

Friends, by the reading of your excellent Epistle, with other sisterly greetings from the different branches of the Church, who, with ourselves, have experienced the same scattering and dark clouds to pass over that you have, and when we lift up our eyes and behold the desolation, our harps are hung upon the willows, and we weep when we remember Zion; but in all ages of the world victory has been granted to the faithful few. Then may none give back in the day of battle, but remember that the Morning Star will be given to those who overcome and keep his works unto the end.

We are glad you are endeavoring to provide suitable reading in place of objectionable literature, so abundant in our land, and we desire that our own hands may not slacken in the advancement of this good work.

By reports from the Quarterly Meetings we find that deficiencies are still apparent, which have been the cause of deep exercise to the rightly concerned minds among us. Excellent counsel has been given directing us to the only source from whence all good cometh, that by a life of close watchfulness unto prayer we might more richly adorn the doctrine of Christ our Saviour in all things, and the invitation was given to come and partake of that living stream which makes glad the whole heritage of God.

Words of comfort have been spoken to the aged, who have borne the burdens for many years; those in the middle walks of life exhorted not to shrink from known duties; sympathy expressed for young mothers whose tender charge requires their constant care and watchfulness; may this class, with you and us, look to Jesus for wisdom and ability to train their precious jewels for Heaven. The presence and orderly deportment of our dear young sisters is comforting, and if they are willing to submit to the preparing hand of the Lord the mantle of the mothers—who are one by one being called from work to rewards—will rest upon the daughters.

We commend you, dear sisters, with ourselves to the gracious protection of the Shepherd of Israel, desiring that indeed we may be the sheep of his pasture, and that in the end we may be all safely gathered into the Heavenly fold.

We are, with love, your affectionate sisters.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

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Clerk.