Kelly Com**
=panion to **Robert Comfort, Richard Snell**
Companion to **Mead atwater & Abiel Jones**
Companion to **James Jones** attended this
meeting with Coppies of minutes from
Compan each of their monthly meetings, whose
=ions Company have been acceptable to us. —
attended

the attendance of Our friends at this time is
desireed to be noticed on our ~~minutes~~ account
to the Quarterly meeting. _____

is noticed
in 7 m^o 1835 The Queries with answers from each of the
preparative meetings to the 1^o 2^d & 10th have
been Read in this meeting & the answers, con
=sidered, a summary of which describing

Queries answered & Representatives to Q. M. appointed our present state has been prepared, which is directed together with the necessary extracts to Our next Q. Meeting by **Isaac Lawrence Joseph Gifford & Eben^r Allen** whom we have appointed Representatives desiring them to report their attendance at our next meeting, the Clerk is also desired to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our Records & Sign the Same on Our behalf. ——— ——— ——— ——— ———
—————

Our esteemed friend **Betsey Purington [Purrington]** Attended this meeting with a Copy of a minute from **Providence** Monthly meeting, whose Company & gospel labours [*illegible*] have been acceptable to us. ——— ————— ———

Betsy Purington —————

attended This meeting has with the concurrence of the the [*sic*] womens meeting Signed a removal Certificate for **Seth Davis** & family Directed to **Providence** Monthly meeting state of **Rhode Island**. —

And also one for **Sophia Ricketson**

Seth Davis
Removed

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Sophia Ricketson handed in by the women for our Concurrance] Directed to **New bedford** monthly meeting.—
—————

gone The Committee appointed in 4th m^o 1833 -
to Vissit friends in thier families Report as
follows. (Viz)

To the Monthly Meeting of

Dartmouth. Dear friends.,

Report most of the Committe
of the Appointed Some time since to labour with
Committe and encourage Friends to a more liveley
to Zeal & Concern in the attendanc of our
Visit Religious Meetings & also for the right suff
families =cent and Maintainance of our Several Christian
Testimonies Report, that we have proceded
to Visit Some friends in their families
& laboured with them in the ability afforded
& the way not opening to procede any further.
we now Submit the case to the meeting. -
Signd on behalf of the Committe

Abram Russell

Sarah Potter –

which Report with [^]the Womens concurrence
is now accepted & Said Committe accordingly
Released from further Service. —

Signd on behalf of the Mg.

Isaac R Gifford Ck.

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for New-England, held on Rhode-Island,

from the 14th to the 19th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1835.

HAVING, in this our annual assembly, been enabled to dip together in feeling, in a good measure of that unity of spirit which is the bond of peace, our dear absent brethren have been brought affectionately to remembrance, with desires that they may be made partakers with us in some of the exercises that have pervaded our minds.

In reviewing the state of Society as brought before us by the answers to the Queries, Friends were impressively reminded of the obligation that rests upon every well concerned member of the body, others, as well as overseers, to labour after a right qualification of mind to enable them to admonish a brother, who may be overtaken in a fault, in the spirit of restoring love. "Go tell him his fault between thee and him alone," is an injunction of the highest authority. And were this duty of reasonable private admonition, thus attended to, in meekness and wisdom, we have no doubt that it would be blessed to the reclaiming of many in the early stages of deviation ; and that an increase of strength and peace, an advancement in the pathway of holiness, would be witnessed by those who were engaged in these labours of love, and that they would thus become blessed both to the giver and the receiver. While on the other hand, those who indulge themselves in unnecessarily making the faults, real or supposed of others, a subject of conversation or communication by letters, and in spreading them abroad by these means, or who indulge an unwarrantable curiosity in listening to such conversation or letters, cannot but sustain a deep loss themselves, in addition to the great injury that they inflict upon the immediate objects of this detracting spirit, upon which a blessing can never rest, nor the dew of heaven descend.

The great neglect still apparent in the attendance of our religious meetings, particularly on the middle of the week, has been deeply affecting to our feelings, and we have greatly desired that our members may be stirred up to a sense of this important duty. May we be impressed with the obligation of attending *all* our meetings, as well on week-days as on the day which is set apart for that service by the common consent of the Christian world. If we are in the habitual neglect of mid-week meetings, although we may punctually assemble with our friends on first-days, when the law of the land *forbids* our attention to our secular concerns, does not conduct plainly evince that we prefer our worldly interests to those things which affect our eternal welfare. As we neglect our duty in *this particular*, we shall invariably witness a consequent disrelish in relation to other religious duties, until we become as decayed and withered branches, which, not abiding in the true Vine, become barren and unfruitful. Let us, then, not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but may we be concerned, reverently to present our bodies, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God, which is but our reasonable service. And as we are concerned, on these solemn occasions, to wait upon Him from whom alone all our spiritual strength is derived, we shall be preserved from being overcome with *drowsiness*, a weakness which, in some instances, has been fallen into, to the reproach of the high

profession which we are making, in relation to the spirituality of divine worship.

It is truly painful to observe that, at the present time, when the public mind is becoming more and more awakened to the alarming evil of intemperance, and whilst others are engaged in preserving efforts for its removal, any who profess with us should be so unmindful of our well known testimony as regards this subject, and of the moral influence which a strict adherence thereto on the part of individual members would enable our society to exert in the world, as to indulge themselves in the use of spirituous liquors, except for medicinal purposes. May there be an increasing care faithfully to maintain this branch of our Christian testimonies, and we believe as this comes to be the case, we shall find that the necessity of resorting to the use of this pernicious article, even as a medicine, will be of extremely rare occurrence.

The violation of our testimony in relation to War, instances of which are acknowledged in the reports of several of our subordinate meetings, has been a subject of deep concern at this time. When we consider the leniency which has long been manifested towards our society, by the several state governments within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, we are led to the conclusion that the observance of military requisitions by any of our members must have been *voluntary*. An ignorance of the principles on which our objections to this anti-christian practice are founded, or a want of serious consideration thereof, is clearly evinced ; and desires have been expressed in this meeting, that there may be a renewed attention to the circulation and perusal, among the younger part of our society, of such treatises as exhibit, in a striking manner, the unlawfulness of war, and its utter incompatibility with the principles of the gospel of peace. We are impressed with the belief, that as we are faithful in the discharge of our religious duties, our society may be made eminently instrumental, under the

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divine blessing, in hastening the coming of that day, when “nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.”

And we earnestly desire that Friends may be impressed with the importance of maintaining a vigilant supervision over the dear youth under their care, early endeavoring to guard them against every thing which may give a wrong direction to their susceptible minds, carefully restraining them from attending military parades as spectators, and guarding them from the pernicious influence of

those books wherein military fame is held up to view as a worthy object of pursuit.

The continued and aggravated wrongs of the oppressed and degraded coloured people in our country, has been a subject to which our minds have been turned, with renewed concern that we might feel the weight and importance of our testimony on this subject. We desire that Friends may become duly sensible that we have ever acted in relation to it, from religious considerations, and in accordance with the principles of the gospel of Christ. May Friends so continue to dwell under the influence of divine wisdom, and so attend to the pointings of Truth, that we may be preserved in such a consistent walking, as will best promote this great cause of Christian benevolence ; and be careful that in all our movements we may act together in unity and love.

