

take of the "bread and water of life," which alone nourish and sustain the immortal part; and we shall hunger and thirst more and more for these things; we shall be more willing to endure all His chastenings, yea, even desire that He will *not* take away His Holy Spirit, but be pleased to thoroughly purge the floor of our hearts, be pleased to wholly do away every evil thought and deed, and enable us to attain that condition for which the Psalmist thus petitions, "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord," and as this close circumspection of our thoughts and words is abode in, we, like David, shall experience the Lord to be, indeed, *our* "Strength and Redeemer."

With a salutation of love we remain, your friends.

Signed by direction of the Meeting.

SARAH K. BRANTINGHAM, Clerk.

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To Canada Yearly Meeting of Women Friends:—

DEAR SISTERS:—As we met in our annual gathering, solemnity was our covering, and as we listened to the greetings from Sister Yearly Meetings, our hearts were warmed and cheered by the love and instruction they contained.

We regret our Epistle of last year failed to reach you, which was duly forwarded by mail.

We do, indeed, find ourselves very closely united to you in sympathy and feeling, being few in number and as a scattered remnant.

Precious is the promise "Where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them."

We, like you, miss the company and counsel of those removed from works to rewards, as well as those who are prevented by infirmities from mingling with us.

A petition to the throne of grace has been raised, that the aged may be sustained to the close, and receive the reward of "well done."