

In this our annual gathering we have been permitted to feel that our Heavenly Father, in great mercy, has owned us by His presence to the tendering of many hearts.

A number of ministers are present from other Yearly Meetings, whose company and Gospel labors have been acceptable, and we have felt it to be another evidence of our Heavenly Father's love in thus sending His messengers amongst us. Surely His many and continual favors call for deep thankfulness and humbleness of heart, and we are led to exclaim, what shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits?

We have also been made sad on account of the deficiencies which exist amongst us, and have been made to realize that we need a deeper work of grace, and to know an abiding in Christ the vine, that we may be enabled to bring forth more fruit to the praise of his great and worthy name.

May, we, dear Sisters, with you, know more of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and keeping power of Christ, and thereby "Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We desire your encouragement, and may the dear younger sisters with you and us be made willing to lay themselves upon the altar, that by the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit they may be fitted for the work of the church.

The Temperance cause still claims our attention, but we realize that there is need of more earnest workers in this field.

We have heard interesting reports from our different institutions of learning, showing that the cause of education is advancing among us. There is also a manifest desire with us that the cause of missionary work may be promoted. Some of our members are still working among the Indians whose labours, we believe, are blessed and owned by the Dear Master.

In conclusion, dear Sisters, we desire to commend you unto "Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy."

We are in love, your sisters, signed on behalf of the meeting,

MARY ANDREWS, *Clerk.*

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