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Meeting aforesaid,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN [SHERMAN] JUN. *Clerk.*

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At a monthly meeting of friends held
7^{m^o}
1835 at **Dartmouth** 22^d of 7th m^o 1835; accounts being
Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings, the
representatives are from the South **Freeman
Lawrence, & George Smith J^u** from the North
Thomas K. Wilber [Wilbur] & James Tucker, who are all here

One of the representatives appointed Last month
Report of to attend Our Quarterly meeting Reports that
Represent^{tes} they all attended. _____
to _____

Q. Meeting We have received several Epistles from Our last
Yearly meeting, one of which has [^]been read at this
Yearly time. the Contents of which we deem worthy
meeting the notice of each member of our meeting, &
Epistle the Clerks of the preparative meetings are
Re^d desired to read one in each of them, & hand

them to members who cannot attend.
and one of the foregoing epistles in printed form
is here affixed. _____

By an account from Our last Quarterly Meeting
now recieved & Read, it appears that Our propor
=tion of Stock to be paid to that meeting is

Quartely 78⁷⁵= Seventy eight Dollars & Seventy five Cents
Meeting which Our Treasurer is desired to pay theirs
Stock when in funds. _____
to be _____

Collected This meeting is informd through the north Prepara
tive meeting, by a written Communication from
Benjamin Tucker, that he Requests membership for
John T. Tripp a minor; We appoint **Joseph**
B Tucker **Gifford, Isaac Lawrence & Abram Russell** a
Requests Committee on behalf of this meeting. to Confer
for with the s^d **Benjamin Tucker** & inspect the Case
J. T. Tripp and make report thereon to a future
meeting. _____

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We have Recieved a Printed Report from Our
yearly meeting Boarding School Committee
Y.M.B. Dated 5 m^o 1835- which was read at this time,
School by which it appears that this meeting has
extracts the Priviledge of Sending one Schollar
Rcd-

Six months to that School free of expence.

& **Caleb Slade, Isaac Lawrence, Lilly Gifford,**

Committee
to
Select a
Schollar
and **Isaac R Gifford.** are named in Conjun-
-tion with the women to select a Schollar
to recieve S^d priviledge. & report to this
meeting when accomplished. _____

James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence and Abram

Tucker are appointed a Committee to whom

Committe
to
Grant
Certificates
Parents of Children going to Our Boarding
School at **Providence** are desired to make
application for Certificates for that purpose

We have also Rc^d a ^{printed} Communication from

our Last Yearly Meeting on the subject of

Education. which was acceptably read and

friends are desired to do what they Can

in complying therewith, and the Overseers

are desired to make [*illegible*] out answers to

the Queries therein Containd, and hand in

to this meeting in 3^d m^o next- Signd

Answer

Isaac R Gifford Clerk

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At our Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New-England**, held on **Rhode-Island**,
from the 14th to the 19th inclusive, of the Sixth month, 1835.

The following Report of the Boarding School Committee was received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, copies thereof were directed to be forwarded to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JUN, Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

THE Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured for the past year to discharge the duties committed to them in attending to the various concerns of the Institution, which have been conducted to a good degree of satisfaction. In doing this they have not been unmindful of the objects Friends have had in view in the establishment of the School, and of the wishes of its benevolent donors.

Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony has been preserved. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and forty-three, eleven of whom have been pupils in the department for languages, &c.

Our friends **SETH** and **MARY DAVIS**, of **Dartmouth**, have been engaged as Superintendents of the School, to supply the place of our friends **ENOCH** and **LYDIA BREED**, who have acceptably served us in that capacity for the past eleven years, and now wish to be released. Our friend **JOHN GRISCOM** has continued his services in the Institution during the past year, but his engagement will terminate the first of seventh month next. **ISAAC HATHAWAY** is employed as a book-keeper, and care-taker of the Boys, out of school hours; and **CHRISTINA GALE** has charge of the sewing-school, and is care-taker of the Girls, out of school hours.

PLINY EARLE, **JONATHAN SLOCUM**, **GEORGE W. READ** and **LOUIS COOK**, are engaged as Teachers in the Boys' school, and **MARY-ANN BARKER**, **MARTHA BARKER** and **EMELINE ALDRICH** in the Girls'. **SAMUEL J. GUMMERE** having left the Institution, the instruction in the Languages will be continued under the care of **GEORGE W. READ**; and it is proposed for the future, instead of the terms heretofore established, that five dollars per quarter be charged for the study of the Languages, in addition to the ordinary price for scholars in the other branches of study.

The accounts of the Treasurer and Superintendent have been examined and settled, from which it appears, that the receipts of the School from the funds and the amount paid for scholars, have about

met the expenses; and the Committee consequently propose, that the terms for board, tuition, &c. be continued the same as last year; and that the privilege of sending one child six months, free of expense, be continued to each Monthly Meeting. Friends are requested not to neglect the established regulation of the School, that the expense of each quarter be paid in advance, inasmuch as inconvenience and loss have resulted from the neglect of this rule.

The Committee deem it proper again to recommend to Friends, that in sending their children to the School, the period of time proposed three years ago may be observed, as far as practicable, viz. at the time of our Yearly Meeting, and in the first weeks of the 2d, 5th, 8th and 11th months.

In reviewing the past year, in relation to this Institution, we feel that we have cause gratefully to acknowledge the preservation extended to us, under which the School has continued to be conducted, we trust, to the benefit of many of the youth of our Society.

By direction and on behalf of the Committee,
ARNOLD CONGDON, Clerk.

YEARLY MEETING BOARDING SCHOOL, 5th mo. 8, 1835.

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At the Yearly Meeting aforesaid,

The Committee on the subject of Education produced the following Report, viz.

“The Committee on Education have taken into consideration the important subject referred to them. The religious and guarded education of our children and youth appears to be increasingly claiming the serious concern of Friends, and it is much desired that the provisions of our Discipline upon the subject of Education may be revived in Friends’ minds, and put in practice wherever it may be practicable.

The institution of Family Schools is considered by the Committee a very interesting subject; and we desire that Friends may be encouraged to keep alive a concern for their establishment, as way may open for it.

We propose the following Queries for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, to be sent down to our subordinate Meetings:

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting and Family Schools)- and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends’ Schools within the year?

Monthly Meetings are desired to answer these Queries in season for the Spring Quarterly Meetings, and the Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit their answers to our next Yearly Meeting.”

-----Which being read and considered, was satisfactory to the Meeting, and the Clerk was directed to forward copies

of the same to our several subordinate Meetings; who were requested to give the necessary attention to preparing and transmitting answers to the two Queries, as proposed.

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At a monthly meeting of friends
8 m^o at **Dartmouth** 26th of 8th m^o 1835 - accounts
1835 being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives named to this meeting are from the South **Elijah Gifford & Daniel Howland** from the north **William Potter & Othniel Tripp** who are all present. —

Z. Bowman & his Wife in Attendance Our beloved Friend **Zacheus Bowman** attended this meeting with a Certificate of unity, from **Sidney** Monthly Meeting (state of **Maine**) held at **fairfield** in the 7 month 1835, his Company and gospel Labours are acceptable to us. Also our Esteemd friend **Elizabeth Bowman** in Company with her husband who produced a copy of a minute from the same M^o meeting whose Company has ^{also} been acceptable and we have furnished them with the substance of this minute. —

Nancy Tucker Removed We have in Conjunction with the women approved & signd a removal Certificate for **Nancy Tucker** directed to **Westport M^o Meeting.** —

John T. Tripp Rc^d a Member The Committee appointed last month on behalf of **Benjamin Tuckers** requests made the following report, To the m^o meeeting Dear friends, we ~~have~~ the Committee appointed to visit **Benjamin Tucker** on account of his request for **John T. Tripp** to become a member of Our society have had an opportunity with him. and it is our united opinion that

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it would be best to receive the said **John T Tripp** into Membership with us which we Submitt to the meeting. — — —

8 m^o on behalf of the Committe **Joseph Gifford**

1835 8^{mo} 26th 1835 - Aand after a time of
deliberation thereon we do with the womens
concurrance receive him the s^d **John T. Tripp**
into membership with us. _____

