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Dear Pups ~~James~~

I have been thinking of  
thee often during ~~the~~<sup>our</sup> year's Meeting and I  
want to express my near sympathy with  
thee in the illness of thy wife. Editorial  
work keeps a man at pretty constant  
high pressure & when to this is superadded  
trial at home, it makes life a severe  
strain. But our Heavenly Father is equal  
to every emergency & often gives special grace  
& strength to uphold according to our need.  
Peace be to thee & to thy house [Our nation  
mourns the death of our greatest statesman,  
a man whose conscientious life and deep  
religious character & integrity has raised  
the tone of our political life. You are in the  
midst of the awful stress of War. Democratic  
institutions seem specially liable to waves of

excitement that override calm judgment, at any  
rate we find it so in England. The record in  
actual history can scarcely rise above the barometer  
of national conscience, and sometimes does not  
seem to register so fully as we desire the highest  
moral forces that are quietly permeating the  
nations with convictions that must ultimately  
prevail. In our Year's Meeting this year there has  
been a very strong pronouncement of evangelical  
truth, and the oft-recurring proposal to correspond  
with the Hicksites only calls out the definite  
protest against terms of inclusion which do not  
run parallel with terms of Christian accord in  
the essentials of faith. Faith must ultimately  
affect life, and where faith is shadowy, ~~and~~ in-  
distinct & one-sided, <sup>that</sup> the community must ultimately  
suffer loss.] Bear up, dear brother, in the midst  
of thy testimony-bearing, though the path to highest  
achievement & victory must travel along the  
shadow of the Cross

My friend Sincerely

Henry Stanley Newman

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