

To Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends :—

DEAR FRIENDS—Having again been favored to meet in the capacity of a Yearly Meeting, in order to transact the affairs of Society, and beholding our many shortcomings and weaknesses, we have been constrained to say like some of old, "Lord, it is good for us to be here," and have again realized that it is good for us to thus meet from year to year and scan and scrutinize our past conduct, and again do we realize that this is one and not the least of the means in the hands of an all-wise Creator in forwarding the work of grace in our hearts, and in spreading the knowledge of the Gospel of our blessed and divine Lord. Notwithstanding our many shortcomings and failures, we must acknowledge our Heavenly Father has been pleased to meet with us, from time to time, through the various sittings of this Yearly meeting.

We have also been comforted in the reading of your epistle with those of the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. They are indeed as brooks by the way to the truly hungry and thirsty soul. There is no danger of their ever becoming dry and formal while we ourselves, keep in the life, because the food prepared by an all-wise Creator will satisfy the life he has begotten in us. Therefore, dear Friends, strengthen the hands that are ready to hang down and confirm the feeble knees, lest that which is lame should be turned out of the way, but rather let it be healed.

Our various standing committees have made favorable reports. Our meeting has been fully as well attended as usual by both young and old. That on First-day was larger than usual on such occasions.

Now, dear friends, we bid you an affectionate farewell, hoping that we with you, and you with us, may dwell so near the divine fountain, that if we should be again favored to meet in our annual assembly, we may realize those deficiencies to have decreased, and that by faithfulness our walk has been more consistent with our profession.

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