John T. Tripp
Rc^d ~~~~~

Schollar _____
at one of the Committe appointed last month to
the Board y select a schollar to receive our priviledge at the
School. Boarding school (**Providence**) reports that one
has been found & s^d schollar is now at school
We have Received eight printed Essays from
Advice our **Newengland** Yearly Meeting Boarding scho
of the =ol Committe under date of 8 m^o 7th presint
B. School year relative to the regulations there, one
Committe of which has been read at this time the
Rc^d Clerk is desired to place one on record, as here
may be seen

Signd on behalf of the meeting
By **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

9 m^o At a monthly meeting of Friends held at
Dartmouth 23^d of 9 m^o 1835 accounts being
Rc^d from Each of the preparative meetings,
the representatives named to this meeting are
from the south **Humphrey Anthony Benj^m**
Gidley from the north **Benjamin Potter**
& **Isaac R Gifford** who are all present. —

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

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

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

We should ever remember the apostolic exhortation, "Let your moderation be known unto all men." And "let not your adorning be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold and of putting on of apparel, but let it be the hidden man of the

heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is, in the sight of God, of great price.”

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

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

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

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

ARNOLD CONGDON, Clerk.

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The Queries have been read in this meeting together with answers to the usual three from each of the preparative meetings, from which a summary was prepared, describing our present state so far as they extend, which was directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Abram Russell Warren Gifford** and **Isaac R. Gifford** whom we have appointed representatives to that meeting, desiring them to report their attendance next month, the Clerk is also desired to furnish them with the necessary account from us & sign the same on our behalf. —————

*Q. Answered
&
Representatives
appointed
to
Q. Meeting*

*William
Sampson
&
family
Received*

In concurrence with the women we have Read & Accepted a removal Certificate from **Newbedford** monthly meeting on behalf of **William Sampson** his wife **Charlotte B. & Sarah Swift** a minor. _____

*Abraham
Russell
appointed
Elder*

This meeting (with the womens Concurrence) Appoints **Abram Russell** to the station of an Elder, if the Quarterly Meeting should unite with us herein, and this minute is directed there to obtain the Concurring Unity of the Q. Meeting. _____

*Committe
to
inspect the
M. house
&
selle wood*

The subject of putting some repairs on this ~~house~~-Meeting house at some future time & also of disposing of some wood from off the lot belonging to us towards meeting the expence thereof, being introduced at this time this meeting Come to the conclusion to appoint a committe to inspect the house as to Repairs

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Quantity ~~

and examine the wood lot determine what would be best to sell, & to dispose of the same during the insuing Winter & Spring, and to that service we appoint **Abram Russell Benjamin Tucker & Abner Potter** who are desired to report to this meeting when they have completed these objects. _____

Signd on behalf of the meeting by **Isaac R Gifford**

10 m^o

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 28th of 10 m^o 1835. accounts being received from each of the preparative meeting the representatives therein named to this meeting are from the South **Daniel Howland** and **Osman Wood** from the north **Caleb Slade & Benj^m Potter** who are all present _____

*Repres
Report
attendance
O.M.*

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Q. Meeting Reports that they all attended. _____

The Committee in the Case of **Shearman Slade** now made the following report. (viz) _____
To the Monthly meeting.

*Sharman
Slade*

Dear friends, We have had two opportunities with **Shearman Slade** agreeable to appointment to but little Sat

Disownd =isfaction, as he manifested no disposition to condemn his conduct, but endeavoured to justify himself in his deviations,

from your friends

Abraham Russell

James Tucker —

and after a time of deliberation thereon & having the womens concurrence herein we do disown him the s^d **Shearman Slade** from being any longer a member of our religious

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Society, and **Isaac Lawrence** is named to inform him hereof & report next month-

Phebe Tripp
Appointed
Elder
This meeting unites with the women in the appointment of **Phebe Tripp** to the station of an Elder. — — — — —

Samuel W. Snows
Committe
increased
James Tucker one of the committe in the case of **Samuel W. Snow** informd us, that **Seth Davis**, the Other of the committe had removed from this meeting, & requested that we should appoint some assistance in **Seths** coam.

whereuppon we appoint **Abraham Russell & Ebenezer Allen** to join in the case. —

Clerks
appointed
The time for which the Clerks of this meting were appointed being expired, **Isaac R. Gifford** is appointed Clerk and **Thomas K. Wilbur** an assistant for the year ensuing or untill another appointment. — — — — —

Signd on behalf of the meeting by
Isaac R Gifford Clerk

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11 m^o At a Monthly meeting of Fiends held at **Dart** 25th of 11 m^o 1835 – accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meeting the representatives to this meeting are from the south **Lilly Gifford Benjamin Gidley** north **Thomas K. Wilbur & Benjamin Tucker** – who are all present –

S. Slade
inform^d ~~One of the~~ **Isaac Lawrence** reports that **Shearman Slade** has been informd of his disownment

a/c to the
Q. meeting
The Queries have been read together with ans^d to the usual three, describing our present state a summary of which had is directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Lilly Gifford Caleb Slade & Ebenezer Allen**, whom we have appointed our representative, desiring them

them to report their attendance to our next meeting, the Clerk is also desired to furnish them with an account from us and sign the same on our behalf. —————

*Committee
to
Select
Overseers*

The time for which the overseers of this meeting were appointed having expired. **James Tucker, Isaac Lawrence, Abraham Russell Warren Gifford, & Isaac R Gifford** are appointed a Committee to bring forward to our next Monthly meeting such names as they may aprehend suitable for that station —————

*Julia
Anthony
disownd*

This meeting Concurs with the women in disowning **Julia Anthony** (Late **Tucker**)

*Anna
Austin
Rc^d*

We have united with the women in the reception of a Certificate of removal from **Newbedford** monthly meeting on behalf of **Anna Austin**. ——— Signd on behalf
of the meeting **Isaac R Gifford**
Clerk =

*12 m^o
1835*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dart**=
23^d of 12 m^o 1835 accounts being received from each of the preparative meeting, the representatives to this meeting are from the south **Ebenezer Allen & Joseph Gifford**, from the North **John Handy & Othniel Tripp** who are all present. —————

*Representatives
all attend -*

One of the representatives to our last Quarterly mee
ting reports that they all attended. —————

*Overseers
appointed*

The Committee appointed last month to propose friends for Overseers of this meeting have produced the following names (viz) **Benjⁿ Tucker Thomas K. Wilbur, Joseph Gifford, Abner Potter Lilly Gifford, & Benjamin Gidley**, and after a time of consideration thereon we unite with the proposition & they are accordingly appointed to that service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment. —

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New-England Yearly Meeting.—6th mo. 1835.

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The Committee appointed to prepare a Digest of the returns received from the several Quarterly Meetings, on the subject of Education, presented the following summary view of the information received.

Copies of which the Clerk was directed to transmit to our subordinate Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JR. Clerk.

[N.B. The returns received at the time of the Yearly Meeting, embraced all the Monthly Meetings, except one; an account [up]on which has since been forwarded to the Clerk, and by him incorporated into the summary view here presented, making the returns [co]mplete from the whole Yearly Meeting.]

