

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

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

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

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

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meeting aforesaid.

THOMAS HOWLAND, Clerk.

*Comitte
appointed
to
Represent
J.L. Leave
to
O.M.g*

Gifford are named a Committe on behalf of this meeting to represent the Case of **John Lawrence** before the Committee whom the Quarterly Meeting may appoint, and make report of their attention to a future meeting. Sign^d on behalf of this meeting by **Isaac R. Gifford**
Ck-

10 m^o

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 26th of 10^{mo} 1836, accounts being Rc^d from each of our preparative meetings, the Representatives named to attend are from the South **George Smith & Ricketson Slocum** from the North **Caleb Slade & W^m Potter**, all present.--
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*Report of
Represives
to
O.M.g.-*

One of the representatives appointed last month to attend the Q. Meeting Reports that two of them attended and that the others nonattendance was on account of ill health. _____
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*Joseph
Kempton
&
S.Gifford
Rc^d answer*

having Rc^d a Communication from **Newbedford** Monthly meeting setting forth **Joseph Kemptons** clearness to procede in marriage with **Susan Gifford** and consent of surviving parents being produced to this meeting in writing, which being read, We leave them at liberty to solemnize their marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting, they advising with **Joseph Gifford** and **Seth Davis**, who are appointed to attend & see said marriage orderly Conducted, and make report hereof next month. _____
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*100 coppies
of
our Address
Rc^d~~*

We have Rc^d 100 coppies of an address from the Representatives of our Last yearly meeting, to our Society and others advising against furnishing the natives on some of the Islands of the **Pacific Ocean** with spiritous Liquors and munitions of War, one of which has been read, & placed on record= friends are desired to receive, Read & circulate them whene =ever they may apprehend usefulness may be desired by so doing. _____
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*W^m G. Slade
Request
Certiffi*

William G. Slade having gone to reside within the limmits of **Ninepartners** Monthly meeting (state of **Newyork**) requested a few lines setting forth his right of membership, **Seth Davis, Abraham Russell & Thomas K. Wilbur** are named to prepare a Certificate for him and produce the same to our next meeting if nothing appears to hinder. — — — — —

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*Clerks
appointed*

The time for which the clerks of this meeting were appointed, having expired, **Isaac R. Gifford** is appointed Clerk & **Thomas K. Wilbur** an assistant for the year insuing or untill another appointment. — — — — —

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*11 m^o
1836*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dart^m** 11 m^o 23^d 1836- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings, the Representatives named to this meeting are, from the South **Osman Wood & Humphrey Anthony** from the North **Thomas K. Wilbur & Benjamin Potter**, who are all present.

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*Q. answered
&
Representatives
to
Q. meeting*

The Queries with answers from each of the preparative meetings ~~have~~ to the usual three have been Read in this, and general answers prepared which are directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Benjamin Potter, Daniel Howland** and **Lilly Gifford**, whom we have appointed Representatives to that meeting, desireing them to report their attendance to our next meeting, the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary extracts from our minutes and sign the same on our behalf. — — — — —

*Committee
W^m G. Slade
Certificate
Reports*

The Committee having charge of **W^m G. Slades** - Certificate inform that they are not Ready to report, they are continued in care thereof another month. — — — — —

*Committee
Report -
J. Kempton
&*

The Committee appointed Last month to have the oversight of the Marriage of **Joseph Kempton** and **Susan Gifford** Report that one of them attended and saw nothing but that it was orderly Conducted, & the Certificate ready for the recorder -

S. Gifford the other through indisposition was not able
marriage to attend. — — — — —

J. Gifford Request Certificate on accounts of Marriage
This Meeting is informed that **Joseph Gifford** requests a Certificate to **Newbedford** M^o Meeting setting forth his right of membership & Clearness to proceed in marriage ~~in marriage~~ with **Mary Kempton** a member of that meeting, **Abner Potter** & **Freeman Lawrence** are named to prepare one for him and produce the same to our next m^o meeting if nothing should appear to hinder —

Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Isaac R Gifford Clerk

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12 m^o
1836 At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 28th of 12^{m^o} 1836- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings the representatives named therein to this meeting are from the south **Benjamin Gidley** and **Ebenezer Allen** from the north **Rowland Rider** & **Caleb Slade** who are all present except one-

Represent
to Q.M.
Report-
===== One of the representatives appointed last m^o to attend the Q. meeting reports that they all atten^{=ded}
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W^m G. Slade
Removed This meeting has approved & signed (in conjunc=
=tion with the women) a removal certificate for **William G. Slade** directed to **Nine partners** Monthly meeting of Friends, state of **Newyork**—————

J. Gifford Certificate for Marriage
===== The Committee having care of have produced a cer=
=tificate on behalf of **Joseph Gifford**, which was approved signed & directed to **Newbedford** monthly meeting of friends. — — — — —

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London
Epistle R^d
&
Read ~~ We have Rc^d a number of the **London** General printed Epistle as also the same number of an Epistle of Council from the same meeting to its own particular members [^] ~~both~~ of the presents year both of which have been read at this time to our comfort and Edification, friends are desiried to circulate them to each family belonging to this meeting as also to those who attend our meetings. —

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One of the members of the north preparative

North Preve meetings stock paid meeting informs that that meetings proportion of stock for the present year has been pd our Treasurer — — — — —

At a monthly meeting of Friends [^]held at **Dart** 25th of 1st m^o 1837- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings the representatives named therein to attend this are from the south **Prince Allen & Freeman Lawrence** from the north **Othniel Tripp & Isaac R. Gifford** who are all present. — — — — —

Committee to Certificate W^m Sisson This meeting is informed that **William Sisson** has gone to reside at **Newbedford** without a certificate **Lilly Gifford & Abraham Russell** are named to prepare & produce one for him to our next mee =ting if nothing should appear to hinder. — — — — —

South Pre stock paid We are also informed that the south preparative meeting has paid its proportion of stock to our treasurer for the years 1835 & 1836. — The Committee appointed some time since as appears on Record Page 224 of this book now made the following Report, (viz)

The Committee appointed some time past to sell off some wood to repair our meeting house &c, have attended to our appointment & have sold wood & Timber to the amount of \$159,,89 carried up. — — — — —

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Report of Committee to sell wood & Repair the Mg. house We have also Repaired said meeting House the expence of which was after selling the stuff that was left of 6,,914 as appears to be -- - - - \$226,,88 we have also bought a stove & pipe which last 12,,51 making 239,,39 amount of sales of wood & Timber deducted of 159,,89 Leaves a Ball of Debt as appears - - \$79,,50 which the members of **Aponegansett** particular meeting have subscribed to pay this balance of \$79,,50

Signd on behalf of said Committe
Abraham Russell. -

which being Read and confided on was satisfac =tory to this meeting. — — — — —

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

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*Overseers
of
Poor
appointed* The time for which the Overseers of the Poor has also
expired, we therefore reappoint the same friends
who were named to that service last year (viz)
**Benjamin Potter, Abraham Russell, Ebenezer Allen
Humphrey Anthony Daniel Howland & Isaac
R. Gifford**, who are to continue untill another
appointment. —————

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*Schollar at
Boarding
School –* One of the Committee named to select a schollar
to take our priviledge at the yearly Mg. B. Schools
Reports that one has been found & that the schollar
has been there some time —————

Sign^d on behalf of the meeting
By **Isaac R Gifford**
Clerk

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*1837-
2 m^o* At a Monthly meeting of friends held at **Dart^m**
2 m^o 22^d 1837- Accounts having been Rc^d from each of
the preparative meetings, the Representatives therein
named to attend this meeting are from the S^o
Zebedee Gifford & Allen Potter from the north
Benjamin Potter & James Tucker – all present.

*John &
Elizabeth
Meaden
with us* Our beloved friends **John and Elizabeth
Meaden** attended this meeting with Certificates
from their friends at home, expressing unity
with their present Religious engagement, dated
at their monthly meeting held at ~~26~~ north **Berwick**
24th of 11 m^o 1836– whose company & Gospel Labours
are being acceptable to us, the Clerk is directed
to give them a Copsy of this minute

*Overseers
Appoin'd* The Committee appointed last month to bring
forward names of friends for overseers of this
meeting Introduced the following (viz) **Abner
Potter, Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Gidley, Joseph
Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Thomas K. Wilber &
Isaac R. Gifford**, and after a time of consideration
thereon were united with & they were according
=ly appointed to that service for the year ensue
=ing or untill another appointment. —————

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This meeting is informed that **Charles J. G. Lawton**
has removed to live within the Limits of **Swansy**

C. J. G. Lawton
Requests
Certificate monthly meeting & requests our Certificate, **Isaac R. Gifford & Benjamin Tucker** are named to prepare & produce one for him to our next meeting if nothing should appear to hinder –

W^m
Sisson
Removed The Friends named Last month have produced a Certificate for **William Sisson** which was Read and approved accordingly signd & directed to **Newbedford** Monthly meeting of Friends. _____

Sarah E.
Allens
Certificate
Rc^d We unite with the women in receiving a Removal Certificate from **Newbedford** monthly meeting on behalf of **Sarah E. Allen**. _____

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2^d m^o
Jonathan
Kirby
Received The Committee in the case of **Jonathan Kirby** have made the following Report – (viz) We your committee in the case of **Jonathan Kirby** have had two oppertunities with him respecting his request to become a member of our religious society. He appears sincere in his request and being desirous to get along in the right way, which gave us a good degree of satisfaction, which we subm –it to the monthly meeting, sign^d **Warren Gifford** }
Benjamin Tucker }

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which was read and after a time of deliberation thereon appeard sattisfactory to the meeting, and having the womens concurrence herein, we do receive the said **Jonathan** into membership with us, & **Seth Davis & Benjamin Gidley** are named to give him this information & Report when done

_____ Signed **Isaac R Gifford Ck**
At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dart^m** 3m^o 22^d-1837, accounts being received from Each of the preparative meetings. the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are from the south **Abram Russell & Joseph Gifford** from the north **Benjamin Tucker & W^m Potter** who are all present.

Queries
answered- The Queries with answers from each of the prepa rative meetings have been read in this, from which General answers have been compiled, approved, and directed to our next Quarterly meeting, together with the necessary extracts from our minutes, by **Warren Gifford, Caleb Slade** and **Abner Potter** whom we have appointed our representatives, desireing them to report their attendance to our next meeting, the Clerk is also directed to furnish them with the accounts from us and sign the same on our behalf

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*Q.Meetings
stock
paid*

Our Treasurer informs that our proportion of Q-meeting stock has been paid to that meetings
Treasurer -

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*Susan G.
Kempton
Removed*

We have in conjunction with the womens meeting
signed a removal certificate on behalf of
Susan G. Wife of **Joseph Kempton** directed to
Newbedford monthly meeting of friends –

*Charles J.G.
Lawton
Removed*

The Committee appointed last month have prepared & produced a removal Certificate on behalf of **Charles J. G. Lawton** which was read, approved & signed by the Clerk and directed to **Swansey** monthly meeting of Friends _____

*Jonathan
Kirby informd
of
membership*

=====

The Friends appointed to give **Jonathan Kirby** information of his being received a member report that they have attended thereto —

*Providence
M^o Meeting
against
Ellery H.
Davis-*

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This meeting has Received a communication from **Providence** monthly meeting of friends in which it appears that, that meeting had noticed a Complaint handed by their overseers against **Ellery H. Davis** (viz) _____

“At **Providence** Monthly meeting of Friends held at **Smithfield** the 28 of 12th m^o 1836
Providence preparative meeting the following ^{^complaints} ~~preparative meeting~~ (viz)

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

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

Extracted from the minutes

Arnold Langdon Clerk -

*Ellery H.
Davis
has a
Committee*

Whereupon we appoint **James Tucker & Isaac R. Gifford** a Committee to treat with him an account of the deviations prepered against him in order to convince him of the impropriety of such conduct & make report to this meeting when accomplished.-

Signed on behalf of the
meeting by **J. R. Gifford**
Clerk—

1837-
4 m^o

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartm^o** 26th of 4 m^o 1837- accounts being received from each of our Preparative meetings, the representatives named therein one from the south **George Smith & Benjamin Gidley** from the north **Caleb Slade & Rowland Rider** who are all present. —————

*Representa
to Q.M.-
Report-*

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one of the representatives appointed Last month to attend the Quarterly meeting report that they all attended.

