

see, "eye to eye," and that the gates and bars may be again set up that they may "see Jerusalem a quiet habitation," and that the voice of war may not be heard in her any more forever. Truly, if the Lord had not spared us as a remnant we should have been as Sodom and Gomorrah. Realizing the great responsibility resting upon us, in all our weakness and inability, well may we ask, "Who is sufficient for these things?" We sensibly feel that our sufficiency is not of ourselves, but of God, from whom alone our help cometh, by and through the aid of His Holy Spirit.

The exercises of the stranger Friends have been in near and tender sympathy. Having partaken of the same bitter cup, they are prepared to feel with us in our stripped condition, and in our entire dependence upon Him whose never-failing arm of power is underneath for our support, and who never yet said unto the wrestling seed of Jacob, "Seek ye my face in vain." Our Heavenly Father has not forgotten to be gracious, but amid all our trials there are times and seasons when He comforts the true mourners in Zion and the heavy-hearted in Jerusalem, in the language of the Psalmist when he said, "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise Him, who is the health of my countenance and my God."

Friends were encouraged to be faithful in their day and generation, building upon the true foundation, Christ Jesus, that we might know of an establishment in the ever-blessed truth, and a settlement in the most "Holy Faith," that being rooted and grounded in love we "may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ that passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God."

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the sight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up unto Him in all things, which is the head even Christ," having builded "upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord."

We miss the company of many of our dear aged Friends, whose faces we were accustomed to see in all our solemn assemblies, and whose loving counsel we always rejoiced to hear, but regret that we did not always take heed thereto. May we learn by the things we suffer, and be found more diligently following their examples in a Godly life and conversation, and may their prayers for their precious children, and for the church at large, and for the advancement of