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In answer to Query 7, it is stated in the return from **Salem** Quarter, that care has been taken in the [s]election of Books for the Schools under the care of Friends; although it is found difficult to procure books [i]n some of the branches that are consistent, in every respect, with our views. The answer from **Smithfield** [Q]uarter states, that in one Monthly Meeting the books used by the schools were selected by a Committee [A]ppointed by the Monthly Meeting. No answer is given to the query from any other quarter. **Falmouth** Quarterly Meeting informs, that eight Teachers of mixed Schools, viz. three males and five [f]emales, are members of our Society. A note attached to the return from **Smithfield** Quarter informs, that [t]welve Members of Society, viz. two males and ten females, have been employed in district schools within [t]he past year, and that, at these schools, many of the children attended, which have been included in their [r]eturn as having attended district or mixed schools.* A similar note from **Salem** Quarterly Meeting informs, [t]hat **Lynn** Preparative Meeting School, which was kept nine months, was suspended the other three months [f]or the want of a Teacher.

*The other Quarterly Meetings have not given any information of this kind; but it is known that in some of them, and it is [p]robable that in all, there are Teachers of district or mixed schools, who are members of our society.—Clerk.

From the returns above given, it will be seen, that there are, belonging to this Meeting, of an age suitable

for instruction at school, (say from 4 to 21 years of age,)

In Rhode-Island Quarter, 388			
Sandwich,	576		
Salem,	479		
Falmouth,	347		
Smithfield,	366		
Vassalborough,	631		
Dover,	<u>368</u>		
	3155		
Males, under 14,	940	Females, under 14,	840
at School,	899	at School,	805
not at School,	41	not at School,	35
at district or mixed Schools, .	843	at district or mixed Schools, .	727

Males, over 14,	702		Females, over 14,	673
at School,569		at School,492
not at School,133		not at School,181
at district or mixed Schools, .	.505		at district or mixed Schools,	.457

Whole number of Children reported Males, 1642
Females, 1513
3155

At district or mixed Schools, 2530*
Attended Friends' Schools, exclusively, 235
Whole number actually at School within } 2765
the year, }
Not at School, 390†

3155

*Some of which attended Friends' Schools part of the time.
†Of these, 133 are males, 181 females, over 14 years of age.

Number of Friends' Schools;
Preparative Meeting, 3
Monthly Meeting, 1
Family, 27

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*Overseers
Poor
appointed* The time for which the overseers of the poor were appointed having expired, we appoint **Benjamin Potter, Abram Russell, Ebenezer Allen, Humphrey Anthony, Isaac R Gifford & Daniel Howland** to that service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment. — — — — —

*Digest on
Education
Rec^d* We have Received five Coppies of the digest in regard to Education, which was prepared at our Last Yearly Meeting, & directed to us by Our last Quarterly Meeting. One of which has been read at this time, and it is concluded to place one on our records, the other four to be kept in care by the Clerks of our preparative meetings for the use of Friends.

*Almira
Sisson
disown'd* This Meeting unites with the women in disowning **Almira Sisson.** (Late **Smith**)

*Committee
to see
Births
&
Deaths -* This Meeting apprehending it necessary in order that our records may show correctly as to Births and Deaths to appoint one or more friends in each particular meeting, who are desired to obtain the necessary information and forward the same to the recorder & for this committee to continue their attention hereto untill another appointment, & ~~to that service~~ we the subject meets the

approbation of the meeting & **William Potter, George Smith, Isaac Lawrence, Abraham Russell, and Humphrey Anthony** were accordingly appointed to that service. -----

Signed on behalf of the
Meeting by **Isaac R Gifford** Ck.

=====
1836
1 m^o

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 27th of 1m^o 1836. The accounts from each of the preparative are received, the representatives from the South are **Warren Gifford & Freeman Lawrence**, from the North **Caleb Slade & Isaac R. Gifford** who are all present.
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The following information Respecting **Elijah Gifford J^{un}** was presented to this meeting with the accounts from the south preparative meeting. (viz)

*Elijah
Gifford J^{un}
under
dealing*

To the preparative meeting
Dear friends, **Elijah Gifford Jun** has kept company & married out of the order of society with one not a member which we submit to the meeting, signd **Joseph Gifford**

1 m^o 20th 1836

Lilly Gifford
overseers --

whereupon we appoint **Isaac Lawrence** and **Abraham Russell** a Committe to extend further Labour with him and make report to a future meeting

Signd on behalf of the meeting

Isaac R Gifford

Clerk

2 m^o
1836

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 24th of 2^d m^o 1836 – accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meeting the representatives therein nam'd to this meeting are from the south **Humfry Anthony & Prince Allen**, from the north **Benjamin Tucker & William Tucker** who are all present. -----

*B. Potter
Requests
Certificate*

By the accounts from the north preparative meeting it appears that **Benjamin Potter** Request a Certificate to **Westport** monthly meeting on

on
a/c
Marriage

account of Marriage with **Nancy S. Tucker**
a member of that meeting, whereupon we
appoint **Benjamin Tucker & Thomas K. Wil-**
=bur a Committe to make the necessary inquiry
prepare a certificate for that purpose and pre
sent the same to our next m^o Meeting if
no obstruction appears. Signd **Isaac R Gifford** Ck

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3 m^o
1836

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartm^o**
23^d of 3 m^o 1836, Account being Rc^d from each of the Pre=
parative meetings, the representatives therein namd to this
meeting are, from the south **Joseph Gifford** and
Osman Wood, from the north **W^m Potter & Isaac R. Gifford**
who are all present

Q. answd
&
Representatives
to
Q. Meeting

The Queries with answers thereto [^]from each of the preparative Mgs have been Read in
this meeting which have been Considered, a summary
of which has been prepared & directed to our next
Quarterly meeting by **Lilly Gifford, George Smith**
& **Isaac R Gifford**, whom we have appointed Represen=
=tatives thereto, desireing them to Report their attendance
to our next meeting, the Clerk is also desired to
furnish them with an account from us & sign
the same on our behalf. _____

Q. Meeting
Stock
paid

Our proportion of Stock has been paid to the
Treasurer of the Quarterly Meeting, as Reported —

B.Potter
Certificate
of
Marriage

The friends appointed Last month to prepare a Certif=
=icate for **Benjamin Potter** an account of Marriage
have produced one, which was Read, approved and
Signd, directed to Westport monthly meeting. —

Answers
on
Education
to
Q. Meeting

This meeting has noticed the Request from Our last
yearly Meeting in regard to Education, but have
not been able to establish any Schools entirely under
the direction of friends, & have made acct & directed
to be forwarded Answers to the Quarterly Meeting
accordingly. _____

Jonathan
Kirby
Committe

it appears by the south minutes & also by his request that
Jonathan Kirby ~~has a serviee~~ feels it his duty to become
a member of our society. we therefore appoint Abram
Russell, Warren Gifford and Benjamin Tucker a Com=
=mitte to visit him in order to obtain the state of
his mind as it regards his fitness to become a member
of our Religious society & make a report to a ~~future~~
future meeting. — — — — —

B. Ricketson
40., Rc^d

The Committe having the Care of the **Benjamin**
Ricketson Request now Report that forty Dollars has
been Rc^d for Rent of marsh 26,, \$ & dividends from the —

Institution for savings 14\$ which has been paid
our Treasurer —————

Signd on behalf of the meeting
Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

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1836
4 m^o

At a monthly Meeting of Friends held at
Dartmouth 27th of 4 m^o 1836, accounts being
Received from each of the preparative
meetings, the Representatives namd to this
meeting are from the south **Abner Pott[er]**
& **Daniel Howland** from the north **W^m**
Potter & Isaac R. Gifford who are all here

Represent
to
Q.M.
Report =

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

Seth Davis
Certificate
Rec^d-

This meeting has Rc^d read & Accepted a
Certificate from **Providence** monthly M.g.
on behalf of **Seth Davis, Mary** his wife &
their Children **Elizabeth, James & Moses C.**
their Son **Ellery H.** was included in their
Certificate ^{^there} whose name was omitted in
theirs to us, **Isaac R Gifford** is desired to take
the necessary care in the Case —————