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The Committee who have the Care of the **Benjamin Ricketson** bequest made the following report (viz) To the Monthly meeting now setting, (over)

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*Benjamin
Ricketson
dividends*

The Committee who have the care of the **Benjamin Ricketson** property have received the dividends from the instetution for savings 21.00 & the cents of the Marsh for the past year ... 23.00
\$44⁰⁰

Rc^d all which have been paid to our Treasurer –

4 m^o 26th 1837- on behalf of the Committee ~

Ab^m Russell –

which being satisfactory to the meeting. the Clerk is directed to record the same in a book kept for this & similar purposes. —————

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*Committee
to
attend
Funerals &c*

One of the Committee appointed some time since to attend funeral &c. now report that they have attended to the objects of their appointment & that they have discovered nothing but that funerals have been orderly conducted & our Burying grounds generly kept to their satisfaction, This meeting believing it usefull & necessary that a similar Committe be continued we therefore Reapoint **Seth Davis Abraham Russell, Isaac Lawrence, Isaac R.Giffi James Tucker, Humphrey Anthony, Warren Gifford & Lilly Gifford**, to this service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment

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***Sarah
Potter** has
a
minute
to
Westport*

This [^]mg has in Conjunction with the women directed the Clerk to sign a Copsy of a minute on behalf of our beloved friend **Sarah Potter** on her proposing visiting the families of friends belonging to **Westport** monthly M.g. in Company with **Anna Maccamber** —

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*Committe
to
settle with
Treasurer
&c*

Abram Russell, Abner Potter & Isaac R. Giffd are named to settle accounts with our Treasurer, & propose a sum necessary to be collected, & report hereon next month –

Signed on behalf-
of the meeting by

Isaac R.Gifford

Clerk~

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At a Monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 24th of 5 m^o 1837, accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings, the representatives named are from the south **Joseph Gifford** and **Lilly Gifford**, from the north **Othniel Tripp & John Handy**, who are all present —————

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*Treasurer
settled with*

The Committee appointed last month to settle with the Treasurer & propose a sum necessary to be raised now make the following Report. (viz)

We have attended to our appointment, & find a ballance in his hands of four Dollars & 28/100 and propose to raise the sum of Three hundred dollars

300.,\$ to

be Collected as we find that sum will be due for keeping the poor by the middle of 10^{mo} next which we submit to the meeting, on behalf of the Committee To the monthly meeting } now sitting ~~~~~ } **Abram Russell**—
===== which being read was satisfactory to the meeting, and our preparative meetings are desired to collect their several proportions & pay the same over to our Treasurer making report hereof when accomplished. —
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12,,00 Rc^d
Mary Hart One of the Committee having the care of the **Mary Hart** Request reports that 12,,00 one year annuity had been received & paid to our Treasurer —
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Certificate for M. Beards family directed
The Committee some time since (on page 240) as there appointed to prepare a Certificate for **Mathew Beards** family have now produced one which was Read approved, signed & directed to the monthly meeting of Friends held at **Allum Creek** state of **Ohio**—
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6 m^o
1837 - At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 28th of 6 m^o 1837- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are from the South **Ebenezer Allen & Benjamin Gidley**- from the North **William Potter & George W - Frances** who are all present —
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W^m Kennard & T. Hall - attended -
Our Beloved Friend **William Kennard** from **Summersett** Monthly & **Stillwater** Quarterly meetings state of **Ohio** attended this meeting Satisfactory Certificates on his behalf ~~men~~ from these meetings were read, his company & Gospel Labours have been acceptable to us, he also has had an attended all the meetings within our limits- The Company of **Thomas Hall** Companion to the aforesaid friend with a minute from **Short Creek** monthly meeting. **Ohio** is also satisfactory, the Clerk is desired to notice the above a/c to our next Q. Meeting —
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Our Esteemed friends **Joseph & Elizabeth**

*Joseph and }
Elizabeth }
Tripp
attended -*

Tripp, from **Hicton** Monthly meeting state of **Newyork** attended this meeting. satisfactory minutes from that meeting on their behalf were read. their company & Labours in love have been satisfactory to us- _____
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*Representatives
to
Q. Meeting
Queries Ansd
&c -*

The Queries have been read at this time with answers to the first, second and tenth, a summary from which has been prepared and is directed to be forwarded to our next Quarterly meeting by **Ebenezer Allen, Isaac R Gifford Abnam Russell & Ricketson Slocum**, whom we have appointed representatives there to desiring them to report their attendance to our next m.g The Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary accounts from this meeting and sign the same on our behalf _____

~~The case of **John Lawrence** as appears on his book page¹⁹³ and revived again on reading the report of our committee made on that subject in 9M^o last, when this meeting came to the conclusion to ask advice of the Quarterly meeting~~
~~Lencin~~=====

The case of **John Lawrence** as appears on this book page 193, and revived again on reading the following report of our Committee to this meeting in 9 m^o last. viz-

To the Monthly meeting **Dartm^o**

*Extracts of the
Committee
on
J. Lawrence*

We have attended to the object of our appointment in the case of **John Lawrence**, but he did not manifest any disposition to retrace or condemn any steps he had taken in regard to the prosecution from your friends

**Abraham Russell }
Benjamin Potter }
James Tucker }**

When this meeting came to the conclusion to ask advise of the Quarterly meeting upon this subject, Is now introduced again by the reading of the following report made by the Q. Meetings committee to us-(viz) **Newport R.I.** 14th of 6 m^o 1837-

*Q. M.g.
Committees
Report on
J. Lawrence*

To friends of **Dartmouth** monthly meeting,
We the undersign'd of the Committee of **Sandwich** Quarterly meeting appointed in 10 m^o last for the purpose of rendering your meeting such advice and assistance as might be found necessary in our judgment in the case of **John Lawrence** as represented to us by your committee monthly meetings committee and by a visit of a part of this committee to him, in which the subject

has been fully heard, and after deliberately considering the case we are unitedly of opinion that it is necessary in order to support our Discipline that your meeting should proceed to place Judgment against the said **John Lawrence** (signed by the following friends, over)

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Seth Kelly, Mattiah Gifford, Sam^l Brown, Barnabas Taber, John Maccomber, Samuel Wing, which reports are satisfactory to us

John Lawrence disownd

And after a time of solid deliberation hereon and having the womens concurrence herein we do disown the said **John Lawrence** and no longer consider him a member of our religious society & **Warren Gifford & Abraham Russell** are named to inform him hereof & Report when done –

Harriet Gifford Removed

We have in unison with the women signed a Removal Certificate to **Pembroke** Monthly meeting of friends on behalf of **Harriet Gifford.** - Signed on behalf of the meeting **Isaac R Gifford**

===== Clerk-

7^{mo} 1837-

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 26th of 7 m^o 1837- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings. the Representatives named therein to attend this meeting are from the south **Osman Wood & Freeman Lawrence** from the north **Benjamin Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all present. _____

Representatives to Q.M. Report-

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

Q.Meetings Stock 67.50

by an account from our last Quarterly meeting it appears that our proportion of yearly and Quarterly meetings stock is 67^s 50^{ct} which our treasurer is directed to pay to Q. meetings treasurer when in funds _____

J.Lawrence informd.

The friends named last month to inform **John Lawrence** of his denial Report that they have attended thereto _____

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EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,
From the 11th to the 16th, inclusive of the Sixth Month 1837.

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

TO THE YEARLY MEETING,

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

Meetings have been regularly continued, and harmony was prevailed. The average number of scholars has been one hundred and thirty-four. At the present time there are twelve scholars in the Institution who are not members of our religious Society, all but two of whom are connected with Friends.

Our friends **Enoch** and **Lydia Breed** have continued, acceptably, to act as Superintendents, during the past year, but desiring to be released, we have at this time agreed with our friends **Rowland** and **Alice**

Rathbun, to serve the Institution in that capacity, who are expected to enter upon this service the first of next month. **Moses B. Lockwood**, **Jonathan L. Slocum**, **Samuel Austin** and **Lewis Taber** are employed as Teachers in the Boys' School, and **Mary-Ann Barker**, **Emeline Aldrich**, and **Elizabeth H.**

Osborne, in the Girls'. **George F. Reed** is employed as instructor in the Languages. **Isaac Hathaway** continues to exercise a care over the Boys out of school hours, and to act as book-keeper, and **Free-love Greene** is employed as a care-taker of the Girls, and has charge of the sewing School.

The Treasurer's and Superintendent's accounts have been settled, by which it appears that the Institution is in debt, \$5,158 65 cts. This debt may be ascribed, principally, to the high price, for the past two years, of the various articles of consumption required in the family, and to there not having been so large a number, as heretofore, admitted into the School, who were not members of our Society, the terms of whose admission are higher than for members. In order to meet the present deficiency, we have requested the Treasurer of the School Fund to effect a loan of five thousand dollars. It

appearing to the Committee, that some means must be adopted to liquidate this debt, and to meet the probable current expenses of the School for the future, we propose for the consideration of the Yearly Meeting, that Books and Stationary be charged to the scholars, at their cost at wholesale; that the privilege granted Monthly Meetings be suspended; that the allowance for travelling expenses to children who come from the three eastern Quarterly Meetings, be reduced from six to four cents per mile; and that the general price of board and tuition, (for members of this Yearly Meeting,) be raised to seventeen dollars per quarter, payable as heretofore, in advance—to commence on the first of eighth month next. By adopting this arrangement with the probable reduction of cost in the articles of consumption, it is believed that the expenses of the School may be met, and the debt gradually discharged.

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

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

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

On behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, Clerk.

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the Committee,

Newport, 6th month 14, 1837.

**THOMAS JONES,
MARY T. BROWN.”**

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

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

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM REYNOLDS.”

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

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

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

of moral reform, that occupy the attention of the public mind, in the present day; we have believed that the preservation of the precious testimonies to which we have alluded, and our influence, as a religious Society, in promoting the important objects, alike desirable to every benevolent mind, very much depend upon a close adherence to our peculiar principles.

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

Extracted, by direction, from the Minutes of the Meeting,
ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk.

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of the

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

FOR NEW-ENGLAND,

HELD ON RHODE-ISLAND,

IN THE SIXTH MONTH, 1837

TO ITS OWN MEMBERS, AND THOSE OF OTHER
CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES

Published by direction of said Meeting.

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

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

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

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should do unto us, was as applicable to them as to any other portion of the human family. The patient and persevering efforts of these, and of other pious men, who succeeded them, and in whom the love of God was largely accompanied with its never-failing attendant, the love of man, were eminently blessed;—the concern gradually extended, till neighborhoods and meetings were brought to see the inconsistency and injustice of claiming property in their fellow men;* and eventually the Society at large, having in their collective capacity, long been deeply exercised with a consideration of the subject, and having gradually advanced, step by step, towards so desirable a result, became united in restoring the enjoyment of the natural and inalienable rights of man, to all who had been held in a state of Slavery by members of the Society, throughout the several Yearly Meetings of Friends on this continent.— And for more than half a century, no person could hold his fellow being in bondage, and retain his connection with Friends.

Our predecessors in religious faith, having thus cleared themselves and the Society, from any participation in a practice which they believed to be inconsistent with the precepts and doctrines of our blessed Lord and his Apostles, the subject of Slavery has never ceased to occupy the feeling consideration of Friends, as a body of professing Christians, concerned for the promotion of truth and righteousness in the earth; and they have been led, from time to time, to cast whatever weight of influence they may have possessed, into the scale favorable to the cause of their enslaved fellow men, of African descent.

The testimony which was so dear to our worthy predecessors, and which they made many sacrifices to establish, (while Slavery was yet tolerated in most, if not all the States in which they resided,) is still cherished by us, and we have earnestly desired, may ever be inviolably maintained by all our members. We believe it to rest on the immutable basis of truth and justice, and of pure Christianity. We still continue deeply to sympathize with all who are under oppression. Yet we would remind all our dear Friends of every class and station in the Society, that as the concern had its origin in a faithful attention to the convictions of religious duty, so we believe that in all our efforts to advance this cause, as well as in

*See Note, at close.

every other religious concern, we should seek to Him, for the guidance of his Holy Spirit, who has declared, “Without me ye can do nothing.” Thus should we become qualified, not only to see with clearness, what is called for at our hands, but the concern itself being preserved on its original ground, we should be enabled to labour for its advancement, under the influence of Gospel love, and with feelings of good will to every class of our fellow men. And we would, in tenderness of feeling add, that should any of our members be led, from whatever motive, to abandon this ground, we fear that not only an individual loss would be sustained, but that the

cause itself would thereby suffer.

Let us then, dear Friends, continue to be united together, and act as one body, strengthening and encouraging one another, in our endeavors so to keep under the benign influence of the Spirit of the Gospel, in the discharge of this and every other Christian duty, that we may be enabled availingly to ask for right ability to perform every good work,—in humble reliance upon an over-ruling Providence,—remembering, that although **Paul** may plant, and **Apollos** water, it is God who giveth the increase.

And while thus engaged, renewedly to call the attention of our own members to this important Testimony, and to the principles on which we have ever considered it to rest,—we have believed,—that while Slavery continues to exist, to a fearful extent, in some portions of our beloved country, and while, in addition to its other enormous evils, the internal traffic in Slaves, continued to rend asunder the tenderest of human ties, it can never cease to commend itself, as a subject of serious thoughtfulness, to every benevolent Christian mind. And we would affectionately invite the professors of other religious denominations, to give to the subject that attentive consideration, which its great and increasing importance would seem to demand. We cherish no disposition to prescribe to them, in what way their particular efforts to remove this, and other evils that abound in our land, shall be directed; but we would, in Christian freedom, encourage them to embrace every right opening, for endeavoring, in the spirit of Gospel love, to persuade their brethren in religious profession, residing in the slave-holding States, seriously to examine this momentous question, in all its various bearings. As it relates to the well-being of themselves, their chil-

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dren, and their country, we are persuaded they would find, (we have no doubt they often do find,) abundant cause for serious meditation; but were they, in sincerity of heart, without regard to self-interest and the maxims of a cruel policy, to enter upon an enquiry into its consistency with the precepts and doctrines of Him, who in the greatness of his love for a fallen world, gave himself a ransom for all,—how could they turn away from the conviction,—that to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God,—to love our neighbor as ourselves,—to do unto others, as we would that they should do unto us,—are duties of universal obligation?—and that to claim property in their fellow-men; to hold them in unconditional bondage; reaping the fruit of their labour without any adequate return; and with-holding, in great measure at least, the means of moral and religious instruction from those who are equally with themselves, and with us, heirs of the promises of salvation by

Christ,—is wholly at variance with that dispensation, which was ushered into the world with the joyous anthem, of “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will towards men.” And seeing these things in their true light, and remembering that He whom we profess to serve, and who has “made of one blood, all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth,” is no respecter of persons; that he is a God of justice, as well as of mercy, and hath declared: “For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, I will arise saith the Lord”—how could they refrain from turning to Him for strength, to pursue the path of duty, that would thus be opened before them; and from becoming, at least, preachers of righteousness by their example, if the influence of example were all that they had it in their power to exert? And to this, we have ardently desired, they may be persuaded, in love unfeigned, and by every motive that can rightly influence the Christian mind—that the blessing of millions who are ready to perish, may come upon them.

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

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

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

Signed on behalf, and by direction of said Meeting,

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun.

Clerk of the Men’s Meeting

HANNAH GOULD, Jun.

Clerk of the Women’s Meeting.

