

We have also been strengthened in the reading of your sisterly epistle at this time, and desire that that love which is the bond of fellowship may more and more abound, to the upbuilding of our Zion—that we may become a people valiant for the Lord, and strong in His might.

May the principles of our beloved society, which at times has been more near than our natural lives, be uplifted in their ancient purity, which we believe can only be done by and through that help which He alone can give. We feel to encourage you with us, dear sisters, to an individual faithfulness, a daily watch, and a drawing near unto the Father of all our sure mercies, that our lives may be so ordered that the dear children, seeing may believe, and be enabled to take hold of the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are aware that your trials have been great, that you have fought valiantly for the truth, that our principles might be maintained, and have no doubt felt the Omnicient arm underneath to uphold you. Our desire is for you, dear sisters, that there may never be a falling away from that protecting power, for trials are continually awaiting us in our progress Zion-ward.

“Oh ! that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to us-ward, For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.”

We have, at this time, received Epistles from all the Yearly Meetings with whom we are in correspondence, the reading of which has been a strength and satisfaction to us.

With a salutation of love ; farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the meeting.

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Clerk.

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*Dear Sisters :—*

Under a grateful sense of our Heavenly Father's love and mercy in permitting us once more to mingle in our annual gathering, (though we are few in numbers,) and to feel His over-shadowing presence, we are led to exclaim, “What shall we render unto thee, O Lord, for all thy benefits ?”

We have been brought into deep sympathy with our absent