Care taken
of E.H.Davis
[written on
diagonal]

Deborah
H Shearman
gone

In Concurrence with the womens meeting
we have signd a removal Certificate on
behalf of **Deborah H. Shearman** directed
to **Newbedford** Monthly meeting. —

William
Sampson
Requests
Certiff^e

We are informd that **William Sampson**
has removed to live within the limits of
Newbedford m^o Meeting & requests our Certif
=icate for himself & family, **Lilly Gifford &**
Abram Russell are namd to Confer with the
women, prepare one and hand in to our
next meeting, if there should not appear
any thing to hinder

The Committe in the Case of **Samuel**
W. Snow (see page 171 and 226 of this Book)
now made the following report (viz) —

To the monthly meeting of **Dartm^o**
Dear friends,

Samuel
W. Snow
Received
into

We have lately had an oppo
=rtunity with **Samuel W. Snow**, in Conse
=quence of his request to become a mem
=ber of our society, and altho it appeard
to us that his religious experience was

memberp small, yet we apprehend that his motives were sincere and that it may be safe to admit him into membership if the meeting should think it proper -

26th of 4 m^o 1836 } **Abram Russell**
from your friends } **Ebenezer Allen**
} **James Tucker**

which being Read & after a time of deliberation thereon, was accepted & having the womens Concurrence we do receive him the said **Samuel** into membership with us & **Seth Davis** is named to inform him hereof & Report next month. ———

M.Hart
Annuity
12., p^d

one of the Committe having the Care of the bequest made to this meeting by **Mary Hart** Reports, that one years Interest thereon it being twelve Dollars has been Rc^d and paid one to our Treasurer — — ———

J.Gifford
Certificate
Granted -

Joseph Gifford informd this meeting that he had a prospect of accompanying **Anna Maccomber** (of **Westport**) & **Mary Card** (of **Newbedford**) on their proposed Religious visit to friends of **Smithfield & Rhode Island**

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Quarterly Meetings. After a time of Deliberation was united with with, he being a member in unity & ⁱⁿ good esteem with us, the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a Coppy of this minute, & sign the same on our behaf -

Comtte
to
Settle w
Treasurer

Ebenezer Allen, Benjamin Tucker and Abr^m Russell are named to settle accounts with the Treasurer, propose one for the insuing year as also a sum of money necessary to be Collected to meet our expences for the support of our poor &c. & make report to our next meeting.

Signd on behalf of the M.g –
By **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

5 m^o
1836

At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartm^o** 25th of 5th m^o 1836- - accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives named to this meeting are from the south – **Freeman Lawrence & Humphrey Anthony** - from the North **Thomas K. Wilbur James Tucker**

who are all present except one —————

*W^m Samson
& family
Removed*

In concurrence with the women we have signd
a Removal Certificate directed to **N Bedford**
Monthly Meeting on behalf of **William Samson**
his wife **Charlotte B. & Sarah Swift** (a minor)

*Seth
Davis*

The friend named at our last meeting to inform
Samuel W. Snow of his reception. Reports that
owing to **Samuels** being gone from home, he has
not yet done it, he is therefore Continued in
Care of the same.—————

*N.preparative
Meetings
Stock
paid
for 1835*

A friend of the North preparative meeting inf
orms that, that meetings proportion of stock has
been Collected & accounted for with our Treasurer
for the year 1835-

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The friends named last month to settle
with our Treasurer & propose another ———
as also a sum of money necessary to be Coll=
=ected &c— now made the following Report --

*Treasurer
Settled with*

To the Monthly meeting of **Dartmouth**, We your
Committe appointed to settle with the Treasurer
& propose a sum to be Raised to meet the expences
that we are now owing, have attended thereto,
& find a balance in his hands of two Dollars
and ¹⁸/₁₀₀, & propose to Raise the sum of two
hundred Dollars, as we are now owing for
keeping the poor about that sum— there is
now due **John Handy** for keeping **Jane**

*200., Dolle
to be Collected*

Mosher & Hannah Hart — — ————— 120.,83
& **Holden Smith** for keeping **Hannah Hix** 64----
& there has something been handed to 184.,83

Freeborn Shearman which we think will about
make up the 200\$— & we propose **Osman**
Wood to be Treasurer of the monthly meeting
Signed on behalf of the Committe

*Treasurer
appointed*

Abrm Russell -

which was read & accepted, Accordingly **Osman**
Wood is appointed Treasurer for the insuing [^]year or
untill another appointment & our preparative
meetings are desired to Collect their several
proportions of 200 Dollars & pay the same over to
our Treasurer making Report hereof when
accomplished — — — — —

*London
Epistle
Rc^d
128*

We have Rc^d through the medium of the Q. Meeting
64 Coppies of the **London** printed funeral Epistle
as also the same number in printed form which
was directed to their own particular members
all which friends are desired to receive, Read
& hand to those who may want, the Reading
of them is omitted here untill next month-

Signd on behalf of the meeting
By **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk —

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At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 22^d of 6 m^o 1836, accounts being Rc^d
from each of the preparative meetings the
1836 Representatives namd to this meeting are from
6 m^o the south **Abner Potter & Seth Davis** from the
north **Benjamin Tucker & William Potter** who -
are all present. _____

*Joshua
Lynch of
Ohio -* Our Esteem'd friend **Joshua Lynch** from
Upper Springfield Monthly meeting
Columbianna County, Ohio Attended this mg-
with a Certificate from his friends at home-
his Company & Gospel Labours have been
accepted to us. As also the Company of our
friend **Samuel Woolman** Companion to
the aforesaid friend whose Certificate from
the same monthly meeting has been Read
*V & Joan
Meadens
attended* Our friends **Valentine & Joanna Meaden**
from **Vassalborough** Monthly meeting (S^T. of **Maine**)
Also attended this & produced Coppies of
minutes from their friends, which together
with their Religious engagements are acceptable
to us, & the Clerk is directed to furnish ~~them~~
them with a Copy of the substance of this
minute, signing the same on our behalf —

*London
E. Read.* The **London** general Printed Epistle has been
Read at this time, we trust to our Comfort &
Edification. _____

*Q. answd
&
Represnt^s
appointed* The Queries with answers to the first 2^d & 10th have
been Read in this meeting a summary proposed &
& Considered on to the Usual three - which togeth^{er}
with the necessary extracts are directed to our
next Quarterly meeting by **Benjamin Tucker**
Ebenezer Allen & Ab^m Russell whom we
have appointed Representatives thereto desiring
them to report their attendance to our next meeting
the Clerk is directed to furnish them, with our accounts
& sign the same on behalf of this meeting.

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The Committee appointed some time since
see page (199) to prepare a Certificate for **Perry Gifford**

now made the following Report.