Note, page 4—It may be satisfactory to many of our members, as well as to others, to be informed, that this interesting concern had engaged the attention of some of the Meetings of Friends within the limits of **New England** Yearly Meeting, as early as the year 1716. In the 9th month of that year, the Monthly Meeting of

Nantucket made a minute, expressing the “sense and judgment” of that meeting, that “it is not agreeable to Truth, for Friends to purchase Slaves, and keep them term of life.”

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*Extracts
[f]rom the
Y. Meeting
Rec^d -*

We have Received at this time extracts from our Last yearly meeting imbracing the report of the boarding school Committee, An abstract on the state of friends Schools, with advices on the Soc^{ie}ty of Education and Also advices in relation to not opening our meeting houses to Lecturers of other denominations, or People for the purposes therein refered to. All of which have been Read & are to our satisfaction. —————
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*Committee
to
[I]nform after
[P]oor Ch^m*

It appearing by the annexed accounts from the yearly meeting that there is a fund left to its members by our beloved friend **Moses Brown** & others for the purpose of Educating Poor child =ren belonging to our society, And that the names of such children are to be forwarded to the acting school Committee (who meet in 9^{mo} next at **Providence**) in order for admition, we there^{fore} appoint **Seth Davis Isaac R Gifford Joseph Gifford** and **Humphrey Anthony** a Committe to make the necessary inquiry and forward such names accordingly if any such may be found, & report hereon when done —————
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*Barbary
Anthony
& her
[2] Children
Received*

This meeting unites with the women in receiv- =ing a Removal Certificate from **Queensbury** monthly meeting state of **Newyork** on behalf of **Barbary Anthony** (wife of **Seth**) & her two minor Children **Alice**, and **Mary**, who are now recognised as birthright members of this meeting and the recorder is directed to notice their names. —
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*Mary
Gifford
Certifi
Rc^d*

This meeting has in union with the women accepted a removal Certificate from **Newbedford** monthly meeting on behalf of **Mary Gifford** wife of **Joseph** —————

*Daniel
Wilbur
&
P. Tucker
Publish
Marriage*

This meeting is informed that **Daniel Wilbur** proposes publishing his intention of Marriage with **Phebe Tucker** at this time, accordingly they the said **Daniel Wilbur & Phebe Tucker** appeared before the meeting & declared their intentions of taking each other in marriage, the meeting noticed their communication desireing them to wait untill our next moly meeting for an answer, and **Benjamin Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** and are appointed a committe to inquire into **Daniels** clearness in this respect & make report hereof to our next meet.g

Signed on behalf of the Mg
by **Isaac R. Gifford** Clk

8 m^o
1837

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dart** the 23^d of 8 m^o 1837- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings the representa- tives therein named to attend this meeting are from the south **Josiah Shearman & Humphrey Anthony**, from the north **Benjamin Tucker & Thomas K. Wilbur** who are all present. ~—————

The overseers presented the following information Respecting **Penny Gifford.** (viz)

To the preparative & Monthly meeting
Dear friends,

*P. Gifford
under
Dealing*

Penny Gifford has for some time nearly neglected the attendance of our religious meetings, & attends those of other Deno- minations, for which he has been Laboured with by the overseers without the desired effect, which we submitt to the meeting signd

**Joseph Gifford }
Benjamin Gidley }Overseers**

whereupon we appoint **Isaac Lawrence &**

*Comitte
for
P. Gifford*

James Tucker a Committee to visit him & to endeavour to convince him of the propri- =ety of attending our meetings & make report here on when ready ~—— ————

The Committee appointed Last month to in- quire into **Daniel Wilbur** Clearness to proceed

*D. Wilbur }
& }
P. Tucker }
have
answer*

in marriage with **Phebe Tucker** report, that they have attended thereto and find nothing to hinder, and consent of parents now being produced in writing, they are accordingly left at liberty to solemnize their Marriage at some suitable time before our next m^o meeting, they advising with **Isaac R. Gifford & Benjamin Potter** who are appointed to attend & see said marriage orderly conducted & make report to our next meeting. _____

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A number of copies of an Address adopted by our Last Yearly Meeting & directed to its own Members & those of other Christian Communities on the subject of slavery have been Received one of which was now read & accepted very cordially, they were directed to be distributed agreeable to the intention of the yearly meeting. _____

Isaac R. Gifford
Clerk —

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*9 m^o
1837* At a Monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartm** 27th of 9^{mo} 1837 accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings the representatives therein named to attend this meeting are from the South **Abner Potter & Zebedee Gifford**, north **Caleb Slade & James Tucker** who are all present —

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*Q answerd
&
Represent
to
Q. Mg.* The Queries have been read in this meeting and answers to the 1st., 2^d., & 10th a summary of which has been prepared & directed. (together with the necessary extracts from our minutes to our next Quarterly meeting by **Zebedee Gifford Seth Davis & Ricketson Slocum** whom we have appointed Representatives thereto, desiring them to Report their attendance to our next meeting & the Clerk is directed is directed to furnish them with an account from us & sign the same on behalf of this meeting ~_____

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*D. Wilbur
Marriage* The friends appointed last month to attend the marriage of **Daniel Wilbur & Phebe Tucker**

Reported report that they attended S^d marriage and saw nothing but that it was orderly conducted –
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Job Eddy Certificate Rc^d We have Rc^d Read and accepted a removal Certificate from **Newbedford** monthly meeting on behalf of **Job Eddy** & his wife. the women concurring with us herein. ~————

And he belong to the north Our friend **Job Eddy** now requested that he & family might have the priviledge of attending meetings at **Newtown** & belong to the north preparative meeting, which after due consideration was cordially acceded to. ~————
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W^m Sisson Certificate Recieved We have Received a cobby of a minute on certifi =cate on behalf of **W^m Sisson** a minor, which this meeting granted him him directed to **Newbedford** monthly meeting in 2^d m^o Last, it having been Returned by that meeting

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This meeting having Rc^d the following information from the north preparative meeting Respecting **Seth Maxfield**, (viz)

Seth Maxfield informd of To the north preparative meeting, Dear friends, This may inform that **Seth Maxfield** has for a long time almost entirely neglected the attendance of our meetings, on which accounts he has been laboured with but without the desired effect **Dartmouth** 9m^o 21th 1837- **Thomas K. Wilbur**
Isaac R. Gifford
Overseers————

And Committe on We therefore appoint **Isaac Lawrence** and **Joseph Gifford** a Committe to vissit him and extend such further Labour as may may open for in order to reclaim and restore, and make report hereon at a future meetg
Signd **Isaac R Gifford**
Clk

10 m^o 1837 - =====
At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 25th of 10 m^o 1837- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings, the friends named to attend this meeting as representatives are from the south **Abner Potter** & **Freeman Lawrence** from the north **Othniel Tripp** and **George W. Frances** who are all present.————

Clerks Apointed =====
The time for which the Clerks of this meeting having expired. **Isaac R Gifford** is appointed Clk & **Thomas K. Wilbur** an assistant for the ensu

=ing or untill another appointment. —————

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*Report of
Repre^s to
Q. Mg -*

One of the representatives appointed last m^o
to attend the Q. Meeting reports that two of them
attended. the other now made a satisfactory exc
=use Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Isaac R. Gifford Clerk

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*11 m^o
1837-*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 22^d of 11 m^o 1837 accounts being Rc^d
from each of the preparative meetings the repre
sentatives to this meeting are from the south
George Smith & Ebenezer Allen from the north.

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Benjamin Potter & William Potter who are
all present except one for whose absence a
Satisfactory reason was assigned.~—————

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*Representatives
to
Q. Meeting*

The Queries have been read in this meeting
& answers from each of the preparative meetings
to the first, second & tenth from which a sum
mary was prepared & ~~after~~ 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 attendance to our next meeting
& the Clerk is also directed to furnish them
with the needful account from us and sign
the same on behalf of this meeting.~—————

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*Committee
to
enlarge &
enclose
Burrying
Ground*

The Committee having the care of our burying
grounds, Funerals, &c, Introduced to this meeting
the propriety of inlarging and enclosing the
burrying ground at **Aponeganset**, which claimd
the attention of the meeting and we came to the
conclusion to have the subject with the committee
who introduced the same, with the addition of
Abner Potter, George Smith, & Benjamin Gidley,
who are desired to give further attention thereto
& bring forward to a future meeting their
views in relation to this subject ~——

Signed on behalf of the meeting by
Isaac R. Gifford Clk ———

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12 M^o

At **Dartmouth** monthly meeting of friends held

1837 at **Dartmouth** 27th of 12 m^o 1837- accounts being
Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings -
Abner Potter & Elijah Gifford from the South &
Caleb Slade & Job Eddy from the north
who are all present – _____
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John D
Lang &
J. Meaden

Our Esteemed friend **John D Lang** attended
this meeting with a certificate from the m^o
meeting of Friends at **Barwick** expressive
of their unity with his proposed religious
prospect, his company & Gospel Labours
have been truly acceptable to us, as also
the Company of **Joshua Meaden** Companion

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THE
EPISTLE
FROM THE
YEARLY MEETING,
HELD IN **LONDON**,

By adjournments, from the 24th of the Fifth Month, to the 2nd of the
Sixth Month, inclusive, 1837,

To the Quarterly and Monthly Meetings of Friends, in **Great
Britain, Ireland** and Elsewhere.

Dear Friends,

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

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

*Eph. vi. 11.

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

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

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

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the world. Not only must the believer be no longer conformed to this world, but he must be transformed by the renewing of his mind. This, dear friends, we need not say, is no transient or superficial work ; it lies deep in the heart; it is in our fallen and corrupt nature that the pride of life and the lusts of the flesh find their proper soil ; and it is to the heart that God applies the remedy which, in his abundant grace, he has provided for us in the gospel of his Son, that we, through repentance towards Him and living faith in Christ, may be converted from the error of our ways and from the love of the world, and be enabled to walk in his commandments. We desire for our dear

friends, and for ourselves individually, that we may all come unflinchingly and unreservedly to the great question, Are we of Christ, or are we of the world? If we know Christ to have died for us, and really to rule in us by his Spirit, we shall no more live unto ourselves; but through the help of the Lord, we shall, day by day, live unto him who died for us and rose again. The true follower of Christ sets no limits to his allegiance to his Lord: quickened by his Spirit, animated by his love, and trusting with simple faith in his power, the language of his heart is, Draw me and I will run after thee.* Thus it was with the early Christians; and these we believe were the principles which actuated our predecessors in their simple and devoted allegiance to Christ. It was in love to their Redeemer, and through the fear of God resting upon their minds, that they renounced the world; they entered into no compromise with its spirit, and thus they were enabled to see and uphold the standard of true Christian

*Canticles, i.4.

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

It would be strange if, in the conflicts to which our society has of late been exposed, many of its members had not been led into a close inspection of that which constitutes the bond of its Christian union; and in reverence and the fear of the Lord we acknowledge that the result of this scrutiny has, to a large extent, deepened our attachment to those doctrines and practices which, from the days of our forefathers, have distinguished us from others of the Christian name. The doctrine of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and its perceptible guidance, as ever held by our society, is no dream of mystical philosophy ; we regard it as one great feature of the new covenant, and its object is that knowledge of God and that living energy, which He alone can give, by which the lusts of the flesh are resisted, and the Christian soldier is directed and

strengthened. Our views of the free and immediate operation of the Holy Spirit—of the presidency of Christ in the church—of that which constitutes the call and qualification of all true gospel ministry—of the worship of God in Spirit and in truth—of the baptism which now saveth, by which the true believers are baptized into one body—of that which constitutes the true supper of the Lord, in which those who belong to Him, by faith in

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

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

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

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

*Epistle, 1835.

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

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

We believe there are those amongst our young friends who are seeking to serve God in this course of Christian discipleship ; it is our strong desire that nothing may impede their progress, that in lowliness of mind they may quietly bear the yoke, wait upon God for the renewing of their strength from day to day, and, by simple obedience to his will, be trained up for usefulness in religious society and amongst their fellow men at large : it is to such as these that we look with anxious hope for the support of

that holy cause which is so dear to us, and for the furtherance of the Lord's work on the earth ; therefore suffer us to encourage you to dedicate to Him more entirely the days of your early manhood ; that whether you live to serve him long whilst here, or be taken hence in the vigour of youth, having loved and honoured your Lord by a watchful, devoted, and self-denying life, he may confess you in the presence of his Father.†

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

*Matt.vii. 14.

†Matt.x. 32.

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

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

*Cor. iv. 12, 13.

†2 Peter, iii. 18.

