

earnest desire to be permitted to sit, as Mary did, at the feet of the Saviour, to hear the gracious words that proceeded from His mouth, and we hope that we may receive ability to respond to your epistle, which was read to our encouragement, as were also those from the other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond. We are much stripped; many of the faithful laborers, in our part of the vineyard, have in the past few years been removed from works to rewards, but we feel that we have renewed cause to say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us," for the Master is still willing and able to qualify and to send laborers into His vineyard.

It is encouraging to see amongst some of the younger members evidence that the preparing hand of the Master is upon them, and pertinent counsel has been handed forth to this class, entreating them to bow their necks to the yoke, that they may be prepared to receive the mantles and fill the places of those who have long "borne the burden and heat of the day."

An exercise has arisen in the minds of many Friends, that there may be a rallying to the support of our various testimonies given us to bear, and which Ancient Goodness was pleased to give our forefathers in the Truth to uphold before a gainsaying world. Truly there is as great a necessity in the present day, as ever there was, for a faithful maintenance of our testimony for plainness in speech, deportment and apparel. May we earnestly endeavor, as ability is obtained, to guard not only ourselves, but our beloved children, from the corrupt conversation of the world, endeavoring to so maintain the watch that it may not be said of us as of Ephraim, "Strangers have devoured his strength and he knoweth it not."

And finally, beloved Friends, may we with you, and you with us, know of a deepening in the Truth—of a more deep indwelling in true silence, where we may sit in abasedness of soul before the Father of spirits, waiting for His life-giving presence; and as we are thus concerned, we shall know of that silence of all flesh—know of that true spiritual communion, wherein our souls par-