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Held at Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio, from the 28th of the 9th Month to the 3rd of the 10th Month inclusive, 1895.

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS,—We are again assembled in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting to transact the important affairs of the Church, and feeling our many weaknesses we have remembered the language, "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain."

We have received your Epistle of brotherly greeting, together with others from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond, reminding us that there is still a concern for the prosperity of Zion within our borders.

Surely it is cause for rejoicing that there are those in parts of the heritage whose souls (as you have expressed) have been watered with refreshing showers of the Lord's grace, yet the language of the prophet Habakkuk comes up before us, "O Lord, I have heard Thy speech and was afraid" (Habakkuk, 3rd chapter and first part of 2nd verse); "when I heard, my belly trembled, my lips quivered at the voice; rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself that I might rest in the day of trouble" (first part of 16th verse).

This experience of the prophet is calculated to teach us true humility, to bring down all self exaltation, and make us tremble for our own safety, and for the safety of the ark of the testimony, which has been laid upon the members of our religious Society to bear before the world.

In considering the removal by death of some who have long borne the burden and heat of the day, the language is applicable "The fathers, where are they? the prophets, do they live forever?" The same power that raised them up, and made them what they were, can still raise up judges as at the first and counsellors as at the beginning,