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to the aforesaid friend, who also produced
a satisfactory minuite from the same meeting,
& the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a
copy of this minute. ~ ~ —————

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*London
Epistle
Rc^d*

We have Rc^d 118 Coppies of the **London** General
printed Epistle for distribution, one of which
has been read at this time, the contents of
which are encouraging & comforting to us ———

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*Representatives
to
Q. M. Reports*

One of the representatives appointed Last m^o
to attend the Quarterly meeting Reports that they
all attended. - —————

Signed on behalf of the meeting
by **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk —

*1838
1 m^o*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartm**
24th of 1 m^o 1838, accounts being Received from
each of the preparative meetings, the friends
named therein to attend this meeting are
from the south **Benjm Gidley & Zebedee Gifford**
from the north **Benjⁿ Potter & Isaac R Gifford**. All present—

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*Phebe H
Maccomber
Removed*

In unison with the women we have signed a
removal Certificate on behalf of **Phebe H. Macco-**
=mber wife of **Elijah** directed to **Swanzey** m^o
meeting of Friends. —

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*Committee
to Fence
Burying
ground
Reports*

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of
inlarging & enclosing the burrying ground at this
place now report, that they have (all except one)
attended thereto, and were united in judgment
to enclose by fencing the present ground, Running
the fence so as to give sufficient Room for a while
to Interr the deceas'd And that they would propose
the appointment of a Committee to accomplish
the same, who should also be directed to dispose
of wood enough from our woodlot to meete
the expence thereof, which being read was
united with, & accordingly **Abraham** —
Russell, Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Tucker —

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Committee to Build fence &c & **Humphrey Anthony** were appointed to those services who are desired to attend to the objects alluded to & when accomplished to make report to this meeting
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Committee from N. Bedford M^o Meeting of Susan H. Smith

The Clerks are directed to inform friends of **Dartm** m^o meeting that we are about to receive **Susan H. Smith** (formerly a member of that meeting) into membership with us if there is no objection on their part, from the minutes of **new bedford** Monthly meeting held 12 m^o 28th 1837-
William C. Taber }
To Dartm^o M^o Meeting **Mary Taber** } Clks

Answer to N. Bedford

having Received the foregoing information from **Newbedford** m^o Meeting in regard to receiving **Susan H. Smith** into membership with them, we unite with the women in Leaving that meeting at liberty to receive s^d **Susan** – & accordingly gave that meeting this information, which was sent in writing by **Joseph Gifford** ~~~~~

Overseers Poor

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired, we appoint **Abram Russell Job Eddy, Isaac R Gifford, Daniel Howland, Caleb Slade & George Smith** to that service for the ensuing time untill another appointment. ~~~~~

The Treasurer of the north preparative meeting informs that he has accounted with the Treasurer of this meeting for that meetings proportion of stock for 1837— **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

1838 2 m^o

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dart** 28th of 2^d m^o 1938- accounts being Rc^d from each of the preparative meetings the friends named therein to attend this meeting are from the south **Daniel Howland & George HowlandAllen** from the north **William Potter & Caleb Slade** who are all present. ~~~~~

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Committee to Select overseers

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

Harriet Gifford Certificate Rc^d

We unite with the women in accepting a removal Certificate from **Pembroke** monthly meeting of friends held 25th of 1m^o 1838, on behalf of **Harriet Gifford**

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

Signed on behalf of the
meeting by **I. R. Gifford**
Clk~~

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dart^m** 28th of 3^d m^o 1838- accounts being Rieceived from each of the preparative meetings the friends named therein to attend this meeting are from the south **Abram Russell, Zebedee Giffd & Humphrey Anthony** from the north **Benj^m Potter & Isaac R Gifford** who are all present –

Representatives - to Q. Mg The Queries have been Read & answers from each of the preparative meetings, from which a summary was compiled & prepared which together with the necessary extracts from our records are directed to our next Quarterly mg- by **Job Eddy Isaac Lawrence & W^m Potter** whom we have appointed representatives thereto desireing them to report their attendance to our next meeting, & the Clerk is directed

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to furnish them with an account from us and sign the same on our behalf~~——

stock pd Q. Mg— The treasurer of this meeting informs that he has paid our proportion of Yearly & Quarterly meeting stock to the Treasurer of the Q. Mg

Overseers appointed The friends named at our Last meeting to bring forward names for Overseers, have introduced **Abraham Russell, Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Gidley, Joseph Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Isaac R Gifford, & Benjamin Potter,** who after deliberation thereon were united with and ~~they were~~ accordinly appointed to

that Service for the year ensuing or untill another appointment. _____

G. M. Eddy
&
E. H. Davis
had
answer

Having Received a Communication from **Newbedford** monthly meeting setting forth **George M. Eddys** clearness to procede in marriage with **Elizabeth H. Davis** & Consent of - Parents now being read, & nothing appearing to hinder. they are left at liberty to Solemnize their said Marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting they advising with **Abraham Russell** and **Isaac R Gifford** who are desired to attend & see said marriage orderly conducted making Report hereof to our next m^o M.g. A Request now being made for an appointed meeting at this place to morrow at 2 oclock P.M. for the solemnizing the intended marriage & after a time of consideration thereon it was united with & accordingly a meeting was appointed for that purpose _____

Signed on behalf of
the meeting **I. R. Gifford**

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1838 }
4th m^o }

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 25th of 4 m^o 1838- accounts being Received from each of the preparative meetings the friends therein named to attend this meeting are from the south **Osman Wood & Benjamin Gidley** from the north **Job Eddy & Caleb Slade** who are all present ~~~~~

representatives
to
Q. Mg.
Report --

one of the Representatives appointed last m^o to attend the Quarterly meeting Reports that they all attended ~_____ The friends named at our Last meeting to have the care & oversight of the marriage of **George M Eddy & Elizabeth H. Davis** Report they attended & discoverd nothing but that said marriage was orderly conducted, & the Certificate left with the recorder. _____

Epistle
Rc^d

We have Received about 120 coppies of an Epistle for the use of this meeting, which was addressed to the members of **New England** Yearly meeting from its meeting for sufferings, one of which has been Read at this time, & its contents are verry sattisfactory to us, they are directed to each family of our meeting - Signed on behalf of the mg
by **Isaac R Gifford**

Clerk—

At a monthly meeting of friends

1838 held at **Dartmouth** 23^d of 5 m^o 1838.~

5 M^o

23^d

accounts being received from each of the preparative meetings, the friends therein named to attend this meeting are from the South **Ebenezer Allen & Joseph Gifford** ~~north~~ from the North **Benjamin Tucker &**

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Othniel Tripp who are all present

1838

5 M^o

The Clerk being absent **James Tucker** is appointed Clerk for this time ——

The Committee appointed in the 9th month last to Visit and labour with **Seth Maxfeld** on account of his deviations now made the following report. —

To the monthly meeting

*Seth
Maxfeld
disown,d*

We the committee in the case of **Seth Maxfeld** report that we have attended to our appointment, and Visited him and endeavoured to laboured with him in the ability received but to but little satisfact =tion, as he gave us no encouragement of attending meetings f-for the future which we submit to the meeting

Joseph Gifford

Dartmouth 5 m^o 23^d 1838- **Isaac Lawrence**

Which report being considered, and a time of deliberation thereon being had, and having the womens concurence, this meeting doth hereby disown him ^{^the} said **Seth** from being a member of our ^{^religious} Society, **Benjamin Potter & Ebenezer Allen** is appointed to inform him hereof and report next month

*R.Gifford
Certifi
Granted
N.B.*

In concurence with the ~~m~~womens meeting we Signed a removel Certificate on behalf of **Rhoda Gifford** wife of **Albert** and minor Daughter **Rebecca C.** directed to **New Bedford** monthly of friend

*Money
paid treas
urer
B.R.*

The Committee in Trust of the property bequeathed to this meeting by **Benjamin Rick etson** have collected and paid to the treasurer \$39,,50 one year ~~Annuly~~ Annuity

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Mary
Hart
Interest
Money
Paid

Also \$12,,00 one year Intrust on the
property by bequeath ~~the~~ to the meeting by **Mary H
Hart** has been ^ΔPaid the treasurer by the Committee in trust
Signed on behalf of the meeting
James Tucker Clerk
for the time

1838
6 m^o

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At a monthly meeting of friends held at
Dartmouth 6 m^o 27th 1838 = accounts being Rc^d
from each of the preparatives meetings
the Representatives named to this meeting are
from the south **Seth Davis & Osman Wood**
from the north **W^m Potter & Thomas K. Wilbur**
who are all present _____

Queries }
answered }

The Queries with answers to the 1,,2,, & 10th from
each of the preparative meetings have been Read
from which a summary has been adopted &
directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Seth
Davis, Isaac Lawrence & Abner Potter** whom
we have appointed representatives thereto
desireing them to Report their attendance to our
next meeting & the clerk is also directed to
furnish them with the necessary accounts
from our minute & sign the same on behalf
of this meeting – _____

Representatives }
to }
Q.M.- }

G.Almy
&
family
Rc^d

We have read & accepted in unison with the
women & Removal certificate from **Providence**
monthly meeting dated 5 m^o 30th 1838- on behalf of
George Almy his wife **Anna E. Almy** & their children
(viz) **James T. John Eddy, George B. Mary Elizabeth
Thomas & Anna**– as also one from **New Bedford**
monthly meeting dated 4 m^o 26th 1838 on behalf of
Mary Batty _____

Mary
Batty
Rc^d

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S. Maxfield
informd

The friends named at our last meeting to
give **Seth Maxfield** information of his denial
Report that they have attended thereto —

Mary
Davis
has

Our Esteemed friend **Mary Davis** opened in
this meeting a concern which hath for a length
of time rested on her mind to perform a religious
vissit to some of the meetings within the limits
of **New york** yearly meeting, particularly those

Minute constituting **Purchase, Ninepartners & Scipio** Quarterly meetings, & if way should open to appoint some meetings on her way going & returning – this meeting after solid consideration thereon feels unity & sympathy with her herein and she is left at liberty to pursue her prospect as truth may direct, being to minister in unity with us. & the Clerks are directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute.

Signed **Isaac R Gifford** Clk

1838
7 m^o -
At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 25th of 7 m^o 1838 - accounts from each preparative meeting. Rc^d & **Lilly Gifford** & **Howard Potter** are named from the south & from the north **George Almy-** & **Caleb Slade-** who are all present—
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R. Report One of the Representatives appointed to the Q. Meeting Report that they all attended
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Charles Giffd
attended Our esteemed friend **Charles Gifford** Attended this meeting with a copy of a minute from **Scipio** M^o meeting whose Company is acceptable to us ———

Q. Meeting
stock
75.,00 by an account from our Last Q. Meeting it appears that our proportion of yearly & Q. meeting stock is 75., Dollars which our Treasurer is directed to pay theirs when in funds —————

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EXTRACTS
FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS FOR NEW-ENGLAND,
HELD ON **RHODE-ISLAND**,
From the 10th to the 15th, inclusive, of the Sixth Month, 1838.

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

TO THE YEARLY MEETING.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Seven scholars have received the benefit of the charitable fund, and by the terms of the Will of the principal donor, claims to the amount of \$131 04 cts. have been provided for, leaving a balance unexpended of about \$60—and supposing the income of this fund to continue the same, the ensuing year, the amount will be about \$460, which will support fourteen scholars one term each; and it is proposed that such Monthly Meetings as have children who are proper objects of this charity should make immediate application to the Acting School Committee for their admission.

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

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY, *Clerk.*

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

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

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

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

On behalf of the Committee,

STEPHEN A. CHASE,
ALICE CHASE.

6th month, 13th, 1838.

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

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

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

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

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

A frequent perusal of the Holy Scriptures, with minds rightly turned to Him, under the influence of whose Spirit they were given forth—The restraints of Divine grace, opera-

ting upon the mind, in ordering our conduct and conversation among men; — an attention to its influence in restraining the perusal of improper books; — a careful regulation of our outward concerns by ‘the limitations of Truth’—and a faithful maintenance, on christian grounds, of the simplicity of our profession in behavior, speech, and apparel—were subjects, among others that were also feelingly touched upon.

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

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

ABRAHAM SHEARMAN, Jun. Clerk

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*Extracts
Boarding
School
Rec^d*

Extracts from the boarding school -
Committee with the doings of our Last yearly
meeting thereon in altering the times of -
Admission &c. were now received & read, which
are to our satisfaction, & the Clerk is directed
to place the same on our Records, & **Abram
Russell, Isaac R. Gifford, Humphrey Anthony,
& Ebenezer Allen** are named to make the
necessary inquiry in regard to schollars
who may have a right to the fund Left
by our friend **Moses Brown**, & make
Report hereto next month. _____

*Committee }
to select }
schollars }*

*Advices
from
Y. Mg -*

We have also Received & Read to our satisfi-
=ction at this time, salutary advices from
our Last yearly Meeting, which is also to be
placed on record. _____
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*Committee to
grant
Certificates*

**James Tucker Lilly Gifford, Isaac Lawrence
& Abram Russell** are named a Committee
to whom application may be made for
Certificates for schollars going to our Boarding
School at **Providence** _____
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*Seth
Davis
Certificate
to accompany
his wife*

Our esteemed friend **Seth Davis** Requests
a Certificate to accompany his wife **Mary D^s**
on her Religious visit to some of the meetings,
within the limits of **New York** Yearly m.g
as expressed in her minute of concurrence
from this meeting granted last month -

we unite with him herein & leave him at liberty, he being a member & Elder in unity with us- & the Clerk is directed to furnish him with the substance of this minute ———

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

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At a monthly Meeting of friends held at **Dart^m** [**Dartmouth**] 22^d of 8 m^o 1838- accounts being Recieved from each of the preparative meetings. the friends named 1838
8 m^o to attend this meeting are from the South **Osman Wood, & Humphrey Anthony** from the north **Rowland Rider & John Eddy**. all present —

*Report of
committe
on
Charrity
Schollars*
&
The committe appointed Last month to take the necessary care in regard to children recieving the Charrity left by **Moses Brown** would Report that they apprehend that there may be Some within our limits who might with pro-
=priety recieve a share of this bequest. Sign^d-
on behalf of the Committe

Isaac R Gifford.