To the Monthly meeting,

*Perry Giff^d
Committe
dismissed.*

We the Committe appointed some time past to prepare a certificate for **Perry Gifford** have attended to our appointment, but have not found the way clear to produce one as he wholly neglects the attendance of our Religious meetings (where he resides) we therefore think it best that the Committe be dismissed, which we submit to the meeting. on behalf of the Committe- **Joseph Gifford.** — — — which being Considered on by this meeting ~~and~~ the Report was accepted, and they released from that Charge

*P Giffords
Committee
appointed see page
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[written sideways]*

The overseers forwarded to this meeting through the medium of the south preparative meeting the following information Respecting **William Barker** (viz) To the preparative & monthly meeting of friends, **William Barker** has Married out of the order of Society with a member and sister of a former wife, which we submit to the meeting signd

*W^m Barker
Complaind
of -*

Joseph Gifford }
Lilly Gifford } over
Benjⁿ Gidley } seers —

we appoint **Isaac Lawrence Warren Gifford & Abram Russell** a Committe on our behalf to visit him and extend such Labour as the Care may require and make Report thereon next m^o Our friends **Joseph Gifford** has now returned to this meeting a Coppy of a minute which was granted him in 4th m^o last as appears on Record - - - Signd on behalf of the meeting

*Joseph Gifford
Returned
Certificate*

Isaac R. Gifford Clerk ———

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At a Monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 7 m^o 27th 1836, accounts being Rc^d from Each of the preparative meetings the Rep =representatives named therein to this meeting are from the South **Abner Potter & Humphrey Anthony** North **Caleb Slade & Rowland Rider** who are all present. — — — —

*7 m^o
1836 -*

*Report
of
Represent*

One of the Representatives appointed last month to attend the Q. Meeting Reports that they all attended ——— We have Read at this time an Epistle from the yearly meeting of **London** of 1835 directed to its own members which we

*London
Epistle*

*Minutes
of
Y. Meeting* deem both Comfortable & useful to us. —
We have Rc^d 100 Coppies of a Minute from
our Last Yearly Meeting. Declaratory of some
of the doctrines always held and believed by
one of which has been Read at this time -
friends are desired to Receive them as they
may want

*Extracts
from
yearly
meeting* Extracts from the Minutes of our Last
Yearly meeting imbracing the Report of
the boarding school Committe & advices also
Connected, Made by s^d Committe of 8 m^o
last are now Read, as also the Reports of
Committee on Education, & schools including
two Queries on those subjects similar to those
Received & answered last year by which
it appears that this meeting has the priviledge

*Schollar found
& Reported
[written sideways]*

of the B School for one schollar six months
**Lilly Gifford, Seth Davis, Benjamin ^{^Tucker} and Isaac
Lawrence** are named to Join the women in
making selection of a schollar to Receive s^d
Priviledge & make Report hereof when done.

[Typed insert start]

YEARLY MEETING
OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND, SIXTH MONTH, 1836.

THIS Meeting having become painfully aware,
that there are in circulation among our members,
various publications, purporting to be treatises upon,
and expositions of the principles of our religious
society, in various points of doctrine; but which are
unauthorised by the society, and which give unsound
and unjust views of our Christian principles, and are
calculated to lead the minds of the unwary away
from the faith once delivered to the saints, and from
a settlement in the blessed truths of the Gospel
always most surely believed and professed by us as
a people, have felt themselves bound again to declare
their unshaken faith in the truths thus sought to be
laid waste.

We have always believed, we have been unwav-
ering in our acknowledgment and profession of the
truths declared in the Holy Scriptures, respecting
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in the flesh,
that “He was conceived of the Holy Ghost, born of
“the Virgin Mary, lived and suffered in the world,
“went about doing good, enforced by his precepts
“and doctrines, the future rewards of the righteous
“and the punishment of the wicked, and by miracles,

“healing all manner of diseases and sickness among
“the people, he shewed forth his power, his good-
“ness and his wonderful works among the children

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of men, and finally made an offering of himself on
“the cross, as a propitiation for our sins, and not for
“ours only, but for the sins of the whole world.”—
And we are prepared to confess, that no other
foundation can any man lay than that is laid, which
is Jesus Christ; or in the words of **George Fox** to
the governor of **Barbadoes**, “This Jesus, who was the
“foundation of the apostles and prophets, is our
“foundation; and we believe there is no other foun-
“dation to be laid, but that which is laid, even
“Christ Jesus; who tasted death for every man,
“shed his blood for all men, and is the propitiation
“for our sins.” We have also been constant in the
profession of our belief of the authenticity and
divine authority of the Holy Scriptures of the Old
and New Testaments, and in accordance with the
testimony of **Robert Barclay**, do freely confess, “that
“whatsoever doctrine is contrary unto their testi-
“mony may therefore be justly rejected as false.”—
And further, in the words of the same writer, “ We
“do firmly believe that there is no other gospel or
“doctrine to be preached, but that which was de-
“livered to the apostles, and do freely subscribe to
“that saying, Let him that preacheth any other
“gospel than that which hath been already preached
“by the apostles, and according to the scriptures,
“be accused.”

But while we have thus held and constantly pro-
fessed, we have also been steadfast in our belief,
according to the Scriptures, that this blessed Saviour
appears in our hearts by his Spirit, according to his
own testimony before he ascended to the glory

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which he had with the Father before the world was:
“I will not leave you comfortless, I will come unto
you.” John xiv. 18. — And to the testimony of the
apostle: “For God, who commanded the light to
“shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to
“give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God

“in the face of Jesus Christ.” 2 Cor. iv. 6. And we have ever been concerned to direct all to the light of Christ in the secret of the soul, as that principle of Divine Life by which alone regeneration and sanctification are to be witnessed; by which alone our dark hearts can be illuminated, and we be made truly alive unto God. That while we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of our sins, and that those who were afar off are made nigh by the blood of Christ, we also firmly believe, that it is only through living faith in him that we can come to experience the blessed effects of what he has wrought out for us; and this faith is not of ourselves, it is the gift of God.

We are concerned renewedly to bear our testimony to the spirituality of the Christian religion, that as the heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, in our fallen and unregenerate estate, so it is in the heart that the work of grace must be experienced; and that in order thereto, we must submit to the cleansing operations of his Spirit there, become subject to his righteous government, and conformed to his holy will. Then indeed is he made unto us, “Wisdom and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption.” 1 Cor. i. 30. It is only as we thus dwell under the influence of the Holy Spirit in

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our minds, that we can experience any right qualification to labour in the blessed Master’s cause; and may we all seek after and wait for the fresh puttings forth of this heavenly Guide, ever bearing in mind the declaration of Christ, “ Without me ye can do nothing.”

We are concerned to exhort all our members to seek a settlement in these everlasting truths, and avoiding all speculation, rather humbly pray for ability in meekness and simplicity to obey God’s holy will. Avoid therefore, we beseech you, all unprofitable reading, and the reception of those unsound doctrines and sentiments which are now in circulation. Rather reverently read and meditate in the Holy Scriptures, with humble prayer to the Lord that he would open your hearts to receive and savingly apply the glorious truths of his gospel; — so shall you be made partakers of his salvation.

Beloved Brethren and Sisters, we have no new doctrines to offer, but we feel earnestly engaged to exhort all our fellow members to a careful observance of that solemn warning of our Lord and Saviour: "The time shall come when they shall say, Lo, here is Christ, or lo, he is there; go not after them."

Signed on behalf and by direction of the Yearly Meeting, by

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, JUN. }
HANNAH GOULD, JUN } Clerks.

B. T. CONGDON, Printer.

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Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New-England**—Sixth Month, 1836.

The annual Report of the Boarding School Committee we received and read, and being satisfactory to the Meeting, the Clerk was directed to forward copies thereof to our several Quarterly and Monthly Meetings.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Boarding School Committee report, That they have endeavoured, during the past year, to discharge the duties confided to them by the Yearly Meeting, in superintending the various concerns of the Institution.

Since our last report, **SETH** and **MARY DAVIS** have, by their request, been released from their engagement as Superintendents, and **ENOCH** and **LYDIA BREED** have again come in temporarily, to supply their places. **MOSES B. LOCKWOOD, JONATHAN SCLOCUM, LOUIS TABER,** and **VALENTINE MEADER,** are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and **MARY ANN BARKER, EMMELINE ALDRICH,** and **ELIZABETH H. OSBORNE,** in the Girls'. **GEORGE W. READ** is employed as Instructor in the Languages. **ISAAC C. HATHAWAY** continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, and it appears that on account of some improvement in the buildings and for other purposes, some expenses have accrued beyond the

usual expenditures, and that the receipts for board and tuition, from the income of the funds, and from other sources, have fallen short of meeting the expenses, about one thousand dollars; notwithstanding which, we think proper to propose, that the price for the admission of scholars, and the privilege to Monthly Meetings, be continued the same as last year.

