

dear Cousin Julia unable to be present likewise. Such women are a power for good anywhere; and when the All wise Father says it is enough. Come up higher! "their loss must be keenly felt, in the family circle, as well as in the Church militant on earth. ~ Yes, it is a nice arrangement to entertain friends at the Meeting House. Be it as it may, it is a great care; and to have the guests take two meals there, relieves families greatly, I know. ~ Dear Cousin, I am glad thou wert able to be in thy place - and most gladly would I have taken a seat beside thee, even if tears would flow as we observed the changes that time has made since we sat thus together. ~

There are comforting circumstances too, my dear, in that vacant place, from what I hear, are being filled by earnest workers - so may there be a succession of standard bearers to witness for the Truth as it is in Jesus, our Saviour, when we are no more! The announcement of the marriage engagement of Mary S. Thomas, & Isaac Braithwaite, took me by surprise. But hearing recently, that the ^{conclusion} - is -

that they will reside in this Country, I will give my Consent (not likely to be asked) & congratulations. Mary has always been one of my particular friends. Her brothers are valuable men; indeed, they are a remarkable family. ~ Allen Jay, one of a family of Ministers, within the last two weeks, has, with another friend, been holding meetings here. ~ Thou rememberest him I expect, as he has been much in Baltimore^{and} Virginia, and has attended meetings in Carolina frequently. We enjoyed having him with us, and having a "good talk" about our Balt. friends. His father, and grandfather, were Ministers, who in past times attended Mission Quarterly Meeting, when we first came here.

13th. The weather has been warm, with much rain, nearly all winter, no snow. Buds and blossoms unfolding like Spring. Danger for the fruit. ~ My fingers pained from using them, so I laid my pen aside yesterday, which I now resume. ~ On knowing that Miles White's marriage engagement had been announced, I felt concerned for himself and family, on the