Continued
*Committe has made
Report-*
which was Sattisfatory to the meeting & the same friends (Viz) **Abram Russell. Isaac R Gifford Humphrey Anthony & Ebenezer Allen** are contin-
=ued to this charge. to whom friends are desired to make application in order that the names of children may be forwarded to the recieving Committe at **Providence**, & this Committe is desired to make report of their doings herein whenever the Subject shall be accomplished

*W^m Potter
complained
of.*
The following information respecting **W^m Potter** was presented (Viz)-
To the ~~monthly~~ preparative meeting, Dear friends,

This may inform that **William Potter** Son of **Abner**, has much neg-
=lected the attendance of our religious meetings And has kept company and married out of the order of Society with one not a member – which we Submit to the meeting – 8 m^o 15th 1838

Signed by **Joseph Gifford** }
Lilly Gifford }

Committee
for
W^m Potter

Benjⁿ Gidley } overseers

whereupon we appoint **Benjamin Tucker & Job Eddy**
to treat with him on account of his Deviations

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& make report hereon next month —

The committee appointed as on Record page
249- in regard to **Ellery H. Davis** now made
the following report (Viz)

*Ellery H.
Davis-*

*Committee
Report of*

To the Monthly Meeting, of
Dartmouth, —The committee has had —
opportunities with **Ellery H. Davis** in
regard to the complaint exhibited from
Providence monthly meeting to Ours Resp
=ecting him. He manifested a degree of
Sorrow for his deviations and has accor
=dingly forwarded an acknowledgement
to that meeting which we herewith prese^{nt}

Sign,^d **James Tucker**
8m^o 22^d 1838 **Isaac R. Gifford**

his acknowledgement is as follows-
(Viz)- To the monthly meeting of **Providence**
Dear Friends, A complaint having been
forwarded against me to **Dartmouth**
Monthly meeting by You; with respect
to it, I can truly Say I have seen the
error of Such conduct as contained in
Said complaint- & that I feel heartily Sorry
for my deviations and condemn the same.
& hope you will so far pass by my offences
as to continue me under your care. —

*Ellery H-
Davis-
acknowledg
—ment*

Signed. by— **Ellery H. Davis** —

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Both of which now being read & deliberated  
<sup>^</sup>meeting apprehending further Labour needful ~~in the case~~

Uppon. & the <sup>^</sup>**Isaac Lawrence** was added  
to the Committee to labour further in the  
Case & Report next month —————

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*S<sup>o</sup>- Pre  
mg. Stock  
paid*

The South preparative meeting has paid  
thier Last proportion of Stock to our treasurer  
as we are informed – Signed **Isaac R Gifford**  
Clerk-

1838  
9 m<sup>o</sup>

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At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth** 26<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1838- accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup>- from each of the preparative meetings the friends named therein as Representatives are from the South **Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley & Thomas Gidley** from the north **Isaac R. Gifford & Benj<sup>n</sup> Potter** who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory Reason was assigned-

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*Q. answerd  
&  
Representatives to  
Q. M.-*

The Queries have been read with answers from each of the preparatives to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from which a summary has been adopted & is accordingly directed to our next Q. Meeting by **Humphrey Anthony, Ebenezer Allen & Benjamin Potter** whom we have appointed Representatives thereto desiring them to Report their attendance to our next meeting & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the needful account from us and Sign the same on behalf of this meeting

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*Sarah  
Tucker  
Rc<sup>d</sup>-*

We have United with the womens meeting in receiving **Sarah Tucker** wife of **William** into membership with us

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*W<sup>m</sup> Potters  
Comitte.  
Continued*

One of the Committe in the case of **William Potter** informs that they have attended to the Subject. but are not ready to report- they are continued in care thereof & to Report next M<sup>o</sup>

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*E. H. Davis  
Comitte  
continued*

The Committe in the Case of **Ellery H. Davis** inform that owing to his being absent at sea they have not been able to have any interview<sup>iew</sup> with him since last month. & they are accordingly Continued to that Charge & to make Report as Soon as may be after his Return

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*Comitte  
to Settle  
with  
Treasurer*

**Abram Russell, Abner Potter, Howard Potter & Benj<sup>n</sup> Tucker** are named to Settle with our Treasurer, propose one for the year to come, and also propose a Sum of money that they may apprehend necessary to meet our expences – they are also desired to inspect into the propriety of Selling wood from off the Lot to meet in part the above expences, and make report hereon next month. ———

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*Comitte*

This meeting apprehending that it might be well to go into a new Apportionment for the



*to Apportion the percentage for Collection* Preparative meetings in regard to Stock now appoints **Daniel Gifford Benj<sup>n</sup> Tucker, Abner Potter, Isaac R. Gifford, Ebenezer Allen, Humphrey Anthony, & Thomas K. Wilbour [Wilbur]** to take the necessary care in the case & make out an exhibit of percentage. & Report next month ———

Signed on behalf of  
the mg. **Isaac R Gifford**  
Clerk————

*1838 10 m<sup>o</sup>* At a Monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 24<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 1838- accounts being Recieved from each of the preparative Meetings. the friends appointed to attend this meeting as representatives are from the South **Ricketson Slocum & Paul Fisher** North **George Almy & Caleb Slade** who are all present ———

*Clerks. appointed* The time for which the Clerks of this mg\_ were appointed having expired, **Isaac R. Gifford** is appointed Clerk & **Thomas K. Wilbur** an assistant for the ensuing Year or untill another appointment ———

*100. Epistl Rc<sup>d</sup>* We have Rc<sup>d</sup> 100 Coppies of the **London** General printed Epistle for distribution, one of which has been read at this time, for our encouragment

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

*W<sup>m</sup> Potter disownd* The Committe in the Case of **W<sup>m</sup> Potter** now made the following report, Viz —  
To **Dartmouth** monthly meeting  
Your Committe in the case of **William Potter** Report. that we have had an oppurtunity with him. he Seems well inclined towards friends but does not give much incouragement of attending our meetings., and we are united in judgment that he is not in a Situa =tion of mind to make friends satisfaction which we submit to the meeting – 10<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 22<sup>d</sup> 1838  
Signd **Benj<sup>n</sup> Tucker**

**John Eddy** –

which being Read and claiming the consideration of the meeting and having the womens concurance we do hereby disown him the s<sup>d</sup> **W<sup>m</sup> Potter** & no longer consider him a member of Our religious Society, and **Abram Russell & Seth Davis** are named to give him this information & Report next month ———

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*Treasurer  
Setted  
with*

The Committe appointed Last month to Sittle with our Treasurer &c. now Report Viz that they have attended thereto & find a ballance in his hands of thirty five & 72/100. And propose to Raise the sum of two hundred and fifteen Dollars for the present year- and also propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer. which was satisfactory to us. & accordingly **Osman Wood** is appointed Treasurer for the year to come or untill another appointment, & a prop =osition being made & united with at the time to Collect 250 Dollars in Stead of 215<sup>00</sup>-

*Stock  
to Raise  
250<sup>00</sup>*

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Therefore Each preparative meeting is desired to Collect their proportions & pay the same to our Treasurer & to Report when done ———

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*Comittee  
to  
Sell wood*

**Abram Russell. Abner Potter. Howard Potter & Benj<sup>d</sup> Tucker** are desired to give their atten =tion & dispose of as much wood as they may judge best. & hold the proceeds for the benifit of this meeting & for Such purposes as we Shall think best. making report hereon when Done

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*Percentage  
of  
Stock  
60 & 40-*

The Committe to regulate the percentage in regard to Stock Report that the South Prepa =rative meeting pay in future Sixty perCent & the north pay forty percent untill an =other arrangement ———

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*Mary  
Davis  
Returnd.  
Certificate*

Our Esteemd friend **Mary Davis** now Returned a certificate which was granted her in 6 m<sup>o</sup> last. & also produced satisfactory Returning minutes from **Purchase Q.** Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> of 7 m<sup>o</sup> 1838= **Hector** Monthly meeting held 9 m<sup>o</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & **Scipio** monthly meeting held 9 m<sup>o</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1838 –

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*Seth  
Davis  
Returned*

Our Esteemed friend **Seth Davis** also Retu =rned a Certificate which was granted him in 7 m<sup>o</sup> Last. to accompany his wife on her

Certificate Religious Visit – and produced Satisfactory  
returning minutes from the monthly mgs  
of Friends. held in **Hector** 12<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup>  
& **Scipio** the 19<sup>th</sup> of the Same 1838 ———

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11 m<sup>o</sup>  
1838- At a monthly meeting of Friends held at  
**Dartmouth** 28<sup>th</sup> of 11-m<sup>o</sup> 1838- accounts being  
Recieved from each of the preparative meetings  
the friends named therein as representatives  
are from the South **Seth Davis & Abner  
Potter.** from the north **Benjamin Potter** and  
**Benjamin Tucker** who are all present —

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The clerk being absent, **Joseph Gifford**  
is appointed Clerk for the Day ———

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Queries  
answered The Queries have been read in this meeting  
& answers from each of the preparative meetings  
to the first Second & Tenth from which a sum  
=mary has been prepared and is directed to  
our next Quarterly meeting by **Caleb Slade  
Lilly Gifford** and **Prince Allen** who we  
have appointed representatives to that meeting  
& they are desired to report their attendance  
to our next meeting, and the Clerk is direc  
=ted to furnish them with an account to  
that meeting and sign it on behalf of this

Representatives  
to  
Q. Meeting

W<sup>m</sup> Potter  
informed The friend appointed last month to inform **W<sup>m</sup>  
Potter** of his denial reports that he has been  
informd thereof ———

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Baley  
Gifford  
under  
Dealing The following information respecting **Baley  
Gifford** was Rc<sup>d</sup> (Viz) – To the Preparative and  
monthly meeting, Dear friends, this may  
inform that **Baley Gifford** has kept Company  
and Married out of the Order of Society with  
one not a member which we submit to the  
meeting. Signed by the Overseers, **Joseph Gifford  
Abr<sup>m</sup> Russell  
& Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley**

whereuppon we appoint **Ebenezer  
Allen, George Smith & James Tucker** to labour  
with him for his deviations & Report next month

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Also the following information was Rc<sup>d</sup> respecting  
**Abner R. Tucker.** (Viz)

*Abner R  
Tucker  
under  
Dealing*

To the Preparative &  
monthly meeting Dear friends, This may  
inform that **Abner R Tucker** has kept company  
& married out of the Order of Society with  
one not a member, which we Submitt to  
the meeting Signd Joseph Gifford Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell and —

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*Abner R.  
Tucker  
Committe*

**Benjamin Gidley** overseers whereuppon we appoint  
**Benjamin Tucker Seth Davis & Warren Gifford**  
a Committe to labour with him as way may  
open & Report next month – Signed on behalf of  
the meeting by **Joseph Gifford** Clerk for the day

*12 m<sup>e</sup>  
1838*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartmouth**  
26<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 1838- accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of  
the preparative meetings. the friends named therein to  
attend this meeting are from the South **Benjamin Gidley**  
& **Zebedee Gifford.** from the north **Rowland Rider &**  
**Job Eddy** who are all present —————

One of the representatives to the Quarterly meeting  
Reports that they all attended—————

One of the Committe in the Case of **Bailey Gifford**  
informs that they ~~all~~ are not ready to Report at this  
time. they are continued in Charge thereof—————

*B. Gifford  
Committe  
Continued*

One of the committe in the case of **Abner R. Tucker**  
also informs that they have given attention thereto  
but are not Ready to report, they are continued  
in charge thereof & to report next month———

*Abner R.T.  
Committe  
Continued*

Signed on behalf of the meeting  
by **Isaac R. Gifford** Clk———

*1839  
1 m<sup>o</sup>—*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at  
**Dartmouth** 23<sup>d</sup> of 1<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 1839. accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup>  
from Each of the preparative meetings the  
friends named to attend this meeting are  
from the South **Osman Wood & Jas. Gifford**  
from the north **George Amy [Almy?]** & **W<sup>m</sup> Potter** who  
are all present—————

The Committe in the case of **Abner R Tucker**  
made the following Report (Viz) To **Dartmouth**  
**Dartmouth** [sic] Monthly meeting, the Committee  
appointed in case of **Abner R Tucker** Report  
that we have attended to the object of our

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*Abner  
R. Tucker  
Disowned*

appointment, have Visited him, & endeavoured to labour in the ability afforded, & that he does not appear to be in a state of mind to condemn his deviation, we now Submitt the case to the meeting. Signed by **Warren Gifford**  
1 m<sup>o</sup> 23<sup>d</sup> 1839— **Benjamin Tucker**  
& **Seth Davis**

which being Read. & after a time of consideration thereon, & having the womens concurrence herein we do disown him the Said **Abner** & no longer Consider him a member of Our Religious Society, and **Abram Russell** is named to give him this information, making Report hereon to our next meeting \_\_\_\_\_

*Lucy H.  
Slocum  
disowned*

We have United with the women in making a minute of denial against **Lucy H. Slocum** late **Slade** \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua  
W. Gifford  
Request  
the  
Care of  
Friends*

**Joshua W. Gifford** having requested to become a member of our Society, **Joseph Gifford Warren Gifford** & **Benjamin Gidley** are named to Visit him in order to discover the State of his mind and fitness to become a member of our religious Society & make report hereon next month \_\_\_\_\_

*Overseers  
Poor  
appointed*

The time for which the Overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired, it was concluded to Reappoint **Abraham Russell, Job Eddy, Isaac R. Gifford, Daniel Howland, Caleb Slade** and **George Smith** to this Service for the year to come or untill another appointment. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

*1839—  
2 m<sup>o</sup>*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dart-[Dartmouth]** 27<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1839- accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings the Representatives therein named to attend this meeting are from the South **Freeman Lawrence** & **Eph<sup>m</sup> Gifford** from the north **Benj<sup>m</sup> Tucker** and

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**Othniel Tripp** who are all present —  
\_\_\_\_\_

*A. R. Tucker* **Abram Russell** Reports that **Abner R Tucker** has  
informed- been informed of his denial \_\_\_\_\_

*Joshua  
W. Gifford*  
Recieved

The Committee in the case of **Joshua W. Gifford**  
made the following Report. (Viz) We the com=  
=mitte in the Case of **Joshua W. Gifford** have atten=  
=ded to our appointment and have had an opper  
=eard to be Sincere in his request, which we  
Submit to the meeting. Sign<sup>d</sup> **Joseph Gifford**  
**Benj<sup>d</sup> Gidley—**  
**Warren Gifford**

Which was Read and after a  
time of deliberation thereon and having the  
womens Concurrence herein we came to the con  
=clusion that it was but to receive him, and,  
accordingly we do hereby Recieve him the Said  
**Joshua**, into membership with us and **Joseph**  
**Gifford** is named to give him this inform  
=ation making Report hereon next month.