In the 8th month last, the accompanying Circular on the subject of Plainness was forwarded to the several Monthly Meetings, and there appears at the present time to be a cheerful conformity on the part of the inmates of the Institution, to the requisitions therein contained.

The average number of Scholars during the past year, has been hundred and twenty-seven.—

Meetings have been regularly kept up, and harmony prevails.

In addition to the attention usually given to the School, the Committee deem it proper to inform the Yearly Meeting, that in the tenth and fourth months a special Committee visited the Schools, and spent several days in investigating the improvement of the Scholars and the condition of the Institution. By the reports of these Committees we are informed, that the state of the Schools, with respect to literary improvement, was very satisfactory, the exercises of the scholars evincing an industrious attention to their various studies. They also inform us, that the Schools are under good government, the children appearing readily to conform to the rules of the Institution.

On behalf of the Committee,

ARNOLD CONGDON, Clerk.

At a meeting of the Committee of the **New-England** Yearly Meeting Boarding School, held 8th month 7th 1835—

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

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

has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

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

Were our minds, dear friends, duly impressed with a sense of the matchless love of our adorable Redeemer and Preserver—were our hopes and dependence placed on Him—how should we be raised above the undue attachment to the things of time and sense and a conformity to the vain fashions and customs of the world.

And in accordance with the recommendations of our Discipline, we earnestly desire that parents and guardians would impress upon the minds of their children, the necessity of maintaining plainness of speech and behaviour, which is strictly required in the School. And it will be expected of every male admitted into this Institution, that his body-coat, jacket and vest, be single-breasted, and without lappels or falling collars, and that where any of these are figured, that they be of patterns consistent with the plainness required in other parts of the dress—and that they wear hats, caps being excluded.

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

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

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

On behalf and by direction of the Committee,
ARNOLD CONGDON, Clerk.

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Yearly Meeting of Friends for **New-England**, Sixth Month, 1836.

The Committee to whom was referred the answers to the Queries in regard to Schools, and the subject of Education generally, produced the following Report, which was acceptable to the Meeting.

And a concern being left by Friends, that the interesting subject of the guarded education of our beloved children and youth, may continue to rest impressively upon the minds of all our members, and produce such efforts to accomplish the object in view as circumstances will admit, the Clerk was directed to forward copies of the Report to our subordinate Meetings, and they were requested to pay the necessary attention to preparing Answers, giving as much in detail as they are able, the information required; and transmit such answers and information, through the usual channels of communication, to this Meeting next year.

From the Minutes of said Meeting,

A. SHEARMAN, JUN. Clerk.

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Education, report, That they have taken it into consideration, and formed a digest of the information received from the several Quarterly Meetings.

They regret that this information is not more complete in its details, to enable the Yearly Meeting to have a more definite knowledge of the number of children that have attended select or family schools

the past year. The accounts, however, afford evidence that increased attention has been given to the subject, while they believe that much yet remains to be accomplished, within the power of Friends.

The Committee are desirous that all our members should be encouraged to persevere in this important and very interesting concern. Were a more lively interest awakened, and renewed efforts made in reference to it, the results would doubtless prove extensively beneficial, and afford a source of satisfaction to those engaged to promote the guarded education of their children. By the accounts received,

there appear to have been, in the course of the year,

22 Family,
2 Preparative Meeting,
and 3 Monthly Meeting Schools,

one or two of which have continued the greater part of the year, while the remainder have generally continued a few months only. The number of scholars that have attended them is reported to be about four hundred; making an increase since last year of nearly two hundred. Although we find by the reports, that the number of Friends' children within the limits of this Yearly Meeting, between the ages of four and twenty-one, is upwards of three thousand, yet about one seventh only, enjoy the advantages of schools under the care of members of our society. From this view of the subject, the importance of further exertion will urge itself, with peculiar force, upon the minds of Friends.

The Committee are well aware, from the scattered location of Friends in some parts of the Yearly Meeting, that many difficulties are to be encountered in carrying their wishes into practical effect. In concluding this report, however, we can but express an earnest desire, that the younger members of the society who expect to engage in the business of teaching, would participate in the concern which attends the minds of their elder brethren and sisters; and if they sometimes make a trifling sacrifice on their own part, to enable parents to avail themselves more extensively of their services, the consciousness of having been instrumental in doing good, will no doubt, be a sufficient reward. We do, therefore, earnestly hope, that a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of their own society, with the desire of becoming its useful instruments, will induce them to adopt a disinterested course, in accordance with Christian duty.

We would propose to the Yearly Meeting, that the Queries adopted last year, be again sent down to the subordinate Meetings, with a note appended, requesting them to be particular in making full and definite reports of all the Children that attend schools under the care of Friends, and in giving such other information in relation to this subject, as may be interesting and useful to the Yearly Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee,

MOSES A. CARTLAND.

NEWPORT, 6 mo. 17, 1836.

The Queries above referred to, are,

1. How many Schools are there within your limits, under the care of Friends, (distinguishing between Monthly Meeting, Preparative Meeting, and Family Schools)—and what has been the average duration of these Schools during the year?

2. How many children of Friends have attended Friends' Schools within the year?

[Monthly Meetings are requested to answer these Queries in season for the spring Quarterly Meetings,

and to add any further information on the subject of Schools that it may seem desirable for the Yearly Meeting to become possessed of, in conformity with the above Report. And Quarterly Meetings are desired to transmit these answers to our next Yearly Meeting.]

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Answers
forwarded to
Q. Meeting
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And the Overseers are directed to prepare
Answers to the 2 Queries on Education and forward
the same to each preparative meeting in season
for the spring Quarter — — — — —

Q. Meeting
stock -
45..00

By an account from our Last Quarterly meeting
it appears that our proportion of that meeting
stock is forty five Dollars which sum our
Treasurer is desired to pay theirs when in funds.

Rebeca Barker
Disownd }

This meeting unites with the women in
disowning **Rebecca Barker** (Late **Potter**)
The Committe in the Case of **William**
Barker made the following Report (viz)

W^m Barker
Disowned

We your Committe appointed to treat
with **William Barker** Respecting the charges
brought against him, have attended to our
appointment, and have had an opportunity
with him on the subject, but he did not
manifest any Disposition to Condemn
any thing, which we submitt to the mg-

Dartmouth 27th of 7 m^o 1836 = Abraham Russell

Signd - } **Warren Gifford** }
 } **Isaac Lawrence** }

which Claimed the Consideration of the meeting
& after having the womens Concurrence were
united in disowning him the said **William**
Barker & do no Longer Consider him a memb^{er}
of our Religious society, **Edward Slade** and
Benjamin Tucker are named to give him
this information & make Report next month

Comtte to
Certificate
M. Beards
family -

Seth Davis & **James Tucker** are named to Join those
whom the women may appoint to prepare a
Certificate for **Mathew Beards** family if nothing
should appear to hinder & produce the same to our
next meeting. —————

The Committe in the Case of **Elijah Gifford**
now Report as followeth

To the Monthly meeting. -

We have attended to our appointment in
the case of **Elijah Gifford J^{ur}** and we believe
that he is not in a situation of mind at -
present wrightly to condem his deviations, or
to make satisfaction, the which we submitt
to the meeting, **Isaac Lawrence** }

