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JESUS.

Long ago the lilies faded
Which to Jesus seemed so fair,
But the love that bade them blossom
Still is working everywhere.

On the moors and in the valleys,
By the streams we love so well,
There is greater glory blooming
Than the tongue of man can tell.

Long ago in sacred silence
Died the accents of his prayer;
Still the souls that seek the Father
Find His presence everywhere.

W. G. TARRANT.

DISCUSSION IN LONDON YEAR- LY MEETING

ON THE SUBJECT OF EPISTOLARY COR-
RESPONDENCE WITH OUR BRANCH
OF FRIENDS IN AMERICA.

Two Epistles from the Conservative bodies in Canada and New England were read. They pointed out with great earnestness the extent of the lapses which had caused the necessity for separation.

Charles Brady alluded to the highly controversial character of these Epistles, but hoped a simple acknowledgment would be sent. Several Friends concurred, and no further discussion took place upon them.

John William Graham asked that the consideration of the subject might be deferred to the next session, as the time of adjournment was at hand.

Howard Nicholson thought that what John William Graham might be able to tell them, after his visit to America, might be of use to the meeting; but he hoped that they would not go into a long discussion on the two Epistles.

Edwin R. Ransome and a number of other Friends concurred that a long discussion was undesirable.

The Clerk hesitated to say that so wide a subject should be opened up at the beginning of the next meeting. If they heard J. W. Graham they could decide whether it was a matter that could be closed at once or upon which it would be well to hear further from other Friends at the next meeting.

Samuel James Capper thought that if J. W. Graham had something to say to the meeting it would be better to wait until the next sitting.

The Clerk thought if John William Graham did not desire to take that opportunity, they had better pass it.

John William Graham said if that was the ruling of the Clerk, he must speak at once. He felt that the reading of those two Epistles, the concluding episode in our latest attempt to come into any kind of connection with the separated bodies in America, was almost the only ordinary occasion that would be found to speak on that matter. Naturally, the question arose, "What next?" Were they to go back to the recognition of one only of the three bodies in America or not? He thought the two letters which had just been read, and somewhat severely spoken of, were pathetic letters on the whole, the writers speaking out of much sorrow of heart, and he could not help feeling a measure of sympathy for them. At the same time they were, as had been said, strongly controversial, and showed how difficult was the state of the Society in America, not only in recent times but long ago. He wished to speak on behalf of the body of Friends separated from us in 1827, and from whom we had heard prac-