*E. H. Davis*  
*or*  
*Eddy. has*  
Certificate

We have in unison with the women Signed a  
Removal Certificate directed to **Newbedford [New Bedford]**  
Monthly meeting of friends, on behalf of  
**Elizabeth H. Eddy** wife of **George M. Eddy**

*No. Prepar*  
*Stock*  
*paid*  
100. \$

The Treasurer of the North preparative  
meeting informs that. That meetings proportion  
of Stock for 1838 has been paid to the Treasurer  
of this meeting. being 100. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of the meeting by  
**Isaac R. Gifford Clk**

*3 m<sup>e</sup>*  
*1839*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartm [Dartmouth]**  
27<sup>th</sup> of 3 m<sup>e</sup> 1839. accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of  
the preparative meetings. the friends named  
therein to attend this meeting are from the S<sup>o</sup>  
**Benjamin Gidley & Jos. Gifford.** from the north  
**Thomas K. Wilbur & Caleb Slade.**.. all present —

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*Queries* The Queries have been Read with answers from  
each of the preparative meetings from which  
a summary has been adopted describing our  
present state, which together with the necessary  
extracts from our records are directed to our



as they may deem suitable for that service.

*Committee  
to  
attend  
funerals-  
&c.*

The subject of appointing a committee to have the oversight & care of our Burying grounds &c. coming before us. as the time has expired for which a similar committee was appointed, accordingly **Seth Davis, Joseph Gifford, Isaac R. Gifford, Lilly Gifford, Humphrey Anthony, Isaac Lawrence, Job Eddy, Daniel Howland, George Smith & Ab<sup>m</sup> Russell** are appointed to those services for the year ensuing or until another appointment —

*Lilly Gifford  
Requests  
Certificate  
for  
marriage*

We are informed that **Lilly Gifford** Requests a Certificate directed to **Swansey M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting setting forth his Right of membership & clearness to proceed in marriage with **Susan Slade** a member of that meeting **Abner Potter** and **Joseph Gifford** are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & produce one to our next meeting if nothing appears to hinder —

*W<sup>m</sup> Potter  
&  
Wm H. Potter  
Request  
Certificates*

**William Potter** Requests a Certificate to **Newbedford M<sup>o</sup>** Meeting setting forth his Right of Membership & clearness to proceed in marriage with **Virtue R. Kempton** a member of that meeting. As also **William H. Potter** makes a similar Request Directed to **Swansey** monthly meeting

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*on  
account  
of  
marriages*

setting forth his Right of membership & Clearness to proceed in marriage with **Hetty Ann Wood** a member of that meeting. **Thomas K. Wilbur** and **Isaac R. Gifford** are appointed to make the necessary inquiry & produce to our next meeting one for Each if nothing should appear to hinder

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one of the Representatives appointed last mo. to attend the Q. Meeting Reports that they all attended

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*Mary  
Davis  
Certificate  
to  
N. York*

Our Beloved friend **Mary Davis** spread before this meeting a concern which had for a length of time accompanied her mind of attending the ensuing yearly meeting of friends at **Newyork** and also of taking the meetings on **Long Island** if way should open for it, after waity consideration



thereon, her concern was feelingly united with, and she left at liberty to persue her prospect as truth may direct she being a minister in unity with us. Signed by Direction of **Dartmouth** m<sup>o</sup> Mg. held 24<sup>th</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1839- by Both men & womens clerks -

The above certificate was granted in unison with the womens meeting — ————

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& the following minute was at this time also }
granted to **Seth Davis** & signed by the Clerk
by the directive of the mg.

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

**James Tucker, Abram Russell & Job Eddy** are appointed
a committe to whom our Dear friends ^now set at liberty may apply
for advice Relative to their visit &c ————

Signed **I. R. Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at
**Dartmouth** 22<sup>d</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1839. by accounts Rc<sup>d</sup>
from the preparative meetings the Represen=
=atives are from the south **Humphrey Anthony**
& **Jonathan Kirby**, from the north **Thomas K. Wilbur**
& **George Almy** who are all present ————

Overseers appointed
The Committe appointed last month to bring
forward names for overseers of this meeting
have introduced **Lilly Gifford, Benjamin Gidley**
**Joseph Gifford, Daniel Howland, Humphry**
**Anthony, Job Eddy & Isaac R Gifford** & the mee
ting feeling sattisfied herewith they are accor
=dingly appointed to that service for the year
ensueing or untill another appointment

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

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**Lilly Gifford**
**W<sup>m</sup> Potter**
**W<sup>m</sup> H. Potter**
have
The Committes appointed last month to pre
=pare certificates for **Lilly Gifford, William**
**Potter & William H. Potter** on account of
marriage have produced them severally

*Certificates* which were Read directed & signed by the  
*marriage* Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

*Income* It appes that thirty five Dollars has been Rc<sup>d</sup>  
*on* for the Rents of Marsh & from the Institution  
*bequests* on the Bequest made by **Benjamin Rick**  
*Rc<sup>d</sup>* **=itson** & twelve Dollars has been Received  
being one years annuity arrising from  
the bequest made to this meeting by  
**Mary Hart**, which sums have been paid  
to our Treasurer making 47.,00 Dollars

Signed on behalf of the  
meeting by **Isaac R Gifford**  
Clk

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*1839 -* At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dartm**  
*6 m<sup>o</sup>* the 26<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup> 1839- we have Rc<sup>d</sup> ascts from each  
of the preparative meetings & the representatives  
are from the south **Abner Potter & Daniel**  
**Howland**, from the north **Benjamin Tucker**  
& **Benjamin Potter** who are all present —

*J. Edgerton* Our esteemed friend **Joseph Edgerton** is  
& verry acceptably in attendence with us, produc-  
*W<sup>m</sup> Dewees* =ing a certificate from **Summersett** monthly  
*attended* meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1839- Indorsed by  
**Stillwater** Quarterly meeting (State of **Ohio**) the 27<sup>th</sup>  
of the same. both uniting with him in his  
present religious ingagements, his gospel  
Labours have been to our comfort & Edificati[on]  
The Company of our Esteemed friend **William**  
**Deweese** companion to the aforesaid friend has  
been acceptable to us, he also produced a Certificate  
to our Satisfaction from **Chesterfield** Monthly  
meeting of friends, **Ohio**, dated 16<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1839

*Queries* The Queries with answers to the 1<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have  
*Answered* Read in this meeting from which a summary  
& was adopted & directed to our next Quarterly Mg.  
*Represen }* By **Seth Davis, Warren Gifford, & Daniel Gifford**  
*tatives }* whom we have appointed our Representatives  
*appointed* thereto, desiring them to report their attendence  
*to* to our next meeting & the clerk is directed to  
*Q. M.g-* furnish them with an account from us (notif[ying])

the acceptable Company of **Joseph Edgerton & W<sup>m</sup>  
Deweese** & the Edifying Gospel Labours of the form[?]  
in this & in all the meetings constituting it—)  
& sign the same on our behalf————

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*W<sup>m</sup> H.P.  
Request  
Certificate* **Thomas K. Wilbur & William Tucker** <sup>are</sup> appointed a  
Committee to prepare & produce to our next mg.  
a Removal Certificate for **William H. Potter**  
Directed to **New Bedford** Monthly meeting of fri[ends]  
having been informed that he requested one  
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THE  
EPISTLE  
FROM THE  
YEARLY MEETING,  
HELD IN  
**LONDON,**

BY ADJOURNMENTS, FROM THE 20TH OF THE FIFTH MONTH, TO THE  
29TH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE, 1840.

—————  
TO THE QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETING OF FRIENDS, IN **GREAT  
BRITAIN, IRELAND, AND ELSEWHERE.**

Dear Friends,

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

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

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How infinite is the kindness of Him who is the Creator and upholder of all things, in that He condescends thus to plead with his fallen and rebellious creatures. The contemplation of this subject so fills the awakened mind with admiration and love, that we desire to press it upon all our dear friends of every class and description; and, O! that the whole bulk of mankind could be brought to accept this truth; to beware that they do not lightly esteem such tokens of the goodness and love of our Almighty Father in heaven. Under the full conviction that He never condemns or reproveth for anything but that which is contrary to his holy will, may we open our hearts to the teachings of his Spirit, and, in the strength of the Lord, put away the evil of our doings from before his eyes. Let us turn, with unfeigned repentance, towards Him; then shall we accept with thankfulness, that redemption which was purchased for us by the sufferings and death of our Lord Jesus Christ—by the unutterably costly price of the blood of the Lamb of God.

Dear Friends, Christ is precious to us, and may He be felt to be precious by every one of you. In the day of Divine visitation to your souls, be instant in prayer, in supplication, and in earnest wrestling, that you may be strengthened so to overcome the corruptions of your fallen nature as to be made subject to his power, and in all things to be led and guided by Him. Great, indeed, is the blessedness of the man who is thus brought under the guidance of the Lord. As he continues humble, watchful and faithful, he is permitted to feel that he has an unction from the Holy One; and though he be not at all times sensible of it, yet this annoying abideth in him: it is emphatically truth and no lie. The leadings of

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the Spirit of God are sure, and they are in the way of truth and holiness.

But we have a subtle, unwearied enemy. There are those whom he gradually draws away from faith in the reality of the teaching and the restraints of the Holy Spirit. Let us also remember, that he transformeth himself into an angel of light, and under the specious guise of high spirituality, he misleadeth the unwary. Departing from the way of truth, they cease to be subject to their brethren in love, and to be under the influence of that wisdom which is easy to be intreated. Humility, watchfulness, and faith, are our safeguards under these temptations. The more we examine ourselves, in this state of

mind, with a continued reference to the Spirit of Truth as an ever-present comforter and reprover, the more thankful shall we be for this unspeakable blessing from God, and the more reverently shall we think and speak of his immediate teachings and requirements.

We affectionately, but earnestly, intreat all parents, and those who have the care of young people, to direct their attention from early childhood to the teachings of the Spirit. The Lord in his mercy doth often by the immediate inshining of his light, visit the soul in the very morning of our day. As these visitations are cherished, the mind is preserved from the snares of folly and vice, and strengthened to enter in at the strait gate, and walk in the narrow way: but how many, through unwatchfulness and the temptations of the devil, have been led out of this path!

We do therefore, in much love, beseech our younger members to take heed that they slight not these offers of mercy. Be very careful, dear young friends, not to admit any doubts of the reality of past

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experience in these things. Wait for the power of God, and if you have to wait long, be not discouraged. Be desirous to humble yourselves under his mighty hand, and to know Him to break in pieces the stony heart, and to contrite your spirits before Him. Look unto Him in faith and humility for the guidance of his Spirit in your daily walk in life, that He may strengthen you in the performance of every practical duty. With a willing heart and an obedient mind, turn at his gracious reproofs. God is love—love unutterable; and as you thus wait before Him, He will give you to feel this, to know this in your blessed experience, and to taste of this boundless love in his having given his only begotten Son, that through Him we may have everlasting life.

Dear Friends, of all ages and conditions, we have been again brought to feel the value of uniting in the worship of God “in spirit and in truth.” It was under a sense of their need of that nourishment to the soul, which they found not in the forms and observances to which they had been habituated, that our early Friends were first led to separate from other, and to present themselves in small companies before the Lord.

As the eye and the cry of the soul were unto Him, He did refresh and strengthen them together, and give them to feel the sufficiency of his power to qualify them to perform united and acceptable worship in *spirit*, unto Him, the living and true God. Truth and uprightness as inculcated both in the law and the gospel, were deeply rooted in their hearts, and hence, as honest towards God, they could not, with a good conscience, themselves uphold or countenance in others the forms of prayer and thanksgiving to which they had been accustomed. Whilst deeply sensible of the duty

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and the privilege of true prayer, they found that stated forms were not adapted to their condition; they felt that the use of them was not in the life and power of the gospel, and therefore that it did not accord with that worship which is to be performed in *truth*.

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

The amount of the sufferings of our friends in regard to tithes and other ecclesiastical demands, as reported

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to this Meeting, including the costs and charges of dis-traint, is upwards of eleven thousand two hundred pounds. We continued to desire that this our ancient Christian testimony may, in all its parts, be carefully and conscientiously upheld in the spirit of the gospel.

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

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

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

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time which we believe the faithful steward of that responsible trust will find ought to be turned to a better purpose, and they are, we think, calculated not only to weaken our sense of religious impressions, but to harden the heart, and to leaven us into the spirit of the world. We also desire that no one may frequent or tarry in inns or public-houses beyond the time necessary for refreshment and rest. When led there by the lawful avocations of life, may all be kept in such a sense of the fear of God, that they may be themselves preserved from the peculiar dangers to which they are

thus exposed, and by their consistent example shelter our younger friends from similar danger. On all occasions on which there is an association with others, let your light, beloved friends, shine before men—let them see that you are striving to be the followers of Him who was holy, harmless, undefiled, and separate from sinners.

We have often rejoiced in the long continuance of the blessing of peace to this nation. In proportion to these feelings is our sorrow in the apprehension of impending war. Earnestly do we desire that those precepts in the doctrine of our Lord which mark the dispensation of peace on earth and good-will to man, may be fully accepted and carried out by every professedly Christian nation. Then might we confidently hope that, in their intercourse with the governments and people of those countries upon which the light of the glorious gospel has very dimly shone, the nations that profess the Christian name would commend the peaceable character of our holy religion, by acts of forbearance and conciliation. The contrast to this which their conduct has but too often exhibited is truly affecting. Whether we advert to the treatment of millions in the

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nations of the East, or of the natives in the islands of the Southern hemisphere, the history of the world has mournfully given occasion for it to be said to professing Christians—“The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you.”

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

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

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love



of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all.

Signed, in and on behalf of the Meeting, by  
**GEORGE STACEY.**

Clerk to the Meeting this year.

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

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

**A. SHEARMAN, jun.** Clerk.

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

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

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

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

as are necessary in the study of the higher branches, including the Mathematics and the Languages, and that these be supplied at their actual wholesale cost.

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

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

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

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

On behalf and by direction of the School Committee,

**SAMUEL BOYD TOBEY**, *Clerk.*

Boarding School, 3d of 5th month, 1839.

(The next Summer term will commence on Second-day, 5th mo. 4th, 1840.)

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

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

While we feel that we are not called upon to enter extensively into a vindication of the propriety of maintaining our testimony in the particulars alluded to, we would affectionately remind our younger friends, that they are in accordance, as we believe, with the beautiful system of Christian simplicity taught by our blessed Lord and his apostles. And we may appeal to the experience of our Society to prove, that they have been as a

hedge round about us, which it has ever been perilous to break down: and when, in individual instances, this has been done, that weakness and loss have been the consequence.

