

while the ground was covered with snow, they were so hungry and fearless; eating together on the floor of the Veranda, or window sill, they seemed to forget to quarrel or fight until their appetites were satisfied! We were glad to see them come in flocks and enjoy themselves. - I am truly glad you had such a good yearly meeting and our Henry Janney thinks they had also. - Is Gilbert Conden's wife an English woman that she so much prefers that country to ours? - I forget who he married. If she is, that accounts for her preferences. His father was a worthy man, I think. - I had a long letter from Mary H. Key lately quite a diary. She writes of improved health & wishes she could have been with you when John Dorland was in Balt. as she liked him much. Thanks for the privilege of reading our dear Cousin Elizabeth Janney's interesting letter. - She and Cousin Elizabeth Donaldson must have been glad to meet again after so long a separation. - Born and reared together in Alexandria almost like sisters. What they have both passed through since they parted, would make a volume of no small dimensions.

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and doubtless of deep interest. Dear Cousin Margaret, what they, and thou, and I, have passed through since we all met at dear old South River, before they were married - (we not much more than children^{then}) the dear Master only knows. - Your house was the summer resort of many relatives, & they felt so free and happy there that none are likely to forget those pleasant times. I am afraid I look back too much - and remember too much - thou knows dear, it makes one feel lonely - and sad too. -

Dear Bettie, though so much younger than we are, knows the feeling I allude to, also. But I am so thankful for the religion of the Lord Jesus, which gives us the blessed assurance of a reunion beyond the grave, with the loved & lost - the good of all generations. - Dost thou remember what my sister Mary said just before she left us? "How delightful it will be for us all to meet in heaven with all the good people who have lived since the beginning of the world, I love every body - & Oh, how I love my Saviour! What a dear Saviour He is." &c. - It thrills my heart yet, to think