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releasing those they held as Slaves. Their own hands
being cleansed from this pollution they felt it to be
laid upon them plainly and faithfully, to labor with
their countrymen to bring them to a full understanding
of the ^{of the requiring} Divine law, and to press it upon them to act up
to its commandments. In the love of God they were
bold both in your country and in ours to plead the
cause of the oppressed with those in power. We believe
and we would wish to speak of it with modesty and
humility, that their faithfulness in connexion with the
efforts of humane and devoted men of other Christian
communities, were instrumental to bring about the
abolition of the Slave trade, as well as the extinction
of Slavery. We are reverently impressed with a sense
of the prerogative of the great head of the Church to
dispose of his servants, and to employ their time
and every talent with which he has entrusted them
in such a way and manner as may consist with
the purposes of his wisdom and love. It is the
concern of this Meeting that all our friends may
carefully seek each to know his Lord's will, and to
ascertain his individual part of duty - at the same
time we desire to encourage one another to simple
obedience to that which in the true light may be
made manifest to them - and each to an unflinching
and uncompromising avowal of his allegiance to his
Lord in all things. We observed with satisfaction
and comfort, in the Epistles from your Yearly Meetings

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which have been read in this Meeting, that there is a very
general acknowledgement of concern on this important
subject. It has often been a prominent feature in
the brotherly correspondence which subsists between
us. The expression of your encouragement in times
past has been helpful to us, and in the trials and
difficulties you have had to endure, our hearts have
been brought into fellow feeling with you. In this work
of justice and love we have long labored together.
It has helped to strengthen the bond of our union -
and in the fresh sense of this Christian fellowship
as it is now renewed amongst us we offer you,
beloved friends the warm expression of our sympathy,
and our strong desire for your help and encouragement.
As far removed as we are from the scene of slavery,
we are aware that we can but imperfectly appreciate
either the sufferings of the Slave or the trials of those
who live in the midst of such oppression - nor do we
believe, that we can fully appreciate either the labors
of faithful friends in your land, or the obstacles and
discouragements which have been thrown in their way.
The brief review we have taken of the history of our
Society in reference to this deeply interesting subject
and the feeling which prevails with us under a sense
of the enormity of the evil urges us, and we desire
that it may have the same effect upon you, still
to persevere - and in every way that may be pointed
out to us of the Lord, that we may continue to expose