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As we follow Christ in service, we shall have more and more of His character reproduced in ourselves, and we shall have His strength and tenderness; not strength without tenderness, for that were cruelty; nor tenderness without strength for that were weakness; but strength and tenderness, so that we shall be able to sympathize with the weak and with those who need our aid. We are not to be satisfied with loving those about us with the natural affection we have for our friends. We are to know in our own hearts the love of God which has been shown to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. He loves all men; the evil as well as the good; and we also, as we come into the image of His Son, are to know a love that reaches out to those who in themselves appear to be unlovely of whatever nationality, condition of life, or color they may be. It is as we are able thus to love, that we shall have the power of Christ to draw souls unto Him.

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Finally, let us be filled with His Spirit, that we may come into that experience where we know Him, not only by the written history, but by the personal revelation of the Holy Spirit. Unbelief is attacking the truth of God on all sides, but the power of God is the hope of the Church. Let us be so yielded to Him as individuals, that His power may abide in us; that we seeing Him as He is, and partaking of His Spirit, may be enabled to show to those about us His beauty who hath called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Signed by direction and on behalf

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We feel that the Lord has graciously been with us, cementing our hearts together in love; and under a renewed sense of His goodness and mercy toward us, the meeting concluded, to meet again next year if the Lord will.

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Clerk