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trust assigned to this meeting according
to its original organization in the recess
of the yearly meeting, the painful duty
devolves upon us of informing you of a
division that has taken place in our
religious Society to a limited extent in
Rhode Island Quarterly meeting as branch
of New England Yearly meeting; and we
transmit for your information the ac-
companying documents being the substance
of our communications issued by this meet-
ing since our last yearly meeting, togeth-
er with minutes made at this time.

In so doing we would express our earnest
desire that the feelings of love and sympa-
thy which have so eminently distinguished
us as a religious brotherhood - bound togeth-
er as one people wherever situated may
continue as in ancient days and that He
who is Head over all things unto His
Church may be graciously pleased still
to own and preserve us - and enable us
to bring forth fruits unto His praise.

With the salutations of love we are
your friends.

Signed on behalf and by direction of
the meeting for sufferings of New England
yearly meeting of Friends held at Prov-

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idence Rhode Island the 5th of 2^d month 1845
Samuel Boyd Toby - Clerk.

To Friends of New England Yearly meeting &
elsewhere

Dear Friends

The State of our religious Society within
some portions of this yearly meeting claiming our
sacredly and deliberate consideration at the present
time, and the query solemnly arising, what is
required in the recess of the yearly meeting, in
order for the preservation of Friends, so far as this
may be effected by their being possessed of correct
information, we have believed it to be incumbent
upon us to give general circulation to the substance
of the communications in relation thereto, issued
by this meeting in the 8th and 12th months of last year;
and painful as is the duty of exposing the course
of an erring brother, yet, for the clearing of Truth
we feel bound very briefly to allude to it, that
friends who have not been acquainted with
the circumstances that have transpired, may
not be deceived by statements inconsistent
with facts.

For several years past a spirit has been man-
ifested among us, which, under the profession of
great spirituality and of a concern for the main-
tenance of the doctrines and testimonies of our