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

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

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

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

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

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#### EPISTLE

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

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

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

By the Answers to the Queries, it appears that there are many deficiencies within our

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

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

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

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

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

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is always ready.” And we have been led to fear that in associating with others who do not acknowledge, as we do, the need of this immediate, divine qualification in order for the performance of religious duties, we are in great danger of neglecting this fundamental principle, and of attempting to act with them in our own strength and zeal; and thus lose

that ability to labour successfully in the Lord's cause which He is pleased graciously to vouchsafe to those whom He calls into His service. And under this feeling of concern we believe it right for us tenderly to persuade our dear Friends to avoid mingling with the various associations of the day for the support of those Christian testimonies which our Society has peculiarly felt itself called upon to bear before the world; but keeping together as a religious body, in love—looking unto the great Helper of His people for Holy assistance, we may yet trust, in the Lord's own good time, to be in some measure the humble instruments in His hand of doing His heavenly will.

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

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

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*Patience  
Potter  
Disowned*

This meeting unites with the women in denying the right of membership to **Patience Potter** Daughter of **Howard** —————

*Mary and  
Seth  
Davis  
Minutes  
Returned*

Our beloved friend **Mary Davis** now returned a Certificate granted her in 4<sup>th</sup> month to attend the Yearly Meeting of Friends at **New York** &c. Indorsed by the Meeting of Ministers & Elders held at **New York** the 25<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> of 5<sup>th</sup> mo 1839- Expressive of her acceptable Company to them. She also informed us that she attended all the sittings of the yearly meeting aforesaid, & that she had accomplished her Visit to the satisfaction and peace of her own mind. our beloved friend **Seth Davis** also Returned a Coppy of a minute granted him at the same time to accompany his wife **Mary** on her aforesaid visit, which was also Indorsed by the meeting of Ministers & Elders held in **New York** in 5 m<sup>o</sup> Last saying that his company was acceptable to them **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

*7 m<sup>o</sup>  
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At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 24<sup>th</sup> of 7 mo 1839— accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings. from the south **George Smith** &

**Freeman Lawrence** from north **Caleb Slade & George Almy** were appointed to attend this meeting who are all present except one for whose absence a satisfactory Reason <sup>was given</sup>

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from y-  
meeting  
Rc<sup>d</sup>-*

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We have Rc<sup>d</sup> extracts from our Last yearly meeting imbracing the Report of the Boarding School Committe with a circular appende-  
=d thereto- giving advice in regard to the dress of our Children while at the school &c — which were Read & acceptable to us —  
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Our beloved friend **Elizabeth Robson** attended this meeting producing Certificates from the monthly meeting of Friends at **Liverpool G.B.** dated the 19<sup>th</sup> of 9<sup>mo</sup> 1838. Indorsed by **Lancashire**

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*Elizabeth  
&  
Thomas  
Robson  
attended*

Quarterly meeting held the 20<sup>th</sup> of the Same Also one from the meeting of Ministers and Elders held in **London** 8<sup>th</sup> of 10<sup>mo</sup> 1838. which together with her company & gospel Labours have been acceptable & to our comfort and Edification~~ Our beloved friends **Thomas Robson** Companian to his wife **Elizabeth** is also verry acceptably with us. whose certif-  
=icate was also Read dated at **Hardshaw** West monthly meeting held at **Liverpool** the 27<sup>th</sup> of 12<sup>mo</sup> 1838 saying that he was a member of that meeting. being in Unity, & held in good esteem as an Elder—————  
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*Committe  
to grant  
Certificates  
to  
Schollars*

**James Tucker, Seth Davis, Isaac Lawrence Joseph Gifford George Smith & Isaac R Gifford** are appointed a committe to whom Parents & guardians are to make application for certificates for Children going to Our Boarding School at **Providence**—————  
they are also intrusted with the care of with Respect to the Charity Priviledge  
—————

*Represent  
to  
Q. Mg. Report*

One of the Representatives appointed last month to attend the Q. Mg. Reports that they all attended  
—————

*W<sup>m</sup> G. Slade*

We have with the womens concurrence Rc<sup>d</sup> & accepted a Certificate from the monthly <sup>MG.-</sup>

*Certificate  
Recieved* of friends at **Nine Partners** held 20<sup>th</sup> of 6 m<sup>o</sup>  
1839. on behalf of **William G. Slade**——

*W<sup>m</sup> H Potter  
has  
Removed* The Committee appointed last month to prepare  
a Certificate from **William H. Potter** have now  
produced one, which was Read approved. direc  
=ted to **New bedford** monthly meeting of friends  
& Signed by the Clerk ——

*Q. Meeting  
Stock  
\$ 67.50* By a minute Rc<sup>d</sup> from our Last Q. Meeting  
it appears that our proportion of Yearly and  
Q. Meeting Stock to be Raised is 67.50. which  
our treasurer is directed to pay to the treasurer  
of the Q. Meeting when in funds, **Isaac R. Gifford Ck**

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*1839-  
8<sup>mo</sup>* At a monthly meeting of friends held  
at **Dartmouth** the 28<sup>th</sup> of 8<sup>mo</sup> 1839- accounts being  
Rc<sup>d</sup> from Each of the preparative meetings the  
Representatives appointed as appears- are from  
the South **Abner Potter & Benjamin Gidley**  
from the North **Rowland Rider & William  
Potter** who are all present. — — ——

*Epistle  
Rc<sup>d</sup> & Read* In connection with the Extracts Rc<sup>d</sup> last month  
from our Last Yearly meeting an Epistle was  
now Read advising to the faithfull maintainance  
of Some of our ancient Christian testimonies, which  
was Satisfactory to us. & <sup>^</sup>the Clerk is directed to attach  
it to our records ——

*Mary  
Batty  
Removed* In unison with the women we have Read app  
rove'd & Signed a Removal Certificate on behalf  
of **Mary Batty**. Directed to the monthly meeting  
of Friends at **Smithfield R. I.** ——

*Virtue R  
Potter  
Rc<sup>d</sup>——* We have also in connection with the womens Mg.  
Rc<sup>d</sup> & accepted a Removal Certificate from **New bed  
ford** monthly meeting on behalf of **Virtue R. Potter**

*W<sup>m</sup> G.  
Slade  
Request  
Certificate* **William G. Slade** made application at this  
time for a Certificate directed Directed [*sic*] to **Scipio**  
M<sup>o</sup> Meeting state of **N york [New York]**- to enable him to procede  
in marriage with **Phebe Jane Griffin** a member  
of that meeting, **Abner Potter & Abram Russell**  
are appointed to make the Necessary inquiry in  
regard to his clearness & prepare & produce one to  
our next meeting if nothing appears to hinder\_

*9<sup>th</sup>* At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dart- [Dartmouth]**  
the 25<sup>th</sup> of 9 m<sup>o</sup> 1839. accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from

*m<sup>o</sup>* each of the preparative meeting. the friends appointed to attend this meeting are from the [south] **George W. Frances. Humphrey Anthony** and **William G. Slade.** from the north. **Job Eddy & Caleb Slade.** who are all present——

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The Queries with answers to the 1-2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from each of the preparative meetings have been Read. fro[m]

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*a/c to the Q. Meeting* which a Summary was prepared & adopted & directed to our next Quarterly meeting by **Jonathan Kirby. Joseph Gifford & Benjamin Tucker.** whom we have appointed our Representatives to that mg. desiring them to report their attendance to our next meeting. & the Clerk is directed to furnish them with the necessary accounts from us & Sign the Same on behalf of this meeting ——

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*W.G. Slade has certificate for Marriage* The Committe appointed last month to prepare a certificate for **William G. Slade** have produced one. which was Read approved [*sic*] & Signed by the Clerk

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*Lilly Gifford Requests Certificate* We are informed that **Lilly Gifford** is about to remove to live within the limits of **Swansey** monthly meeting of friends. & requests a certificate for himself & Daughter **Hannah** to that meeting we appoint **Abram Russell & Abner Potter** to take the necessary care in the case: advising ~~w<sup>t</sup>~~ with those whom the women may appoint & prepare & produce one to our next meeting –

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*Isaac Lawrence has a minute to Travel* Our Beloved friend **Isaac Lawrence** Spread before this meeting a concern which has for a long time Rested on his mind of making a Religious Visit to friends in the Easterly part of Our Yearly meeting & Some others if way should open for it, which clai-med the Solid Consideration of this meeting & was feelingly united with by this & the womens meeting & he left at liberty to procede therein as best wisdom may direct. being a minister in Unity with us. recommending him to the Kind attention of friends where his lot may be cast— the Clerk is directed to give him a copy of this minute on our behalf - - - - ——

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*B. Shove  
&  
Ann Potter  
Publish  
Marriage*

We are informed that **Benjamin Shove & Ann Pot[ter]** proposes publishing thier intentions of Marriage at this time, accordingly they the said **Benjamin & Ann** appeared before the meeting & declared their Intentions of taking each other in Marriage the

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meeting noticed their Communication and desired them to wait untill our next meeting for an answer. \_\_\_\_\_

*128-76  
Cost of  
fencing the  
Burying  
Ground*

The Committee appointed as on Page **262**. in relation to fencing our burying ground, disposing of wood to meet the expence &c. now report – Viz- To the Monthly meeting now Sitting, we your Committee to superin- =tend the fencing of the burying ground have attended to our appointment. & find the Cost to be one hundred & twenty eight Dollars & 76 cents – and have Sold wood enough to Settle the same. and there are twelve Cords of wood now Cut ready for Sale 9m<sup>o</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1839- on behalf of the Committee

*12 Cords  
wood*

**Abram Russell -**

which was Read & accepted & the Committee were accordingly discharged — — —

*Committe  
to  
build  
Shed*

The friends named Some time Since to look into the propriety of building more Sheds to accom, =odate friends at this place. introduced the follow =ing proposals (to witt) that a shed 25 feet by 40 is needed- that they think well of opening subscrip =tions to obtain the Sum of 75 Dollars, & that wood Should ~~then~~ be Sold to meet the ballance of the expence; which appears to be Satisfactory to the meeting. Accordingly **Abner Potter, Barrett Beard, Abram Russell, Job Eddy, William Tucker, Joseph Gifford, Ebenezer Allen, Howard Potter & Isaac R. Gifford** were appointed to go forward & build a Shed of the above dimentions, opening Subscriptions & recieve whatever friends may feel willing to give. Sell the 12 Cords of wood now on hand & Report when accom- =plished\_\_\_\_\_

**Isaac R Gifford Clerk**

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At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 10<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 23<sup>d</sup>- 1839. accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from

10 m<sup>o</sup>  
1839-

each of the preparative meetings, the representatives to this meeting are from the South **Holder Shearman [Sherman] George Allen & Abram Russell.** from the north **Benjamin Potter & John Handy** who are all present — —

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Report of  
Represent  
to  
Q. Mg-

One of the Representatives appointed last month to attend the Q. Mg. Reports that they all attended

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Lilly Gifford  
Removed

The committee appointed last mo. to prepare a certificate for **Lilly Gifford** & Daughter have now produced one which was Read & approved. And in unison with the women was Signed & directed to **Swansey** monthly mg-

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B Shove  
&  
Ann Potter  
answer

A Communication was Recieved from the m<sup>o</sup> meeting of friends at **Swansey**. Setting forth **Benjamin Shoves** right of membership and Clearness to procede in marriage with **Ann Potter**, and consent of Parents also being produced in writing & nothing appearing to hinder. they the Said **Benjamin & Ann** are left at liberty to Solemnize their marriage at some suitable time before our next meeting, they advising with **Seth Davis & Abram Russell** who are appointed to attend & see said Marriage orderly conducted, making report here on next month

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Joseph Gifford  
Coppy of  
Minute

We are informed that **Joseph Gifford** has now left home accompaneying **Isaac Lawrence** as a companion on his proposed religious Visit to friends in the Easterly part of our yearly Meeting & requested that friends would forward him a few lines setting forth his right of membership which the Clerk is authorised to do ~~which~~ <sup>and</sup> is to be as follows— **Joseph Gifford** having given up to accompany **Isaac Lawrence** on his

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Joseph Gifford  
certificate

proposed Religious Visit to friends in the . Easterly part of our Yearly meeting & requested our certificate, This may certify that he is a member of our religious Society, in Unity, and held in good esteem by us. (Signd &c- and was maild to the care of **John D. Lang North Berwick State of maine** on the 24<sup>th</sup> instant-)

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Committee

**Abner Potter Abram Russell, Benjamin Tucker & Isaac R Gifford** are appointed to settle with our Treasurer- propose one for the Year to

*to Settle  
with Treas<sup>ur</sup>  
&c*

come & also: a Sum of money necessary to  
be Collected to meet our expences. and report  
next month— Signd **Isaac R Gifford Ck**

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*11 mo<sup>r</sup>  
1839*

At a monthly meeting of Friends held at **Dart [Dartmouth]**  
11 m<sup>o</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1839: accounts being Recieved from  
Each of the preparative meetings. the Repres  
=entatives appear to be from the South. **George  
Smith. & Barrett Beard** from the north-  
**Job Eddy & George Almy.** all present –

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*Clerks  
appointed*

The time for which the Clerks of this meeting  
were appointed having expired. and the Sub  
=ject being left with the Representatives last  
month- they now propose **Isaac R. Gifford**  
for Clerk who is accordingly appointed &  
**Joseph Gifford** being named is also appointed  
an assistant Clerk for the Year ensueing

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*Queries  
answerd  
&  
Representatives  
to  
Q. Meeting  
appointed*

The Queries with answers from each of our  
preparative meetings to the 1- 2<sup>d</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> have been  
Read from which a Summary was proposed  
& adopted & is directed to our next Quarterly  
meeting by **Job Eddy Abner Potter** and **Benja  
Tucker** whom we have appointed our  
Representatives to that meeting, desireing them  
to report their attendence to our next meeting  
& the Clerk is directed to furnish them with  
the needful account from us & sign the same  
on our behalf—————