 Signd - **Ab^m Russell** - - }

which was Read & accepted and after a time
of Deliberation thereon & having the womens
Concurrence do disown him the said **Elijah**
from being any longer a member of our
Society, **Isaac Lawrence** & **Warren Gifford** are
named to inform him hereof & Report next m^o

This meeting is informed that **Albert Gifford** of
Newbedford proposes to publish his intention of
of Marriage with **Rhoda Barker** at this time
accordingly they the said **Albert Gifford** and
Rhoda Barker appeared before the meeting &
Declared their intention of taking each other
in marriage, we noticed their Communica =^{tion}
& Desired them to wait untill our next meeting
for their answer – Signd on behalf of the Mg -
by **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

*Elijah
Gifford
Disowned -*

*Albert
Gifford &
R. Barker*

*Publish
Marriage*

8 m^o At a Monthly meeting of Friends held at
1836 **Dartmouth** 24th of 8 m^o 1836, accounts being Rc^d
from each of the preparative meetings, the Rep
-resentatives named therein to this meeting are
from the south **Daniel Howland** & **George
Smith** from the North **James Tucker** and
John Handy, who are all present

The friends who were named at our
last meeting to give **W^m Barker** and
Elijah Gifford Jur information of their having
been disowned, Report that they have been informd
One of the Committe appointed last month
to prepare a Certificate for **Mathew Beards**
family Reports, that they have not been un
=mindful hereof, but have not been able to
obtain sufficient information in the Case to
produce one at this time, they are Continued

*W^m Barker
&
Elijah Gifford
Informed -*

*Committe
to
prepare a
Certificate
M. Beards*

family - in Charge to Report at a future meeting. –
N.S.Potter We have in Conjunction with the women
Certificate Rc^d Read and accepted a removal Certificate
Rc^d ----- on behalf of **Nancy S. Potter** from **Westport**
monthly meeting of Friends. – — ———
The friend appointed some time since to give
S.W.Snow **Samuel W. Snow** information of his having
informd - been Rc^d into membership. Reports that he
has done so —————
Having Rc^d a Certificate from **New bedford**
Albert Giffd m^o meeting Certifying **Albert Giffords** Clear-
& *R.Barker* ness to procede in marriage with **Rhoda**
Rc^d their **Barker** & Consent of ^{^the} surviving parents
Answer - being now Rc^d & Read and nothing appearing
to hinder, they are left at liberty to solem
=nize their marriage at some suitable time
before our next m^o Meeting, they advising
with **Seth Davis & Isaac R Gifford** who are
desiried to attend & see said marriage
orderly Conducted & make Report
hereof next month, Signd on behalf of
the meeting by – **Isaac R Gifford** Clk

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1836 At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dart-**
9 m^o 28th of 9 m^o 1836, accounts being Rc^d from each of the
preparative meetings, the representatives named to
this meeting are from the south **Abram Russell**
& **Warren Gifford** from the north **Benjⁿ Tucker**
& **W^m Potter** who are all present. ~~~~~
Q. Meeting The Queries with answers to the first second & Tenth
a/c have been Read, a summary from the answers
agreed on, and directed to our next Quarterly
meeting by **Benjamin Gidley, Joseph Gifford** and
Benjamin Tucker whom we have appointed
our Representatives thereto, desireing them to
Report their attendence to our next meeting,
the Clerk is directed to furnish them with
the necessary extracts from our minutes &
sign the same on behalf of this meeting. -
The friends appointed last month to attend the
Marriage of **Albert Gifford** and **Rhoda Barker**
Report that they attended said Marriage and
saw nothing but that it was orderly conducted
and the Certificate left with the Recorder - ———
This meeting is informed that **Joseph Kemton** of

*Joseph }
Kemton }
&
S.Gifford
Published
Marriage* of **Newbedford** proposes publishing his intention of marriage with **Susan Gifford** at this time — accordingly the said **Joseph** and **Susan** appeared before the meeting & declared their intention of taking each other in marriage, the meeting noticed their Communication & desired them to wait till our next monthly meeting for an answer. ———

*J. Lawrence
Case
Carried to
Q. Meeting*

There is a Case on our minutes, when brought before us for Judgment, appears to Call forth a diversity of sentiment, and wishing at all times to preserve the unity which becomes us as a people, We Cordially Come to the conclusion to ask the Quarterly meeting advice in the case, And **Seth Davis Ephraim Gifford, James Tucker, Benjamin Potter** and **Joseph**

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AN ADDRESS
FROM THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF THE SOCIETY
OF FRIENDS
FOR **NEW-ENGLAND**, TO THE MEMBERS OF THE
SOCIETY AND OTHERS.

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AN ADDRESS.

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AT a Meeting of Representatives of the Society of Friends in **New-England**, held on **Rhode-Island** in the sixth month, 1836.—An affecting account of the evils attendant upon the introduction of ardent spirits, and fire arms and other munitions of war, among the natives of some of the Islands of the **Pacific Ocean**, was communicated to the Meeting through its foreign correspondence—and being aware that many vessels sailing from the various ports of **New-England**, were in the habit in the course of their voyages of touching at these Islands for the purpose of trade or refreshment, the Meeting is

anxiously desirous of discouraging, as much as in it lies, the practice of carrying these articles for the purpose of introducing them among those people.

In pursuance of this desire, we feel constrained, in Christian love, earnestly to exhort all such as are in membership with us, who in the course of their business, are concerned in ships touching at these Islands, to be exceedingly watchful in guarding every possible avenue by which such ships, or their officers or crews, may become the means of carrying these destroying articles among these people. We feel

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that it cannot be necessary on the present occasion, in calling the attention of the members of the Society of Friends to this important subject, to do more than to remind them of the uniform concern of the Society to discourage the use of ardent spirits, and of their ancient and steady testimony against the lawfulness of all wars and fightings, and consequently against suffering any in their employ to trade in these articles.

We feel that we live in a land in which the principles and precepts of the religion of Jesus Christ are very generally acknowledged to be of binding validity, and that therefore we may, as professors of a common faith, extend our address beyond the pale of our own Society, and, in the Christian feeling which wishes the welfare of the human family, remind all who shall read this address of that beautiful precept of the Lord Jesus Christ—"all things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so to them; for this is the law and the prophets." It appears to us that no one can for a moment doubt, that dreadful effects must inevitably follow the introduction of intoxicating drinks, among a people, unfurnished as the natives of the **South Sea Islands** are, with those powerful motives which measurably stay their fearful progress in a land, which, like ours, has been long blessed with the possession of the Holy Scriptures, which emphatically teach temperance in all things. Few, if any of the inhabitants of our own favored country, can have failed to have witnessed the ravages of intemperance among

ourselves. Few, if any, can have failed to have seen the victims of this vice, become the degraded objects of commiseration, lost to all usefulness to their fellow men, and fit only to excite the pity of those around them. And if such be the effects of intemperance here, surrounded as we are with such powerful motives to avoid it, and with such untiring exertions constantly in operation to stay the destroyer, how fearfully desolating must be its effects among a people who lack, in a great measure, these aids to virtuous restraint;—and to whose minds much that would be powerful here, must be addressed in vain.

We are authorized by the information we have received, to state, that in some of these Islands, there is a fearful destruction of human life, hastened by the use of ardent spirits; whole families in some cases both old and young being swept away. Surely something should be done to stop this desolating scourge of the human race. It is the suffering cause of an afflicted, injured people, and calls loudly for the attention of all who wish well to their fellow men. Can any who share the feelings of good will to man, be instrumental in producing madness among these natives, by furnishing the means of intoxication, and then supply them with weapons of destruction to complete their misery? Does it need more than a simple statement of the evils produced, to cause every one to pause, ere he incurs the awful responsibility of contributing to evils like these? The Bible declares that “verily there is a reward for the righteous, verily