

testimony, that God hath vouchsafed his grace and good Spirit unto the children of men universally, as the means of their sanctification. May ye therefore, in your several degrees of growth, evince and recommend your belief in it, by dwelling under its holy influence.

Again, in gospel affection, we salute you, and bid you farewell.

Signed in and on behalf of the meeting.

ROBERT FOWLER,
Clerk to the meeting this year.

IN RETROSPECT.

For the Friends of the REVIEW.

In the settlement which the home life gives, my mind is often found reviewing the late visit which Martha Dodgson and myself made to the meetings belonging to Genesee Yearly Meeting, and the mingling with the Friends in the different neighborhoods; as I recall their kindness and the responsive feeling which we found wherever we met them, I find a true and living interest *abides* in my heart for them. As it is impossible to give an individual evidence of my gratitude for the many acts of kindness, I have thought some words for the YOUNG FRIENDS' REVIEW might reach many of these and convey to them the information of our safe arrival at our homes after the mission of love was ended. When we left our homes to attend the Yearly Meeting of Genesee, I thought that, with a few of the isolated meetings, would be the extent of the visit, but as we mingled day by day with that interesting company, felt the earnestness of their spirits, we remembered that those assembled were only a small portion of the membership composing the whole, and that in distant homes so many were denied the enjoyment of this yearly communion, which keeps so alive the interest in our religious society. This feeling was met by the language, "Let thy labors extend to the branches that compose this Yearly

Meeting: Fear not, I will be thy helper in the field of service." With this assurance, and trusting in the promise, we have visited all the meetings with the exception of two, where friends thought it would be useless to attempt calling the people together on any except the first day of the week. We have been most kindly cared for in every way; conveyed from place to place when it was possible; shared the hospitality and enjoyed the social mingling to the refreshing of our natures. We have found some of the meetings blessed with a living membership, young and old interested, and working in beautiful harmony to keep up their meetings for worship and discipline, alive in their First-day school work. With these we could rejoice and thank the infinite Father for the encouragement such faithfulness gives. Other places the few are struggling to keep together a remnant of our Religious Society, just as earnest and faithful, but often their hands hang heavy because of the indifference of many to this reasonable service; with these we were drawn into feeling, inciting them to falter not, but press on, that in the end they might have a disciple's reward for their love to the brethren. In some parts there were only the isolated families, loving still the society to which they belong, and yet are so widely separated from it; our truest sympathy went forth for these, and we were grateful we did not pass them by, because they were few and distant. Some of the most blessed breaking of Heavenly bread was among these lonely ones and we hope Friends in their travels will visit them and keep the bond renewed that unites them to the society. I would not mark out a work for others, only commend them to watchfulness and obedience. Let none hesitate because they may not have for their use the gift of the ministry—it does not always require the spoken word to fulfil the truth. "Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend." After