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Nannah Whitall Smith

Dear Friend

Thine of 29th ult is rec^d. The calm, quiet, Christian spirit it manifests is worthy of all praise, - and quite in contrast with that of those opposing thy application. The action of the Ms. M. has been the subject of much comment.

It is pleasant to see how many Friends thou hast, and how much mortification is felt at the result. If thou hadst not put thy views in writing, in the hands of thy strongest opponents, so they could be read up in Monthly Meeting, we should have carried the application through - but, as it was, many honest, well-meaning Friends were alarmed, either into silence or opposition.

I think way will open for thee yet - but we must let the matter rest at present at present

Olwood Scott has been holding
a regular "Narrison revival" in our
Meeting House. It is well filled - He
preaches powerful sermons - many
are being converted & brought to Christ
- many others are receiving a rich
blessing.

It has united thoroughly the three
meetings - all are working together -
Some Friends are participating who
never took part in a "revival" before.

We are all deeply interested and full
of religious hope & faith. We see no
end to the work yet.

All over the County Meetings the
work of evangelization goes forward.
And few meetings are left where a
series of meetings has not been held since
1840. Our Committee has been able
to give system and order to the work.

without at all interfering with the freedom
of the Spirit or wishes of the Mexicans.

Many new laborers are being developed.
We feel greatly encouraged - We shall
need some of thy teaching to follow.

My wife joins in a message of love
to thyself - thy husband & children -
especially to Alice!

Thy friend

C. T. Coffin