

EPISTLES ADDRESSED TO CANADA YEARLY
MEETING OF WOMEN FRIENDS, 1880.

LONDON.

DEAR SISTERS :

The perusal of your acceptable letter has brought you afresh before our loving remembrance, accompanied by the earnest desire that the "love of Christ, which passeth knowledge," may be spread and increased amongst both you and us, so that the affections being set on things above, not on things on the earth, we may know our life to be "hid with Christ in God."

We have been reminded of the privileges which belong to us, as members of our religious Society, and of the liberty to respond to the call of the Lord, which we, as women, enjoy ; and we have been exhorted to seek to employ all the advantages which have been granted to us to the glory of the Giver.

We have lovingly remembered the mothers amongst you, desiring that you may be enabled to do your part in bringing your children to the Lord in early life, and in explaining to them the truths which we hold as a religious society. May you, in the midst of your many cares, ever estimate the privilege of seasons of communion with God, both in meetings for worship and in private retirement. We prayerfully desire for those amongst you, who labour and are heavy laden, that you may have your rest in the Lord ; and we would remind you of the words, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

The young amongst us have been encouraged to wait patiently for the Lord's enlightenment, and not to act hastily, because they may not at once see their way clearly, in connection with our religious principles. May we all take our difficulties, of whatever kind they may be, to the Lord Himself, and with fully-surrendered hearts, trust Him to lead us aright : may we be enabled to adopt the language :—

"To every doubt, in Thee, my heart
An answer hopes to find ;
In every joy, O Lord, Thou art
The deeper joy behind."

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