

act, but a spiritual reality. May we as a Society hold these views, not in theory only, but in practical experience.

Now may the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Signed on behalf of the Meeting,

MARY W. THOMAS,
Clerk.

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Dear Sisters,—

In the language of the prophet Isaiah would we exhort you together with ourselves, "Trust ye in the Lord forever; for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength." We rejoice that amidst all the trials and conflicts of life we may with confidence claim protection from the Father, into whose ear entered the petition, "I pray not that Thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that Thou shouldst keep them from the evil," and remember that the Father heareth the Son alway.

Our hearts have been much exercised at this time that each one may be found using the gift committed unto her in the simplicity of the gospel, not enquiring what wilt Thou have my sister to do? but Lord what wilt Thou have me to do, so that we may indeed help every one her neighborhood, and everyone say to her sister be of good courage. We acknowledge great cause for thankfulness in that the Lord has been pleased to manifest himself unto us by His overshadowing presence in the midst of these assemblies, both for worship and for transaction of the affairs of the Church, also that He has turned the feet of a number of His messengers to this part of His heritage, where many of His little ones are hungering for the bread of life, in order that they may grow from stature to stature in the fulness of Christ. Those who respond to the query addressed to Simon Peter, "Thou knowest that I love thee," and accept the gracious commission, "Feed my sheep, feed my lambs," seem too few. The report of the Evangelistic

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