

these things?" These have been encouraged to look to the Lord for ability, with the assurance that their sufficiency is of Him.

We have been much cheered and encouraged by evidences of blessing upon our missionary labor among the Freedmen, at the Syrian Mission, and with the Indians west of the Mississippi, resulting in a number of conversions to christianity in each of these fields of labor.

In conclusion, and with a sense of that love in Christ which is neither bounded by time nor diminished by distance, we bid you affectionately farewell,

Signed on behalf of New England yearly meeting.

ANNA G. WOOD, *Clerk.*

NEW YORK.

DEAR SISTERS :

As we have listened to the messages of love and counsel which we have received from our sister Yearly Meetings, we have been reminded that we are all members of one body, of which Christ is the living Head, and that there exists between us a bond of union which enables us in a measure to "Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep." It is our privilege also to realize that our Holy Head is a still deeper sympathiser, and that He is not only able but willing to bring us out of every trial, purified and strengthened by the baptism of suffering.

Your branch of the Church is especially dear to us, as we remember that until recently we were *one* in an outward sense and rejoice that it is still our privilege to be *one* in a spiritual sense.

We have great cause for gratitude at this time. We have with us a goodly number of the Lord's messengers from other Yearly Meetings, who, together with our own laborers, have been enabled to proclaim the Gospel acceptably and savingly in our midst.

As we have gathered from session to session, we have realized the precious covering of the Holy Spirit, assisting us in trans-

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