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with snow since this month came in, nearly gone now. Very little appearance of Spring. - A Postal from Cousin Margaret Joliffe, does not give any prospect of Cousin Rachel's improvement in health. She having been for some time with her daughter Lizzie in Germantown, Cousin Lizzie must have had a trying and lonely time, most of the winter. -

13th Bright, clear, and cold. The ground frozen. It was well that there had no lodgings during yearly meeting. It is too exciting when one is indisposed to have to think even of the provision needed - as well as the bustle made by coming, and going. We have been at home very much during the past season. I am so glad dear Cousin, that the visitations of the Holy Spirit may be enjoyed any where.

Trial come, and come they will, while we are in this probationary state - but I do not give up to despondency, but look up to Him who said "I to the world ye - Shall

have tribulation, but in the peace, for comfort; and it comes, it always will come to those who put their trust in the Lord Jehovah, in whom is everlasting strength. -

Friends, in older times were taught to be very careful how they spoke of their religious experience, or attainments, - and so the real depth of feeling in many hearts was unexpressed, unknown, even in the home circle, unless some unexpected circumstance called it forth. - This was possibly a mistake, making us too reticent, in this most momentous of all concerns. But Bible reading, close religious teaching & exhortation, were always practiced in our family, and well do I remember during the silent waiting before we partook of food, the overshadowing presence, and silent tears observable, attesting to the power of silent worship - so deep, even with children, as never to be forgotten, rec'd to remembrance after the lapse of many years, when all that surrounded that table, except - one -