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Dear Sisters,—

Having been permitted to meet once more in our annual assembly, we salute you in the love of the gospel in the language of the beloved apostle James, "Count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations, knowing this that the trial of your faith worketh patience, but let patience have her perfect work that ye may be perfect and entire wanting nothing." Oh! for more of this perfection in us as a people, knowing that our old nature is crucified with Christ, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. Now, if we be dead with Christ, we believe we also shall live with Him, and walk in newness of life, seeking the things which are above where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God.

We humbly acknowledge that very many blessings have been ours during the past year, and like the Psalmist may say, "What shall we render unto thee O God for all thy benefits." We have received loving epistles from our sisters, both in England and America, which gives cause of gratitude to our Father in heaven, because He has kept us bound together in sympathy and love. We rejoice that the cause of Temperance is claiming so much attention among the people as well as in the Church. We with you recognize the Missionary work as from the Lord, and under this feeling have organized a Foreign Missionary Board. Our heartfelt prayers arise for these that they may be so faithful in the various workings of this cause, that the Lord will be pleased to give us a large inheritance among the heathen; and while we are scattering the seed of the kingdom abroad, we may also be gathering at home. There is work for all, and if the Church, the servants of the Lord, are faithful, no race or class will be neglected. At this meeting we gladly welcome a large number of the brethren in the ministry from other Yearly Meetings, yet there are no handmaidens of the Lord visiting us at this time, in view of this unusual occurrence, the query arises in our hearts are we as women failing to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty?

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