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Dear Sisters,—

We have been permitted once again, through the goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father to meet on our annual gathering, and receive epistles of love and sisterly greeting from yours and other Yearly Meetings.

They have brought afresh to our hearts that feeling of nearness, and Christian fellowship, which ever unites in love the chosen of the Lord, which neither distance can sever, nor kingdoms or governments divide.

Precious is the thought, though being under different earthly administrations, we can be children of the Heavenly King "that loved us and washed us from our sins, in His own blood and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father," whose banner over us is love and His reign peace.

We have had at this time the very acceptable company of many of the Lords anointed messengers; one of whom was from your midst, who were faithful in declaring the Gospel of Christ in its fullness, freeness, and simplicity.

The meetings for worship have been seasons of humbling in which souls have been led from darkness into light, and believers have accepted by faith, the cleansing power of the Holy Spirit, to make and keep them clean, fit vessels for the Masters use, wherever He may lead.

The meetings for business were blessed by a spirit of condescension, harmony and love. Practical and kindly counsel uttered by the lips of motherly experience filled our hearts with earnest desire to be more Christ-like in our homes, and the near associations of our daily lives in thought, in word and in act.

Daughters were lovingly counselled to be thoughtful of their duty and sweet privilege, in helping to bear the burdens of parents, that each with the other may understand the soul and heart need, of earthly, as well as spiritual things, that the ills of life may be lightened and the pathway brightened.

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