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*Report of  
the Committee  
of  
Marriage  
B. Shove &  
Ann Potter*

The committee appointed last month to have the  
oversight of the Marriage of **Benjamin Shove &  
Ann Potter**, Report that they attended thereto and  
that they Saw nothing but that it was orderly  
Conducted, & that the Certificate was now Ready  
for the Recorder —————

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*Treasurer  
Settled with  
&  
appointed  
&*

The Committee appointed last month to Settle with  
our Treasurer &c- now Report that they have attended  
thereto & find a ballance in his hands of twenty  
seven <sup>39</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars, And propose to raise the Sum  
of one hundred & fifty Dollars to meet our  
expences- they also propose **Osman Wood** for Treasurer  
which appears satisfactory to the meeting & according  
-ly **Osman Wood** is appointed Treasurer for the

*150 Doll  
to be Raised* year to come & our preparative meetings are  
desired to Collect the sum of 150\$ in the same  
proportion as last year pay the Same to our  
Treasurer & making Report hereon when Done –

*I. Lawrence  
Returnd  
Certificate  
&c* Our Esteemed friend **Isaac Lawrence** now  
Returned a certificate which was granted him in  
9 m<sup>o</sup> last, Saying that he had been favoured to  
accomplish his Visit to the Satisfaction of his own  
mind, Producing the following Satisfactory minu[te]  
from **Falmouth** Quarterly meeting of friends  
(Viz) Our Esteemed friend **Isaac Lawrence**  
with a Certificate of the concurrence of **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]**  
Monthly Meeting attended this meeting, His company  
& Gospel labours are Satisfactory to us – from the  
minutes of **Falmouth Q.** Meeting held at **Durham**  
10 m<sup>o</sup> 31. 1839. **Lemuel Jones** }  
**Mary Bracket J<sup>ur</sup>** } Clks

*J. Gifford  
Returnd his  
Certificat* **Joseph Gifford** also Returnd a certificate which  
was granted him Last month & forwarded to him

The Committee appointed as on page **257** to treat  
with **Perry Gifford** now made the following  
Report (to witt) To the monthly meeting, We  
have attended to our appointment in the case  
of **Perry Gifford**. And it appears from a late Visit  
oppurtunity one of the Committee has had with

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him, that he continues to attend meetings of other  
Societies, has no prospect at present of attending with  
friends. Signed 9 m<sup>o</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1839 – **Isaac Lawrence**  
**James Tucker** } Comttee

*Perry  
Gifford  
Disownd* And after a time of Solid deliberation hereon and  
having the womens concurrence herein. we hereby deny  
him the S<sup>d</sup> **Perry** the Right of membership. hoping  
that ere long he may return & acknowledge to the  
truth as professed by us. – **Abram Russell** is

*& informed  
See Page 303*

*S. S. Anthony  
S. A. Chase  
Ruth &  
Mary  
Dunham  
all  
Disowned*

appointed to give him this infor[m]  
This meeting unites with the women in denying the  
Right of membership to **Sarah S. Anthony, Sylvia  
ann Chase, (late Sisson) And Ruth and Mary  
Dunham-** the two first Cases Coming Separately before  
us.~~~~~ **Isaac R Gifford** Clerk

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartm<sup>o</sup> [Dartmouth]**  
25<sup>th</sup> of 12 m<sup>o</sup> 1839- accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from  
each of the preparative meetings, the Represin  
=tatives therein appointed to attend this meeting  
*12 m<sup>o</sup>  
1839-* are from the South **Holder Shearman [Sherman]** and,-

**Joshua W. Gifford**— from the north—**Rowland Rider & Caleb Slade** who are all present —

*Representvs  
to  
Q. Mg-  
Report*

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

*Care in  
Perry Gifford  
Case-*

The friend having Charge of **Perry Giffords** Case Reports that he has not been informed of his denial. he therefore is continued in care thereof—

*Daniel  
Wing  
Complained  
of~*

This meeting is informed By the South minutes Respecting **Daniel Wing** as follows. (Viz) – To the Preparative Meeting of friends **Daniel Wing** has Kept company & Married out of the Order of Society with one not a member, which we Submit to the meeting- **Joseph Gifford }  
Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley } Overseers  
Daniel Howland }**

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*Committe  
for Danil  
Wing-*

Whareupon we appoint **Warren Gifford** and **Joseph Gifford** to Visit and extend further labour with him on account of his deviations endeavouring to ascertain the state of his mind & fitness in regard to remaining a member with us, & make report hereon next month—

Signed **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk

*1 m<sup>o</sup>  
1840*

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dartmouth** 22<sup>d</sup> of 1 m<sup>o</sup> -1840- accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings the Representatives therein appointed to this meeting are from the South **Zebedee Gifford** and **Barret Beard**. from the north **George Almy** & **Benjamin Potter** who are all present-

*Daniel  
Wing  
Disowned*

The Committee appointed last month to Visit & Labour with **Daniel Wing** now made the following Report. (Viz) To the monthly meeting Dear friends, We the Committee in the case of **Daniel Wing** have attended to our appoint=ment and made him a Visit. he did not appear to us to be in a Suitable State of mind rightly to Condemn his deviation and Said that he did not think it best to

make any acknowledgment, which we  
Submit to the meeting **Warren Gifford**  
**Joseph Gifford-**

*{has been}*  
*{informed}* Which was read & after a time of consideration  
& deliberation thereon and having the womens  
Concurrence herein we do disown him the  
said **Daniel** & no longer consider him a  
member of Our Religious Society & **Benj<sup>n</sup>**  
**Gidley** is appointed to give him this in  
formation making Report hereof next m<sup>o</sup>

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The Committee appointed in 9 m<sup>o</sup> last to  
Build Shids. Recieve subscriptions. Sell. wood &c  
now Report as follows. (Report on other Page)

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*Committee*  
*to*  
*Build Sheds*  
*Report of-*  
*&*  
*Sheds*  
*finished*

To the monthly meeting now Setting,  
We your committee appointed to build a shed &  
raise money to defray the expence, have attended  
thereto and find the expence to be one hundred  
thirty five Dollars & 55 cents- \$135.55  
And have Recieved by Subscription 89.50  
Sold wood including the 12 Cords which was  
on hand to the amount of the ballance 46.05  
\$135.55

**Dartmouth** 22<sup>d</sup> of 1<sup>m<sup>o</sup></sup> 1840-

Signed on behalf of the Committee

**Abram Russell.**

which Report was read and accepted showing that  
the building is Setled for \_\_\_\_\_  
& the Committee is accordingly discharged.

*Committee*  
*on Page*  
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*discharged*

This meeting accepts the attention & Service of **Abm**  
**Russell. Abner Potter. Howard Potter** and **Benjn Tucker**  
who were appointed as on Page **276** of this book. to  
dispose of wood & hold the procedes for the use of frds [friends?]  
of this meeting. Said procedes now having all been  
expended for the use of Society & they are accord  
=ingly discharged \_\_\_\_\_

*Harriet*  
*Gifford*  
*Removed*

We have in unison with the womens meeting  
signed a Removal Certificate on behalf of **Harriet**  
**Gifford** directed to **Swansey** monthly meeting of friends

*Committee*  
*on*  
*Births & Deaths*  
*Report of-*  
*&*  
*Apointed*  
*again*

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the Committee appointed some time since (P. **228**)  
to give information to our recorder in regard to births  
& Deaths ~~made the following~~ Report that they have  
given attention thereto & have forwarded to him  
all the Births & Deaths. on at least all that have  
come to their Knowledge up to this time —  
which is satisfactory to us- & the same friends

(Viz) **William Potter George Smith, Isaac Lawrence, Abram Russell and Humphrey Anthony** are now reappointed to the above Service and are desired to make report at the expiration of one year – Signed **Isaac R Gifford**  
Clerk

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At a monthly meeting of friends held at Dartmouth the 26<sup>th</sup> of 2<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1840. by the accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the Preparative meetings the  
*1840* *2 m<sup>o</sup>* representatives are from the south **Benjamin**  
**Gidley & Humphrey Anthony.** from the north  
**Job Eddy & William Potter.** who are all Pres<sup>t</sup>

*D. Wing*  
*informed* **Benjamin** Reports that **Daniel Wing** has been informed of his denial \_\_\_\_\_

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*Overseers*  
*Poor*  
*appointed* The time for which the overseers of the Poor were appointed having expired, we appoint **Abram Russell, Benjamin Potter, Daniel Howland - Jonathan Wilbur, Benjamin Tucker, and Joseph Gifford** to that service for the ensuing year or untill another appointment –

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We are informed that the north preparative meeting has paid its proportion of stock to our Treasurer for the year 1839 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk.

At a monthly meeting of friends held at **Dart<sup>m</sup>**  
*1840* *3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup>* 25<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m<sup>o</sup> 1840 – By the accounts Rc<sup>d</sup> from each of the preparative meetings, the representatives appointed to attend this meeting are from the s<sup>o</sup>  
**Joseph Gifford. & Ebenezer Allen.** from the north  
**Benj<sup>m</sup> Tucker & George Almy** – who are all present

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*the Qs*  
*answered*  
*&*  
*Rep. appointed*  
*to*  
*Q. Mg.* The Queries with answers from each of our Preparative meetings were now read, a summary from which was adopted & directed to be forwarded together with the necessary extracts from our minutes to our next Quarterly meeting by **Abr<sup>m</sup> Russell, Zebedee Gifford, & Benjamin Tucker** whom we have appointed Representatives thereto, desiring them to Report their attendance at our next meeting, & the Clerk is directed to furnish them

with the necessary a/c from us, and to sign  
the same on behalf of this meeting \_\_\_\_\_

*Q. Mgs  
Stock  
directed  
paid*

This meeting directs our Treasurer ^to pay to the Treasurer  
of the Quarterly meeting our proportion of stock -

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*Committee  
on  
E. H. Davis  
Report*

The committee appointed some time since (see  
Page 272 this book) in the case of **Ellery H. Davis**, now  
made the following Report, viz. To the monthly m.g-  
Dear friends we have attended to the object of our  
appointment in the case of **Ellery H. Davis** and not  
withstanding he appears willing to condemn the  
accusations brought against him by **Providence**  
Monthly meeting, yet he does not appear to us to  
be in a suitable situation of mind Rightly  
to be retained a member of our Religious society.

3 m° 19<sup>th</sup> 1840 - Signed **James Tucker** }  
**Isaac Lawrence** }  
**Isaac R Gifford** }

*was  
accepted-*

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

*& forwarded  
to*

To **Providence** Monthly meeting, Dear friends, By  
a communication recieved from you under date  
of 12 m° 1836 - (see page of this book page 249) -

*Providence  
M° Meeting  
& sent  
by  
Arnold }  
Congdon }*

embracing a complaint against **Ellery H. Davis**  
a member of your meeting, & requesting us to  
labour with him therefor on your behalf &c -  
We may inform: that the subject soon claimd  
the attention of this meeting, and a committee  
was accordingly appointed to that service, but  
owing (in part) to the individual having been  
absent (at sea) a considerable portion of the time  
since, our committee have not untill now  
made any report which this meeting has accepted  
which information the clerk is directed to forward  
to you enclosing the report of the committee  
in the above case, signed in & by direction  
of **Dartmouth** Monthly meeting of friends  
held 25<sup>th</sup> of 3<sup>d</sup> m° 1840 - **Isaac R. Gifford** Clerk



At a monthly meeting of friends held at  
**Dartmouth** 22<sup>d</sup> of 4 m<sup>o</sup> 1840 - accounts being Rc<sup>d</sup>  
from each of the Preparative meetings the  
*4 m<sup>o</sup>* Representatives therein appointed to this mg.  
*1840* are from the south **Osman Wood & George**  
**W. Frances**- from the north **Abram Tucker**  
& **James Tucker**- who are all present-

*Report of* One of the representatives appointed last  
*Represt<sup>s</sup>* month to attend our Q. Meeting Reports that  
*to* they all attended  
*Q. Mg -*

*J. Cowing* We have in concurrence with the womens Mg  
*Certificate* Rc<sup>d</sup> Read and accepted a removal certificate from  
*Rc<sup>d</sup>* **Newbedford** M<sup>o</sup> Meeting of friends on behalf  
of **Jonathan Cowing J<sup>ur</sup>** his <sup>wife</sup> **Louisa** and their  
son **Jonathan Emerson**, a minor

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The following information respecting **Allen**  
**Sisson** was by the south P. Meeting forwarded -  
*Allen* (viz) It appears that **Allen Sisson** is in the  
*Sisson* habit of partaking of spiritous liquors. other  
*under* =wise than for medicine. and has for some time  
*Dealing* much neglected the attendence of our religious  
meetings for which he has been laboured with  
by the overseers without the desired effect, which  
we submit to the meeting- signed **Joseph Gifford**  
**Benj<sup>n</sup> Gidley**

overseers

whereupon we appoint **Seth Davis**  
**Isaac R Gifford & Isaac Lawrence** a Committee to  
labour further with the s<sup>d</sup> **Allen** in order to  
reclaim & restore & make report hereon next  
month.

*I. Lawrence* The following satisfactory Certificates were now  
*Returns* Rc<sup>d</sup> & read. (viz) To **Dartmouth** monthly m.g.  
*Certificate* of Friends, Our Esteemed Friend **Isaac Lawrence**  
*from* with your certificate expressive of unity with him  
*Vassalboro* attended our Quarterly meeting in the 11<sup>th</sup> month  
*Q. Meeting* Last; since which. he has visited most of the  
meetings belonging to this. His Company and  
religious services have been satisfactory to us.

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*J. Gifford* Our Esteemed friend **Joseph Gifford**,  
*Returning* Companion to **Isaac Lawrence** with a  
*Certificate* Copy of a minute from your meeting attended  
*from* our Quarterly meeting in the Eleventh month  
*Vassalboro* last, since which he has visited most of the  
meetings belonging to this, his Company and

