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The following letter of Christian sympathy & advice, addressed to this Quarterly Meeting was received from our beloved friend John Scott (now living with his sons in San Francisco) & was read at the beginning of the meeting for worship. The reading of the letter was both comforting & strengthening to the meeting & our hearts were drawn in much love & sympathy to our absent friend, with the desire that the blessing of the Lord may continue to attend him during the remaining days of his life, and that his prayers for us may be answered. Our Clerks were directed to furnish him with a copy of this Minute & sign it on our behalf.

"To Balt. Quar. Meeting of Friends to be held at Deer Cr. the 21st inst.

Dear friends. As the time of holding the Quarterly Meeting approaches, my mind has been turned with deep interest toward you with prayerful desires that it may be held in the power of God, & be a baptizing season to not a few, believing, as I do, that it is the gracious design of our Father in heaven to bless us more abundantly with the Day-spring from on high, by pouring upon us an increase of living faith which works by love to the purification of our hearts, which will be felt not only by every living member in an eminent degree to their comfort & strength, but will cause some of the careless & lukewarm idlers to be aroused to inquire what they must do to be saved. For I have felt, dear friends, that it is the design of our gracious Lord to more abundantly bless our branch of the Christian Church by manifesting his living

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"presence in our midst in a remarkable degree to the awakening of precious souls. May the living members be prepared to hand forth such encouragement & help, as they may feel themselves qualified to, for the help & encouragement of those who are still feeding upon the husks, while there is bread enough to satisfy every unregenerate soul, not only by pointing them to the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world, but by endeavoring to prevail with them to lay hold of the blessed hope which will prove as an anchor to their souls both sure & steadfast, so that at the final close they may be invited a little higher to partake in the full of the joys that await the righteous. If it should not be the will of our Father in heaven for me to meet with you again, it is my privilege to draw near in prayer for the advancement of the blessed truth among our dear members, particularly those of this Quarterly Meeting with whom I have been so closely united in the bonds of Christian fellowship for over fifty years. In the retrospect of the past & of the present; I feel thankfully happy, calm & peaceful, with full faith in the precious promises that our dear Redeemer will sustain me to the end of my earthly journey. With the salutation of love, farewell.

your friend
(signed) John Scott

San Francisco
"6th Mo. 1st 1880.

P.S. 82 years old to-day"

Then concluded,
John C. Thomas,
Clerk