

annual assembly, by the large attendance of those in the middle and younger walks of life, whose orderly conduct and evident interest in the various affairs that have engaged our attention, evince, we trust, that the Lord's preparing hand has been laid upon some of them, which, if abode under, will fit them to fill the vacant places caused by the gradual removal from among us of the fathers and mothers of our Israel, so that we may joyfully hope that He who first raised us up to be a people, will continue to raise up a succession of laborers, who will, through attention and obedience to His Holy Spirit, become standard-bearers to uphold the precious testimonies of Truth before the world, to the honor and glory of His great and ever blessed name.

Beloved, the present is a day of very great commotion throughout the whole civilized world, in which the nations of Christendom, unmindful of the peaceable nature of the religion they profess, are bristling in armor, everyone striving to out-do others in its war-like preparations and its attitude of defiance.

Notwithstanding this general unsettlement and unrest in the world around us, as we rest in this sure word of our blessed Lord, "In Me ye shall have peace," we need fear no evil.

If we have been ingrafted into the true vine, and abide in Him, His Spirit will abide in us, producing its fruits of love, peace, and good will, and all the powers of darkness cannot disturb us. And though dark clouds may gather and tempests gender, our abiding place will remain steadfast for ever.

It is to this sure abiding place we would commend you with ourselves, in the love of the ever-lasting gospel, which "is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth," and in the fellowship of which we bid you farewell, and remain your friends.

Signed in and by direction of Ohio Yearly Meeting,
held as aforesaid.

BARCLAY SMITH, Clerk.

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