

In your approaching annual gathering may you be enabled to put your trust wholly in our God, who is the strength and comfort of His Church, and who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.

On behalf of the Meeting,

RUTH C. FLAGLER, *Clerk.*

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BALTIMORE.

DEAR SISTERS :

In hearing from the different epistles received by us this year, expressions of weakness, struggle and temptation, as well as of triumph, trust and victory; we have realized again our common humanity, and we feel that though widely scattered, and with various interests and duties, each member of the church has the same great aim in view, the advancement of Christ's kingdom on this earth. Thanks be unto God, the same loving Father watches over all, and His ear is open to hear the feeblest cry of each one of His dependent children.

We have had impressed upon us that the growth of the church depends very much on the individual faithfulness of its members. As in the physical frame, the organs and nerves act in sympathy, so the church (which is compared to the body), feels the lack of life in even the weakest member. The subject of the important position, which we as women occupy, has been brought before us, and we have been earnestly reminded of the great influence for good which we should exert in our homes, and in the world. The fervent prayers and consecrated life, of a Christian woman have been the means of bringing many souls into the fold of Christ.

Reports from our First-day schools, and Home Mission Work, show a marked increase of interest and successful effort, and we may be truly thankful that we have evidence of the good resulting from this important part of the work of the church.

Although our numbers are small, we have gathered together in the full assurance that the great Head of the Church would be with us, and bless our meeting. He has been faithful to

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